

We were craving an apple pie; we had the extra apples and so why not, let's make an apple pie! Usually I follow Betty Crocker – just put some apples, seasonings and flour in the pie filling and bake. But, I decided I would try one from Food Network. It was a lot of work! Peel, core and slice the apples, soak with sugar and simmer in a pan, then remove the apples, cook and caramelize the sugar, let everything cool, put the apples in the homemade crust, back in the fridge for another 15 mins, coat with egg and sugar and FINALLY put in the oven. But wow, does it smell fantastic! It looks great and I imagine that it will be GREAT! (Charlie is holding me to after dinner before I can eat it)

Now what do I get out of all this? God calls us to better – not the same old recipe for an apple pie or for living. He expects us to push for excellence – not settling for mediocre. We may not be able to taste all our hard work, but we can see and imagine what it will be like – and celebrate!