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Theme Hit The Road, Pack! 🎵 🎵

TIED TO A GENEROUS GOD.

Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from Him. He alone is my rock and my salvation; He is my fortress, I will not be shaken. Psalm 62:5-6 NIV

How many of you dread packing? I know I do. I think it is because I'm not a good packer. I'm not good at unpacking either. I have to make a huge concerted effort to unpack in order to love my husband. He can't believe I would leave my suitcase unpacked for weeks at a time. (I think I do this because it looks neat with all the stuff hidden!) Even the thought of packing and unpacking is overwhelming for me.

In looking for packing advice, before I got a lot of wonderful tips at my *Sweet Monday* on travel, I read about a man who packed all his breakable bottles inside socks then put them into a plastic bag. The socks provided cushioning. If the bottle broke, then the socks absorbed most of the mess.

Don't you wish you literally had a sock and a plastic bag around your heart to absorb the shock when it feels like your heart is breaking? This heartache usually involves the people closest to our heart. Those who are believers in Christ have a shock absorber! And it is not a sock but a ROCK. 1 Corinthians 10:4 says the ROCK is Christ. Many times if something overwhelming hits my heart, I call out loud, "Lord, my heart is overwhelmed. Lead me to the rock that is higher than I." The Rock is Him! Don't ever leave Him out of your suitcase!

If anyone here tonight is not sure if they have a personal relationship with God through Jesus Christ, please call me. My number is on the pink invitation/reminder card in the foyer.

Personal Prayer for Sweet Monday Hostess and Me

Lord, You are our only stable thing in life. I need you for everything, no matter what comes my way. You are secure and You go with me wherever I go.



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Dessert Really "Easy breezy" (as **Sweet Meg Zehmer** would say!) ☺
Healthy Prepackaged Travel Snacks

Candy Small or Large Prepackaged Chocolate Candy Bars with a "handle" taped or cut from cardboard or piece of licorice, or pipe cleaner. Use clear tape to affix to candy bar to resemble a suitcase.

Boy, do I ever need spurring on in this area! Packing and unpacking are always on my DO NOT WANT TO DO LIST.

- Invite the woman that inspires you the most in this area. For me, it was my sweet friend, **Precious Pam Clarke**. It is ideal if your friend is getting ready for a trip so she can actually bring her packed suitcase and share all her expertise with women. (See **Appendix** for Precious Pam's "Traveling Light" article and packing list for New York City and Europe.)
- This is a real "Show-and-Tell" for women. Please leave time for plenty of questions and time for women to share their wonderful tips with the group.
- How fun to surprise women with "Travel Toilet Paper" or a new cosmetic bag as a gift for the "woman who traveled the farthest" and the "woman who is taking the next trip."
- Have fun! Remember FUN & FAITHFULNESS can go together!
- Announce your next *Sweet Monday*...no shoestrings attached!

