

## The Sign of His Love

Hi Ladies!

Last week the Lord encouraged our hearts by showing us how the Lord deals with those He is in covenant with. Our example was Abraham. In Genesis 17:11 it says that circumcision was the sign of the covenant God had with Abraham. God did not choose a sign that was a big diamond ring or some special poem He wrote just for Abraham showing their inseparable relationship. God's sign was circumcision, which is to remove Abraham's flesh. God was removing the flesh and blessing the Seed. The work of the Cross is a sign of our covenant relationship with the Lord. He is constantly working to remove our flesh so that the Seed of Christ in us might be blessed and expressed! Some people may see the dealing of God in our lives and think we are messed up and something must be wrong. We might feel rejected of God when the Cross is trying to remove our flesh in a real way so that Christ can come forth in a real way. But be encouraged, ... this is not a sign of rejection but a sign that you are in covenant and belong to God! Because you belong to Him in oneness, He will always work to bring forth Christ and remove our flesh from getting in the way of His increase! Think about it, Abraham's life was marked by altars! God chastises the ones He LOVES!!! That is what the bible says! It may not feel like it, or be the sign that we would choose... but God loves us enough to keep dealing with us! We belong to Christ in oneness, therefore His Cross will mark us and His Life will dwell in us.

It's never fun to receive the deep and inward work of the Cross, but we can come to understand the love and oneness behind God's heart to keep working in us! He is cherishing us as His own even in the midst of discipline. He is calling us His own even as He shows us the flesh within that His Cross needs to remove. Let us embrace this relationship and the sign that He has chosen for it. May our lives be

marked with altars that signify His increase and our decrease!

We love you and pray for you, and we need your prayers deeply concerning these very issues. Once again, please know that there is a group of women praying for you.

As One together in Him and by Him