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Journey Enews

Journey Community Christian Church

Service Times:
Saturday @ 6 PM
Sunday @ 10:30 AM

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Starting Over Every Day

"The faithful love of the LORD never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning." Lamentations 3:22-23 NLT

How are you doing? As 2023 begins to wind down what have you been able to accomplish so far? Is it your weight loss? Have you reached some personal goal? Or maybe your overall health has been restored through exercise, treatment, surgery, or lifestyle changes? Would you say you are feeling good about your health right now? All these changes take time.

And if your health has been stable this year, what about other areas of your life? How are you doing with reducing credit card debt? Have you managed to begin saving money for emergencies? Are you putting away some money for the future? Would you say your overall financial picture is stable right now? This also takes time.

What about your relationship with God? Has this year been a time of growth and deepening faith? Is your relationship with God stronger now than when the year began?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, was it just a random thing or was this a defining moment for you? Overcoming any sort of deficit, turning it into an asset, takes time and effort.

I've been working on projects at church all year. Some things have turned out better than I imagined back in January. Other things are still a bit inconclusive. I've also tried to be proactive each day with family, friends, and people. Some days I feel clear, direct progress has been made; other times it's more of a zig-zag than a straight line forward.

I even have some outdoor projects to finish in my yard before winter. I need to sow some new grass seed before spring. We've had an annoying water leak for a couple

years in the side yard. Several attempts to repair the leak required digging up that part of the yard a couple times. After a couple years it appears we may have finally fixed the leak. Things like this always take more time than we like. We grow impatient.

I am still learning that each day usually has a few setbacks. Something else I have discovered is how many times setbacks can become a setup (eventually) for something better; Something God is doing in my life, even though I was unaware. What about you? Have you noticed over time that God has a plan to bless us, often better than we imagined?

All year long the verse above has been scribbled on a post-it note on a kitchen cabinet by our stove. It is stuck inside the cabinet where I'll notice it every morning while grabbing my daily vitamins. I can't tell you how many times this year that yellow note has reminded me that God's mercies are fresh each day. He is working on whatever is bothering me most, right at that moment. New and better things every day in my life come with the morning sunrise.

For me a few Jesus thoughts in the morning with my coffee and oatmeal are the best way to start my day. This routine has become a great reminder that real life change takes time.

Who doesn't need a chance to start over? It requires patience. Like finding the source of an annoying water leak and sowing new grass seed that will cover up the mess it made. It takes time to grow. It takes patience.

Jesus changes everything.



Bobby D.