

# Fort Payne church of Christ



## The Weekly Moment

A Weekly Motivational Message

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### ***Faith, Love and Family***

Janette Oke is the talented author of the best-selling saga ***“Love Comes Softly”***. It is an eight-part series that follows the lives of one family through three generations--beginning with a hated "marriage of convenience," through hardships common to life on the prairie in an earlier time, leading at last to an abiding love. These eight stories reflect the enduring hope of Christian love and faith despite adversity and hardship that Clark and Marty Davis must deal with.

Realizing her faith had been pushed into the background, Marty once again invites God to have first place in her life. But now she faces new life decisions that seem even more difficult than before. Torn between two contrasting ways of life, one full of fascinating opportunities in the East and one represented by the beloved farm home in which she was raised, Marty clings to the principles that are her parents' legacy: faith, love and family.

We often times allow the challenges of life to pull us away from our true love and the responsibility of being true to God and our family. We learn quickly that it is much harder to return to the paths we once walked and regain the relationships we once had. Yet, our God welcomes us back with open arms promising to forgive and forget our past failures as long as we are willing to ask for forgiveness and repent. It is hard.

Yet, God offers us comfort in the words of John, ***“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*** (1 John 1:9).

Yes, sometimes we, too, allow the glitter of the ***“better life”*** to blind us from what matters the most. It’s difficult to push that aside and work our way back to the faith, love and family that will see us through until the end.

Think about it.

Here’s hoping you’ll make the ***“most of your minutes”*** this week.

Hope to see you at Bible Study tonight.

In Christian Love,

*Bob Strickland*