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*Small Blessings and Simple Things
Add up to a Lifetime of Joy*

My dear friends,

God works in our lives in amazing ways. Sometimes it is through the long-sought answer to a prayer, but most often, I find, it is in small, simple ways, in those reminders of the grace that permeates our world. Here is a small, but yet palpable reminder to me of God's presence in my life. You might remember that last month in this space I talked about Brussels sprouts--how they went from ick to yum in my experience. My sister and I live many miles apart, and when we are able to get together we love doing the simple day-to-day things together like planning and preparing meals. I was at her house during my vacation and we cooked dinner. She had laid out all the ingredients for—you guessed it—Brussels sprouts! We cooked those sprouts, laughed about childhood memories and enjoyed just being together.

God's love is transformative. Just as plain icky veggies can be transformed into a delight (with the help of a liberal application of bacon), the ordinary experiences of our lives are transformed into opportunities to see, feel and share the love and grace of God. If you'd like try a terrific way to transform Brussels sprouts see our new Newsletter feature—"Recipe Corner".

Enjoy these waning days of summer and seek to find grace and love in the small things that you do and share with loved ones.

Your Sister in Christ,
Mother Bonnie+

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so
that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13