

I sat mesmerized for about 15-30 minutes yesterday looking out my office window at the trees across the parking lot. Green... Red... Yellow... Orange all falling softly to the ground as if somehow picked one by one and dropped from their perch in the trees. Without a doubt, Fall to me is the prettiest, most vibrant and explosive time of the year, I love it! I was reading an article two weeks ago that rated the top 5 most Fall scenic drives in the United States – Coming in at #2 was Rt.9 between Saratoga Springs and Plattsburgh! Cool, huh?!

So I'm planning this weekend or next to take a drive with the family and see the leaves – It's something I've done before, but of course never here, so it will be good to start an old/new tradition. How are you planning on enjoying the beauty of God's creation?

As I sat there looking at the falling leaves and the colors outside my window, I was reminded of what the Bible says of God's creation...

“The heavens proclaim the glory of God. The skies display his craftsmanship. Day after day they continue to speak; night after night they make him known. They speak without a sound or word; their voice is never heard. Yet their message has gone throughout the earth and their words to all the world. God has made a home in the heavens for the sun. It bursts forth like a radiant bridegroom after his wedding. It rejoices like a great athlete eager to run the race. The sun rises at one end of the heavens and follows its course to the other end.” (Psalm 19:1-6, NLT)

“Let the heavens be glad, and the earth rejoice! Let the sea and everything in it shout his praise! Let the fields and their crops burst out with joy! Let the trees of the forest rustle with praise...” (Psalm 96:11-12, NLT)

Let me encourage you to get out and see the glory of God over the next couple of weeks – Instead of grumbling over raking and bagging leaves this year, I want to use it as an opportunity to give honor, glory and praise to Creator and Sustainer of all things!

Be Strong, Be Courageous, Be Fearless – and remember...

Christ **IS** All!
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