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Dearest Sisters and Friends,

I decided to do something a little different this month that should be interesting, but will only be successful if we all participate. I would like to know little about all of my Circle Sisters and friends, so here is how it works.

Many times people have asked me what my favorite scripture is and I have had to respond that I have many and that my favorite scripture changes from time to time, however, a few months ago I was part of creating a lesson for the Church Education on-line lessons. The topic was "Revelation" and it was then that I realized that my favorite scripture is Matthew 16: 13-18. When I was young I remember hearing this scripture explained and I came to understand what makes it so significant to The Church of Jesus Christ. The understanding that God works with us and reveals His will and plan to us is awesome to me. Here it is:

When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? And they said, Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets. He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: **for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.** And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

Now it's your turn, what is your favorite scripture and why? Please send your responses to Sis. Lisa Champine (websister@generalcircle.org). Give her your name, your favorite scripture reference and why. Sis. Lisa will post the list on line. It will be very interesting to see who thinks like you. My goal is 500 responses, so get started. We want our website to be interactive and this is a marvelous opportunity for you to share with all the sisters.

Love,