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My Dear Sisters and Friends,

We often ask children, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Unfortunately, we seldom think that as grown ups we can’t be anything other than what we have already become. I believe throughout our lives we are given many opportunities to change our course and enrich our spiritual service. As these opportunities arise, seize them. Don’t limit your spiritual growth. If a good thought or desire comes to you, act upon it. God will make a way for you.

For instance, imagine that you have a desire to do something for a particular mission field yet you know that your personal circumstances make it impossible to travel or support the work financially. Know that God places this desire in your heart and that He has a plan. There is something for you to do. Allow God to show you His plan.

The upcoming General Ladies’ Uplift Circle Fellowship Weekend will consist of four workshops that I believe are in the plan of God to help us grow as Sisters and women in the Church. The term workshop indicates participation and development. We will be working together and individually to acquire new skills and improve existing talents. Those whom we have looked up to in our years in the Church will teach us.

Although your natural life may be somewhat set now, begin thinking and praying about all you can become spiritually, which has no limitations. Prayerfully this process will bring you closer to the nature of Christ, finding yourself in a fuller service in the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. We know that nothing is impossible with God. Put no limitations on God and His will; as the hymn says, “...He never grows tired working day after day...He forms me gently with love” because “I have to be gold”. Allow God to perform a great and marvelous work with you. You will be blessed and The Church of Jesus Christ will be blessed by your desire.

Always think about what you can be, not when you grow up, but as you grow in your service to God.

Love in Christ,  
Sis. Karen