

# SPRING HILL CHURCH

JULY 2023

## GRACE

I heard the crunch underneath my tires and knew that there was nothing I could do about it.

MY husband had been working so hard and just finished installing all of our outdoor lighting the day before, and in true fashion, I had already taken one out with the mower. It was an honest mistake, but one that I was afraid to tell him.

I hopped off the mower and surveyed the damage. I mean I had beamed the thing head on-glass was everywhere and there was nothing left, even some of the wire had been sucked up into the blades. I knew my husband was just around the other side of the house working, and I knew that one way or another he was going to find out about it.

I called him over, nervous about what he was going to say, not that I was afraid of HIM, but more his disappointment.. "Eric, I honestly

didn't even see it. I'm so, so sorry." He got down and picked up some of the glass, looked up at me and winced through the sun in his eyes. It's ok babe, it's just a light. No big deal."

I stood there a bit dumbfounded. If it was me, I probably would have sighed and given him a dirty look. If it was me, I don't think I would have given him this much grace.

"Gosh, I really am so sorry, honey. It was just such a dumb mistake." It was almost like I couldn't believe the grace he was giving me.

"Lauren, you don't have to keep saying sorry. Tomorrow, I'm going to be the one saying sorry, and you are going to be the one giving me grace. There's no reason for me not to give it to you. "His voice trailed off, "Just try not to hit another one." he laughed as he walked away.

Sometimes I feel the same way when I have to confront God with my own sin. Sometimes I get scared thinking of confessing to him and wondering how disappointed in me he will be. Because I should be more careful with my actions, I should be gentle with things in my life that can easily shatter. But just like my husband the other day, God looks at what I've broken in my life and he offers more grace.

Grace when I don't deserve it.

Grace that is surprising.

Grace that softens my heart.

Grace that changes everything for this messy woman.

May we give and receive grace freely like we have been given it freely, friends. Because a changed person lives a changed life. Live in grace and see how it transforms your soul.

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

- TERRY & SHANNON
- SHARON
- PATSY'S MOM
- DON
- DALE & DONNA
- SPRING HILL CHURCH
- BRUCE & PATSY
- TRACEY
- MIKE & MARY
- CAROL
- THE LOST
- JAMIE, LACEY & KIDS
- CALEB
- LAWRENCE & JAN
- KENNY
- JESSE & FRAN
- JESSE & CAROL
- CODY & FAMILY
- MIKEL & FAMILY
- PATTY
- NOVA
- RENEE
- RENEE'S MOM
- ANN
- MARK & MICHELLE
- HAROLD & JANE
- ASIAN MISSION
- OLD, POOR, SICK & NEEDY
- ELDERLY



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### BUTTERFLY'S

A man found a cocoon of a butterfly. One day a small opening appeared. He sat and watched the butterfly for several hours as it struggled to force its body through that little hole. Until it suddenly stopped making any progress and looked like it was stuck. So the man decided to help the butterfly. He took a pair of scissors and snipped off the remaining bit of the cocoon. The butterfly then emerged easily, although it had a swollen body and small, shriveled wings. The man didn't think anything of it and sat there waiting for the wings to enlarge to support the butterfly. But that didn't happen. The butterfly spent the rest of its life unable to fly, crawling around with tiny wings and a swollen body.

#### Moral of the story:

Sometimes, we hurt the ones we love by trying to make life easy for them. Our struggles in life develop our strengths.

Without struggles, we never grow and never get stronger. Sometimes it's important for us to be there for support but let others tackle challenges on their own.

This is especially true



with our children! It hurts us to watch them struggle. . .and a lot of times it's just easier, faster, and simpler for us to do things ourselves. . .but kids need to learn how to do things on their own.

We have a family in our community that I admire SO much. Their two boys (guessing 10 and 13) are big into rodeo. Ever since they were little, they get up early and put in long hours taking care of their animals, plus work at all kinds of jobs to raise the

money for entry fees and expenses. As you read this, they are working their way to Oklahoma Nationals.

You don't have to have that high of goals, but teaching kids regular life skills, plus facing and solving problems is preparing them for life and the world that is ahead of them.

Our country wouldn't have all of the "help wanted" signs in the windows if parents had stuck to discipline and chores!

It takes a strong parent to stand firm. . .

stand firm.

Our most important job in raising kids is to help them be self sufficient when they stretch their wings and leave the nest. Curfews teach them to manage their time. . . be on time and manage deadlines for work. Chores teach them pride in workmanship (it's important they get the job done right not just over with).

*Don't tell secrets  
in the garden.  
The potatoes have  
eyes. The corn  
has ears. And the  
beanstalk.*

Don't ever tell God  
what you'll  
never do.  
He will have you  
nevering like  
you've  
never ever nevered  
before.

**CHURCH IS NOT JUST  
SOMETHING YOU GO TO  
IT'S A FAMILY  
YOU BELONG TO.**

All stories have  
three sides; your side,  
their side and the  
side of the truth.

## *Faith*

*doesn't always take you out  
of the problem, Faith takes  
you through the problem.*

*Faith doesn't always take  
away the pain, Faith gives you  
the ability to handle the pain.*

*Faith doesn't always take you  
out of the storm, Faith calms  
you in the midst of the storm.*

*Amen*

When you come out  
of the storm you won't be  
the same person that  
walked in. That's what the  
storm is all about.



## **IT'S FRIDAY**

Peter is asleep  
Judas has betrayed Jesus  
Mary is crying  
Hope is lost.  
Death has won  
Jesus is buried  
A soldier stands on guard  
A stone is rolled into place

**But Sunday's  
Coming**

*Be careful for nothing; but in  
everything by prayer and  
supplication with  
thanksgiving  
let your requests be made  
known to God. And the  
peace of  
God, which passeth all  
understanding  
shall keep your  
hearts and minds through  
Christ Jesus*

*Philippians 4: 6-7*



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SUNDAY SCHOOL . . . . . 10:00AM  
SUNDAY WORSHIP . . . . . 11:00AM  
SUNDAY NIGHT . . . . . 6:00PM  
WEDNESDAY NIGHT . . . . . 7:30PM

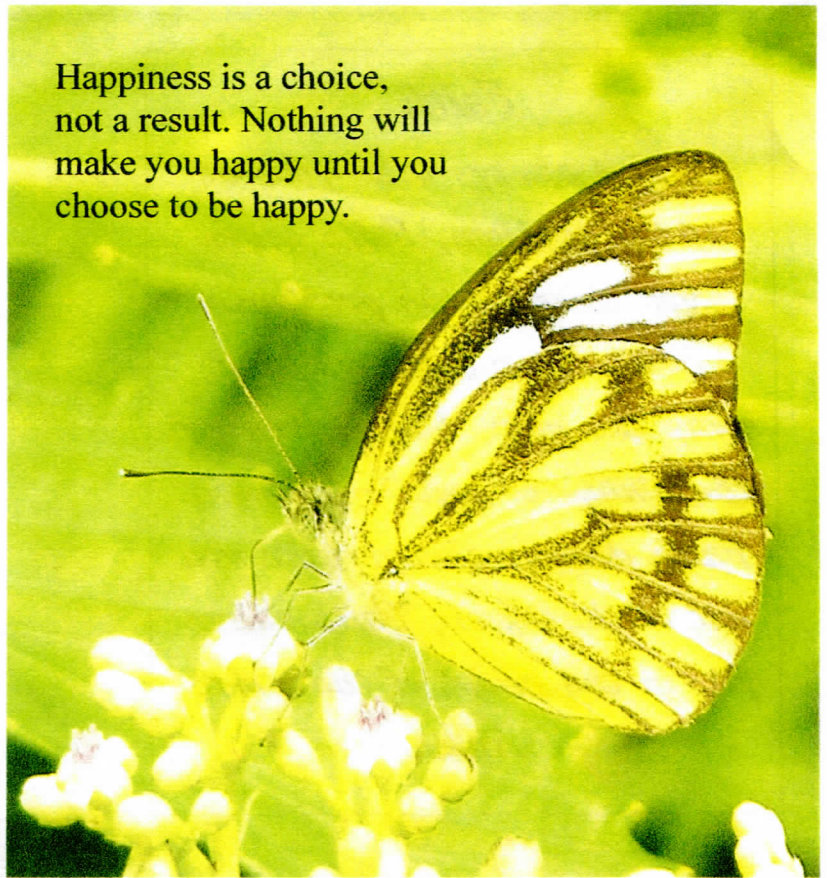
EVERYONE WELCOME

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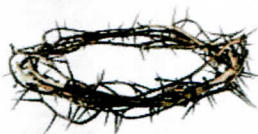
*Heal me, O LORD, and I shall be healed;  
save me, and I shall be saved, for thou  
art my praise.*

Jeremiah 17: 14

Happiness is a choice,  
not a result. Nothing will  
make you happy until you  
choose to be happy.



ALL THE KINGS AND QUEENS  
I'VE KNOWN IN HISTORY  
SENT THEIR PEOPLE OUT TO DIE FOR THEM,  
BUT I ONLY KNOW **ONE KING**  
WHO DECIDED TO  
**DIE FOR HIS PEOPLE**



# July 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2 CONFERENCE NATHANIEL	3	4	5	6 SHEA	7	8 WORK DAY
9	10	11	12	13 CODY	14 ALAN L	15
16	17	18 AXEL	19	20 ABBEY	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 ANGIE	28	29
30 SANDWICH NIGHT	31					