

# What Matters

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Too often, life seems about completing the task rather than being with the task at hand. It's about finish lines, deadlines, or car pickup lines ... all the while, reducing those dreaded wrinkle lines. But truth be told, those wrinkle lines are the marks of a warrior. And not just any ole' warrior. No sirree. The dish-washing, chicken-cooping, dinner-making, traffic-battling, kid-bathing, husband-kissing, garden-growing warrior. The one-of-a-kind-warrior spelled W.O.M.A.N.

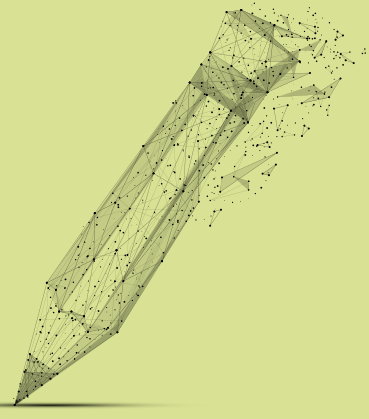
And I am privileged to be one. But truth be told, I am tired. I can't do it all. So as my fine lines grow more mature, so do I. Listening to my feet, I sit. Listening to my heart, I grab a cup of coffee, a journal, and a pen and find a quiet spot. Truth be told, we warriors know the battle is always won in these quiet spots. Sitting, reflecting, breathing, a deep inner knowing seems to float to the top. The silence seems to speak as I am embraced by its truth once more.

## *Let what matters, matter most.*

And I remember, yet again, the many mileposts showing me the way. My daughter's soft hands. My husband's soft smile. My field. My barn. My cat. My dog. My coffee. My feet, thankful to be up. Life is not about all those lines. Not the finish, car, or wrinkle lines. Life is about loving what you see. And seeing what you love.

Truth be told, that's why we women are warriors. It's not because we charge on ahead to the finish line. It's because we don't. Instead, we pause. We sit. We listen. And let the mileposts of what matters, matter most.

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