

We Need Each Other

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I have been homeschooling for many years and let me tell you, I have been discouraged many, many times. I was completely discouraged just this weekend. I went to a homeschool concert displaying such talent as I could not have imagined possible at such ages; truly gifted children.

Surely these parents have poured more into their children's lives than I have. Surely they must know how to teach better than I do. Surely they must have it all together where I can't even remember where I put it all! Thus went my discouraging thoughts.

Fast forward to Monday night. There I was practicing singing for a women's retreat. I am not a singer, but there was a need and I responded. I stood beside two singers whose voices were heavenly. I sang melody, they sing different parts. We sounded beautiful together and I realized once again that I am nothing on my own. I needed these two beside me.

We need each other, especially in homeschooling. We may not all have the same talents--some of us are skilled musicians, some mathematicians, some cooks, and some tow truck drivers. All are needed in God's kingdom. Together, we all make a beautiful picture of what homeschooling looks like as God pours out His gifts on us and on our children.

And when discouragement hits, hit the Word of God! It gives a breath of fresh air, fresh perspective, and fresh courage to continue on.

*As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God.
My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?
My tears have been my meat day and night, while they continually say unto me, Where is thy
God? When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me:
for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and
praise, with a multitude that kept holyday.
Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me?
hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance. Psalms 42:1-5*

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