



Text Messages From God: There's a Better Way!

But eagerly desire the greater gifts. And now I will show you the most excellent way.

1 Corinthians 12:30-31

After receiving the meal you've ordered, you survey the table and think, "I should've ordered that!" While we may have trusted the server's opinion and ended up disappointed, we can rest in knowing that God can always be trusted. His way is most excellent. Spend time in His Word and He'll show you.

Dear Lord, thank You for the assurance Your Word brings. Keep Your Word in my heart and help me trust in Your guidance for my life. Thank You for the faith You give me to believe. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.



Spotlight on Katie Lane

Shortly after the 2011 LWML Convention in Peoria, Illinois, Katie packed her bags and went to Peru!

Back story: Upon graduating from Concordia Uni-

versity Wisconsin, Katie accepted a teaching job at a Philadelphia school with a very large Hispanic population. Her educational background coupled with her experience at that school helped to prepare Katie for the next step. After spending six years praying about doing mission work in Latin America, Katie was overjoyed to accept a position with LCMS World Mission in Peru.

Follow Katie's blog at katielane-faith-myeyes.blogspot.com. She writes often of how God is working in the city of Lunahuana (about 3 hours southeast of Lima) and how He fills her heart with faithfulness and joy.

Katie's favorite verse, *Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God* (Hebrews 12:2), serves as a reminder to us all that God perfects our faith through His grace.

Dear God

What is really important? I thought it was serving at church in whatever way came up. I thought it was being involved at school for my kids and the teachers who need help. I thought it was holding babies at the women's shelter. I thought it was speaking at the retreat. I thought it was organizing a new ministry at church. I thought it was ... that's just it. It's too much!

Wait — these thoughts are taking me away from You. What I thought would make me a "better" person distracted me from what is really important. My joy is to live as Your forgiven child and be Your witness to a world that does not know You. Thank You for placing people in my life as mentors to show me that.

I get it now! The "things" that I do are all good, but being in Your Word and serving You is my joy. Serving is not a job, it is a response. Let me bask in Your Word, soak up Your Spirit, and reflect Your Light with joy. Fill me and turn my "shoulds" to "wants."

Love, Your daughter