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One more day to go! Are you still hanging with it? Have you been tempted? Don't feel bad if you've "cheated." The main purpose of this challenge has been to understand how difficult it is to live like over half the world. For me, this challenge has made me realize how much my life revolves around food. I'm determined to try and shift that focus.

Today let's think about those who are living in poverty around the world. When people are struggling against poverty - a safe shelter, a warm bed, and a pillow for their heads isn't something to take for granted. Recognize that 1.6 billion people in the world live in substandard housing and 100 million are homeless. A few years ago my brother and I visited Bolivia on an agricultural trip. It was unreal to see families sleeping on turn rows in fields. Here in America, 1 out of 6 Americans deal with this. When we lay down tonight (hungry and cranky) in our beds, let's think about those who sleep on dirt floors every night - without shelter, without a bed, without a pillow, without an iPhone, and without a tv to put them to sleep.

Scripture

My people will live in peaceful dwelling places, in secure homes, in undisturbed places of rest. (Isaiah 32:18)

Reflection

What insecure places do you have in your life? How can you turn those over to God, asking for His peace and security?

Pray

Pray for all the children in the world who do not have adequate housing and are forced to live in shacks that are unsafe and lack warm comfortable beds and protection during the night.

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