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Today's Message:

"I was!"

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I wish that I could be in two places at once. I mean, I often find myself wanting to be somewhere else, but then I think about what I'd be leaving behind. So I find myself longing for that place in the middle of it all. You know, a place in life where you have just enough of everything you like, just when you'd like to have them.

Oh, sure, I'm dreaming out loud. But it is within those dreams I find that peace sometimes.

We've had our share of snow this year. Actually more than our share. The first one is always beautiful. The second a joy. Then it seems from the third one on, it all becomes too much.

I'll admit it right now that I was wishing I was somewhere else. Somewhere warm.

But then I thought about those times in the heat of summer I wanted to be somewhere cool.

As I stood there in my yard in about a foot of snow, I thought about, not what I didn't have, not someplace I wasn't, but about where I was right now.

I was alive.

I was feeling the cold crisp air on my face.

I was breathing and the warmth of my breath could be seen swirling around me.

I was standing and the wind tried desperately to find a way through me, but couldn't because I stood tall and strong against it.

I was looking around me and I could see the birds flying from tree to tree.

I was seeing the soft white clouds as they sailed like ships against the blue sky.

I was hearing the sounds of children in the distance as they laughed. I could hear the soft muffled sounds of my foot steps in the snow as I turned to face the sun, the same sun that brings life to my flower garden in spring and warmth to my summer soul.

I was thinking about how blessed I was to be here right now.

For as much as I wanted in my life at this very moment, I discovered that I had it all, simply because "I was!"