



Weekly Devotion

Where Am I Going? *by Judy Payton*

"In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may also be." – John 14:2-3

Many years ago, when my husband was in a hospice facility during the last week of his life, he asked me a poignant question: "How will I know the way?" At that time, I couldn't provide him with an answer. So, I approached the chaplain and requested that he come to speak with us. He graciously complied and quoted a Bible verse: John 14:2-3. Since then, this verse has been a source of comfort for me whenever I have doubts about where I will be in heaven.

Just last year, I experienced the loss of one of my sisters. I was once again by her side during her hospice stay, and this time, that same verse helped us both. However, as I have learned more about the Bible, another verse came to mind: Psalm 23:5, which states, "You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies." My sister Margaret always enjoyed hosting dinner parties and loved fine food. On the last morning I saw her, the beatific look on her face made me believe she was seeing that table prepared for her. I found myself wondering, where would she sit, and who would she meet? It was a great comfort for me.

Journaling:

Have you ever wondered where your place in heaven is and how you would get there?

There are many places in the bible that tell of a feast or banquet. How do you imagine that feast for you?

