

SPRING HILL CHURCH

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ARE WE LIKE THE GARDENER?

A gardener purchased a pack of seeds and planted them, watered them, and nurtured them until they grew. One seed out of the pack had a genetic condition causing it to be deformed when in full bloom.

The gardener saw the flower, called it "ugly" told it he "hated" it, despised it even and desired to pluck the flower from the rest of the beautiful flowers for fear that this flower would have a negative impact on all the other beautiful, perfect flowers.

We all know that everything God made is good...unique...beautiful... right?

Imagine if God plucked us up from His love and care, turned away from us because we were "ugly," not living up to His standards, because we had a genetic condition, because we are sick/ unwell, or simply because we are not "perfect" in His eyes.

What if we as a society

shunned, turned away from, looked down on and treated those with addition problems, diabetes, slow mental cognition, fear, depression (you name it) bodily deformations, piercings, tattoos, long hair (the list goes on) the same way the gardener treated the one flower? Could we as a society grow and flourish? No! Could the one we turned away grow and flourish? Absolutely not!

We know the Bible says that the shepherd left the ninety-and-nine to find the one that went astray (Matt.18:12) and that there is joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth more than over the ninety-and-nine which need no repentance (Luke 15:7), so why should we not also love that one like the shepherd loved the one?

We also know that God is Love, and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God and God in him (John4:16) and that God made two new commandments that

hinged on the original ten, one being that ye love one another; as Christ loved you. (John 13:34).

2 Corinthians 10:7 says, "Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? If any man trust himself that he is Christ's let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's even so are we Christ's"

In all this, I say let us not judge a book by its cover, let God be true, but every man be a liar (Romans 3:4). Let us love the ones with all their faults, failures, and differences. God does! And if we walk in the light as Jesus is the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus (1 John 1:7). So let us help one another grow in Christ, for if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection (Romans 6:5). God loves the broken ones, and so should we!

PRAYER REQUEST:

- LAWRENCE
- JAN
- SHARON
- RENEE & FAMILY
- PATSY'S MOM
- BRUCE & PATSY
- JAMIE, LACEY & KIDS
- SHANNON
- BABY McCOY
- DON
- KENNY
- THE LOST
- THOSE ON PRAYER BOARD
- ASIAN MINISTRY
- MIKEL
- CODY & FAMILY
- DAVID & LESLIE
- CAROL
- ANDY
- SANDY & DENNIS
- MIKE && MARY
- FRAN
- THOSE WITH CANCER
- TOMMY & ANGIE
- JESSICA & FAMILY
- JASON

I never knew until today what David meant in Psalms 23 when he said, "Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." Nowhere does it mention that he stopped and wondered why he was walking through the valley. It just says that he walked through. Let me tell you this, now is not the time to try and figure out why you're going through the valley. Just trust God and continue to walk. Despite whatever circumstances you may be he facing, continue to believe that God is working on your behalf. There's something at the end of the valley.

"Theirs is a silence that follows a heartbreak, a stillness that fills the space where someone used to be. It's in the empty seat at the table, in the quiet of an empty room, in the spaces between breaths. You keep waiting for the noise to return, for the familiar sound of their laughter or their voice, but it never does. And so, you live in that silence, carrying the weight of their absence like a stone in your chest, wondering if you'll ever feel whole again or if you'll always be just a little bit broken,"

- Lang Leav

Don't be so quick to believe what you hear because lies spread faster than the truth.

A person's most beautiful asset is not a head full of knowledge, but a heart full of love, an ear ready to listen and a hand willing to **help others.**

A person never forgets how someone treated them during the times they needed their support the most.

WELCOME HOME

Don't feel sorry for or fear for your kids/grandkids because the world they are going to grow up in is not what it used to be.

God created them and called them for the exact moment in time that they're in. Their life wasn't a coincidence or an accident.

Raise them up to know the power they walk in as children of God.

Train them up in the authority of His Word.

Teach them to walk in faith knowing that God is in control.

Empower them to know they can change the world.

Don't teach them to be fearful and disheartened by the state of the

world, but hopeful that they can do something about it.

Every person in all of history has been placed in the time that they were in because of God's sovereign plan. He knew Daniel could handle the lions den.

He knew David could handle Goliath. He knew Esther could handle Haman. He knew Peter could handle Persecution. He knows that your child can handle whatever challenge they face in their life. He created them specifically for it!

Don't be scared for your children, but be honored that God chose YOU to parent the generation that

is facing the biggest challenges of our lifetime. Rise Up to the challenge. Raise Daniels, Davids, Easters and Peters!

God isn't scratching His head wondering what He's going to do with this mess of a world.

He has an army He's raising up to drive back the darkness and make Him known all over the earth.

Don't let fear steal the greatness God placed in them. I know it's hard to imagine them as anything besides our sweet little babies, and we just want to protect them from anything that could ever be hard on them, but they were born for such a time as this.

Every thing is not falling apart it's just falling into place.

You may think and it may seem like everything around you is falling apart and things just ain't working out or going like you want or going your way...it's one thing after another and always something. Well just know it's okay it's all gonna be alright, because God is just rearranging some pieces and all the pieces are coming together and falling into place so just hold on a little bit longer.

It may be physical, financial, emotional, spiritual, or mental, either way just hold on a little bit longer because everything is falling into place because God is just rearranging some things right now.

God is so faithful and always right on time!!!

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SUNDAY SCHOOL. . . .10:00AM
SUNDAY NIGHT.6:00PM
WEDNESDAY NIGHT. .7:30PM

EVERYONE WELCOME



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The hardest lesson I've ever faced as an adult is the never-ending need to survive, regardless of how broken I feel inside.

It doesn't matter if my heart aches, if I'm mourning the loss of a loved one, or if I'm too tired to get out of bed. Life doesn't wait for me to breathe. I continued to move forward, indifferent to my pain, I had no choice but to push through, even as every part of me screamed for a moment's rest.

But what's harder is realizing that nothing really prepares you for this. We grow up believing in the comfort of happy endings, only to be met with the harsh reality that surviving often means pretending you're okay when you're not.

And perhaps that was the hardest part— not just surviving, but doing so quietly, without letting the weight show. Yet, through it all, we discover a strength we never knew we had, because even though it's hard, we keep moving.

Let's teach our children that:

If a joke makes fun of someone, it's not funny.

If a game excludes someone, it's not a game.

If a prank hurts someone, It's not amusing.

If a conversation talks about someone who isn't present, it's not appropriate.

If love is conditional, it's not love.

November 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS FALL BACK
3 CONFERENCE KHLOE	4 KARAGAN	5	6	7	8	9 WORK DAY
10	11 CALEB	12	13	14 DAINA	15	16 WHITFIELD PLACE 2 PM
17	18 HAROLD	19	20	21 WAYNE	22 DALE	23
24 SANDWICH NIGHT	25	26	27	28	29	30