

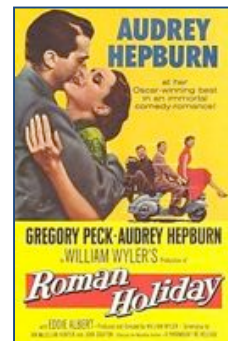
Michelle's Musings

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The other day I started reading the book *The Me I Want to Be* by John Ortberg (thanks Tim Friend) and ran across this quote - “Spiritual greatness has nothing to do with being greater than others, it has every thing to do with being as great as each of us can be.” Henri Nouwen. As most of you know by now when I find great quotes it gets my little mind a workin’. Then the other night I was watching Audrey Hepburn’s debut movie [Roman Holiday](#) and it merged together. For those of you who don’t know the movie, Audrey Hepburn is a Princess named Ann who just wants to get out of the prison of her life. Everything is planned and she must act

royal and she feels trapped. So one night she escapes from the palace and spends 24 hours out on the town in Rome. She gets to check off a list of things she has always wanted to do. I was totally relating with her on this. I feel trapped in a life sometimes. I am a missionary and there is an unspoken role, ways “we” are suppose to be. She had a wonderful day; my favorite scene is when she puts her hand in the mouth of truth. The legend is that if you lie the mouth will bite off your hand. At the end of the great adventure she goes back to the palace, but she goes back as a better version of herself, with confidence and a new sense of purpose. I have to believe that from that point in the story forward she takes more control of her circumstances and chooses the life she wants, within the role she has.



SO, I am not advocating that missionaries run off and run amuck for 24 hours and they will be better people, no! I am saying that sometimes I have to step beyond the manmade boundaries to see and become the person God created me to be. I know that I am a unique creation with gifts, skills and abilities, and me along with I think most other people will take a lifetime to fully understand many things about myself. But this quote gives me a wonderful sense of freedom to pursue it, with God’s help and guidance on how loving Him allows me to be the best me I can be. The greatest thing I have to offer Ny and Thearath is the best me I can be. I am in a position like Paul who in 1 Corinthians 11:1 called people to “be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.”

Praises:

- Ny is ready to move our church plant to the next level
- The Summer Servants are here and have started making relationships
- After many months of not sleeping well – I am sleeping and feeling refreshed

Prayer Requests

- For our continued search for a guy to join our church planting team
- Continued discussion on disciple-making and how that looks in Cambodia
- Pilot testing on the Crown Financial Ministries materials
- That I would model a Christ Centered life worthy of imitation by those I mentor and disciple