



Thursday Thought

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Chicken Road Trip

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Verse for the week: . Psalm 63:8 (NLT) “I cling to you; your strong right hand holds me securely.”

We have a bantam hen that seems to have 9 lives. Sylvia is a feisty little chicken who has survived being in the mouths of dogs on a few occasions (they just want to play, not kill her but we are obviously not encouraging this behavior), a serious medical issue (a prolapsed vent), being picked on by other chickens, and most recently a 25 minute road trip to the church. After healing up from her medical issue (I stayed out of that one), we tried to gradually reintroduce her to the flock, but no matter what we did, the other chickens picked on her. We decided to allow her to roam free for a couple days while we figured out our next course of action. One morning my wife called to say that when she left for work Sylvia was in the garage. When I left shortly thereafter, I didn't see her so I went ahead and shut the garage and left. I took the back winding country road to the church and when I arrived I got to work. One hour later I walked up to our Fellowship Hall to unlock it for a homeschool group who uses it. I was up there for a while talking to the parents, and when I headed outside to return to my office... low and behold there was Sylvia prancing around and scratching in the mulch. I had to do a double take. How in the world did she get to the church, because she didn't ride inside with me????? Evidently she had decided to hitch a ride on the underneath side of my vehicle.

As I thought of Sylvia's road trip I thought of how she had to really cling to the vehicle as I twisted and turned down those country roads. There are a couple of lessons we can learn from Sylvia, but for today my point is: **We need to cling to God.** Joshua 23:8 (NLT) says, “**Rather, cling tightly to the Lord your God...**” Too often we strive to cling to everything else but God. When we cling to other people, and the things of this world, we will be let down. When we cling to God we will not be let down. When this life is over, if we want to hear God say “Well done!” we need to cling to Him!

Question to ask yourself: What or who are you clinging to?