

SEPTEMBER 2021

SPRING HILL CHURCH

PRAYER REQUEST:

- * TERRY & SHANNON
- * TOMMY & ANGIE
- * CAROL
- * SHARON
- * MAXINE
- * RENEE
- * DONNA
- * OUR PASTER
- * OUR CHURCH
- * CHURCH MEMBERS
- * ASIAN MISSION
- * MIKEL
- * ALL THOSE WITH COVID
- * THE LOST
- * CALEB
- * OUR LEADERS
- * SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS
- * JAN
- * ALL THOSE WITH CANCER
- * THOSE IN NURSING HOME

BUT GOD

Some years ago, my son called me on a Sunday morning and asked if he could go to church with us. Emphatically, I said, "Yes!!" I could barely hear him on the phone as he whispered, "What should I wear?" In the most loving way I could, I responded, "Whatever you want to wear. It doesn't matter as long as you go to church with me."

You see, my son wasn't saved and he never went to church with me when I asked. He had long hair, a scruffy beard and tattoos all the way down his arms, and even on his fingers.

He rode to church with us that Sunday, it was a day I'll never forget. He was wearing a long-sleeved button-down shirt to cover his tattoos because of the shame that church people had made him feel. As my husband parked the car, the Lord spoke to me and said, "When you go in, make sure your son sits between you and your best friend." Although I was a little puzzled at why the Lord would

give me such instructions, I didn't question Him. When we sat down, my son was beside her and, immediately she started loving on him the way she loves on everyone. She told him how awesome his tattoos were and asked who did them. When he told her that he had done them, she gasped and made him feel even more at ease as she told him what a wonderful artist he was.

As the service started with the praise and worship, I heard the Lord speak to me again. "Today, your son will be saved. When the preacher goes to the pulpit, your son will go down and be saved." I immediately started crying uncontrollably. I knew the Lord was about to answer years and years of pleading and praying for my son. When the preacher stepped behind the pulpit, he said, "There is a young man here today that the Lord is speaking to. He wants you to do business with Him right now. You need to come to the altar now!

I felt my son nudge me so he could get out of the pew. I grabbed my husband's arm and we moved out of his way. This mama couldn't even go to the altar with him. The isle was as far as I could make it. All I could do was praise my sweet, sweet Lord for answering years and years of prayers. That day, my husband, my friend and the preacher led my son to the Lord. That day, his name was written in The Lamb's Book of Life. That day, all of heaven rejoiced. That day, I heard and saw the Lord at work. I will eternally be grateful for a dear, dear friend that did not judge my son for the tattoos on his skin of the clothes he was wearing of the length of his hair but instead showed him the love of God that he had been searching for. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE do not make people coming to church feel shame for what they are wearing, for the tattoos that they have, for the piercings they have or anything

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SPRING HILL CHURCH
3038 E WALNUT AVE.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 AM
SUNDAY NIGHT 6:00PM
WEDNESDAY NIGHT 7:30PM

EVERYONE WELCOME



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It's time for my annual eye exam and I don't really like going but in order for me to see well this is necessary. I need corrective lens to help me focus and see more clearly.

In our relationship with God and being His servant we need to see through the corrective lens of Scripture.

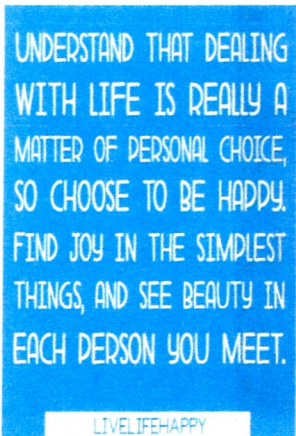
(Proverbs 16:25) *There is a way that seemeth right unto man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.*

When we allow the Scripture and the Holy Spirit to teach us God begins to correct our vision. How we see things depends on what we look through. Some just go by what they have been taught from others, but as a Child of God we have a personal relationship with our God and He will teach each of us because He fits us with the perfect corrective lens.

Don't look through glasses that are not for you but allow God to correct your vision and give you the right set of lens to look through.

Everything
will work out in the end.
You don't need to know how.
You just have to trust
God and believe that it will.
Amen





BUT GOD *continued...*

anything else that YOU deem as inappropriate. The Lord sees them. You don't know how long a mama grandma or daddy or granddaddy or friend or someone else has been praying for their salvation. The words you say can either draw them near the Lord OR push them away. I would hate to be the one who pushed someone away from the Lord because of the way I felt

about how their appearance was. When God does a work on their heart, I promise you that you will see everything about them change. Let God do what He does! Your job is to love, not condemn.

If a prostitute comes in the church, she's probable going to dress like a prostitute until the Lord touches her and changes her. If a drunkard walks in the

church, they may smell like alcohol until the Lord touches them and changes them. If a drug addict walks in the church, he or she may be high on drugs. Sinners are probably going to be living in sin when they walk in the church. Just love them to Jesus. I'm not saying you have to condone anything that is not of God, but you better watch how you treat them. The Lord sees and hears you!!

LIFE IS DIFFICULT

As my husband and I went on a hike that Saturday, it was a hike that was more strenuous than any of the others we had taken. I honestly thought a few times I was going to have to walk the rest of the way out the next day.

During this hike my husband and I were talking and praising God, just discussing life in general. We had our map that showed us how the trail went and the difficulty of each mile. As I looked at this map I thought to myself WOW!! This looks like a map of LIFE in general!!!

Lots of peaks and valleys, some small some very high and deep. It was a difficult trail to say the least, but along the way there were BEAUTIFUL views. We saw

amazing mountain range views, at the top of one peaks we saw the entire valley, several waterfalls, streams and massive rocks. At the beginning of our hike I was so EXCITED and was taking every sight in, by the end I was just trying to finish the course. Does that not seem like life??

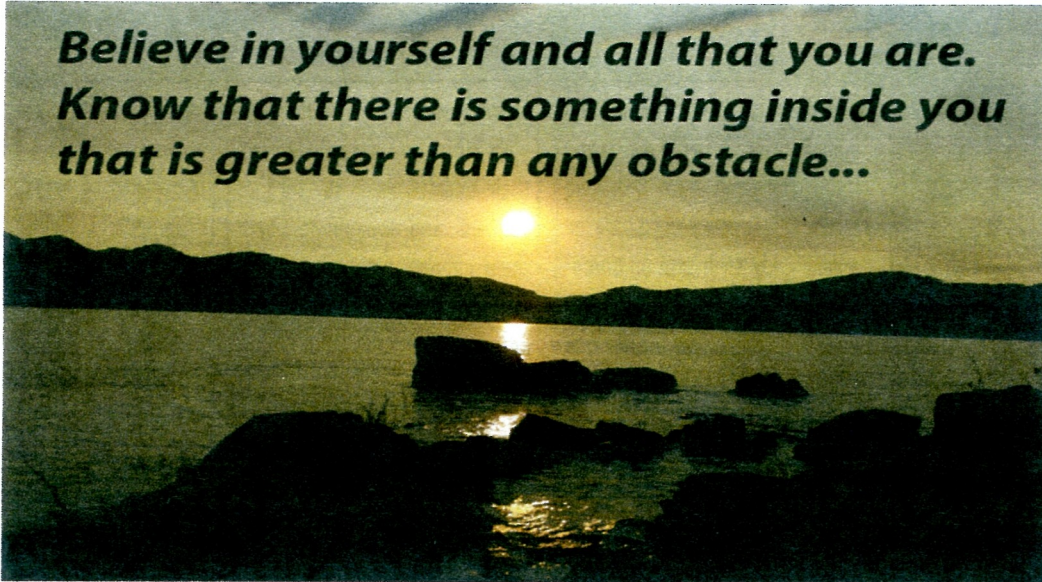
We were only about 2 miles from the end of the hike and we came across a beautiful overlook. My husband pointed out the beauty of the overlook but I was distracted by the difficulty of the climb. Needless to say God used that moment to convict my heart as to how I am treating life. It is no lie, LIFE IS DIFFICULT!!! But there are beautiful views all around that

we are missing because we are focused on the TRIAL OR DIFFICULT SITUATION!! I just wanted to finish the course and go home!!

Currently, I have found myself in life just wanting to finish the course because of the hurt and pain. I am missing all the beautiful views around that God has placed around me. By not taking the time to view them I am passing by BLESSINGS because I want to focus on the trials and pain. So as God encouraged me that day, I hope to encourage you.

God is there to lift you up, give you rest, peace and strength. Continue the course, but take time to focus on the beauty in your life, not the difficulties!!

*Believe in yourself and all that you are.
Know that there is something inside you
that is greater than any obstacle...*



**Sometimes the
hardest things in
life are what make
you the **STRONGEST****

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September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4 CHRIS HAYLEY HAROLD E
5 CONFERENCE	6	7	8 JAN	9	10	11 WORK DAY
12	13	14	15 EMMY	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 SANDY P PAYTON	23 CINDY	24	25
26 SANDWICH NIGHT	27	28	29	30		