

## Prophecies for November 2, 2008

Cast all your cares at His feet.

I felt the Lord saying this morning, maybe it was just to me but, there is no shame here, only grace. He's saying when you fall, get back up. He has no hands and feet on earth but ours. He needs us.

I have a word of encouragement for everybody today. Because it's All Saints Sunday, I was thinking about all the saints that came before us and just that this Christian life can be very lonely. Especially when you're out in the world and you feel like you're the only one. But we always have people praying for us, even if they're not on this earth. There are always saints that have gone before us and are praying for us. Myriads upon myriads of people, everyone from St. Paul down to Rebecca Henderson, is up there praying for us right now, and everybody in between. And I just want that to be a huge encouragement for everybody that you're not alone and there are people who are much farther along in this journey than you who are encouraging you and cheering you along to the end. So, be of good cheer.

Relating to that and to what Jack said about shame, I was reading something in *Christianity Today* yesterday, an editorial piece. They were talking about why the media doesn't understand why the church wasn't upset about Bristol Palin being pregnant out of wedlock. They said they don't get it. They don't get that we specialize in broken lives here. That's what the church is about, is taking people who have broken lives and have fallen and picking them back up. And far opposite from rejecting somebody or being horrified when something happens, that's when the church goes into action if the church is being a church. So if you're discouraged because of something that's gone wrong, that's what the church specializes in, taking broken lives and broken people and lifting them back up. We get that, and we have to be that in this world.

This morning we had two young deer go through our yard. We were watching them. Of course, it was fascinating. I was standing here during the praise music just feeling, saying the words to myself, just feeling the message. I realized those deer.....Cane Creek Road, cars drive fast and yet, they were running around with heads up high assessing the danger around them. It reminds us we're the deer, and in this world, there are many dangers. But if we look up, God will protect us, and He will help us to sense the dangers and to stay away from dangerous places and things - spiritual as well as physical.