



HE'S GOT THIS

KEY SCRIPTURES: Philippians 4:4-13, Deuteronomy 31:8

I can't think straight when my house isn't clean.

Are any of you the same way?

I can tell my daughter is a true artist. She can have clean laundry piled on her bed that needs to be in drawers, shoes on the floor from where she tried to decide what to wear, makeup bottles out on her dresser from where she put on her face, glue bottles and scraps of fabric on the kitchen table from her last DIY project, and still be able to happily sit at her desk and edit her latest video for her YouTube channel, oblivious to it all.

Then there's me. If I feel like a story is coming on that I am supposed to write, I first have to rearrange my to-do list, start a load of laundry, clean off my desk, sort the mail, and put the empty cereal box in the recycling. Then I'm ready.

Because I can't function in chaos.

And that's why I caught my breath when I was reading in Philippians 4 this morning.

The apostle Paul's words from this chapter are often quoted in times of upheaval or challenge. He talks of having strength to do what he needs to do, because of Jesus (vs. 13). He talks of thinking on noble and pure and lovely things (vs. 8). He talks of rejoicing, and rejoicing again (vs. 4). But none of those verses are what made me take notice and stop in my tracks. No, it was the verse about being guarded.

"And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:7).

All of a sudden I had this picture of Jesus standing in front of me. I could see Him with His arms crossed over His chest, standing at the ready, guarding me, His eyes looking left and right and left again, searching for any sign of the enemy.

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And I pictured my enemies.

When I get so busy running a ministry that I don't have the time or the energy or the brainpower to do what God has called me into ministry for—writing about His love and showing people their value in Him. That's an enemy. When I am surrounded by stacks of mail and laundry that need sorting, and so then only write down a story idea so I can finish it later, because now just isn't a good time to write the whole thing. That's an enemy.

And I pictured Jesus holding out His hand to stop me, just as I was about to tackle my enemies myself. And I heard Him say, "You do what you're called to do. I've got this."

He's got this.

He knows I can't function in chaos, so He guards my mind with His peace, and I'm able to be obedient anyway. He's got this.

He knows I have to have it all nice and neat and tidy and figured out, so He guards my heart with the understanding that I won't always understand. He's got this.

He knows if I will trust Him, I will still have time and energy for the chaos later. And it will likely be more than enough time and energy. He's got this.

He has proven to me that nothing gets by Him. Time and again He has protected me, guarded me.

So, I will rest as He stands guard. I will write as He stands guard. I will be obedient as He stands guard.

Because He's got this.

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