



SURPRISE #1: We can trust God's timing, even when we do not [UNDERSTAND](#) it.

Jeremiah 29:11

*"I know the plans I have for you," says the LORD.
"They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."*

Habakkuk 2:3

*"This vision is for a future time. It describes the end,
and it will be fulfilled. If it seems slow in coming, wait patiently,
for it will surely take place. It will not be delayed."*

SURPRISE #2: God is continually using my family members to [SHAPE](#) me into the person He created me to be; even my children.

Colossians 3:8

*But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these:
anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips.*

Exodus 20:12

"Honor your father and mother. Then you will live a long [life]..."

SURPRISE #3: The [UNIQUE](#) challenges we face often lead to unique [BLESSINGS](#).

Isaiah 43:19

*Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness...*

SURPRISE #4: It is often in the [ROUTINE](#) where the most profound things are unlocked.



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How to receive forgiveness from God:

- 1) Admit you, like everyone else, need new LIFE in Jesus.
- 2) Ask God to forgive your sins by the sacrifice of Jesus.
- 3) Receive new LIFE from God by trusting in Jesus as your Savior & Lord.

You can do that now by simply talking to God in a prayer like this:

Dear Lord Jesus, I know I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. Today, I receive you as my Savior; and I put my faith in you as my LORD. Help me to live for you all the days of my life. In Your name, Amen.

If you chose to follow Jesus today, text “FAITH” to 309-250-2007 to receive additional information about next steps in following Jesus.

For Further Reflection:

Think of a time when you have had to wait for something your heart longed for, perhaps you are in that type of season right now. The Bible makes it clear (Jeremiah 29:11; Romans 8:31) that God’s working out His will in our lives for our good. Could He be inviting you to focus on something else rather than what your heart is longing for? What might that be in this season?

If you’re a parent, think of one of your children... if you are not a parent or your children are out of the home, think of someone in your life who occasionally looks at life through a different lens than the one you typically look through... what might Holy Spirit be inviting you to learn through that child or individual? What lesson or perspective might He be inviting you to learn?

Colossians 3:8 makes a list of the things Paul encourages us to do away with in our lives through the power of Holy Spirit. What is Holy Spirit inviting you to remove from your life through His power?

Sometimes our biggest challenges can lead to the most wonderful opportunities to learn something about God’s character. Think about a unique challenge you are facing in your home life these days... now...ask Holy Spirit to give you insight into the lessons He’s wanting to teach you through those challenges?

Think back through the [Un]Filtered Family series... what would you say are your biggest takeaways... the biggest promptings or invitations to grow in areas... that you have received from Holy Spirit during this series?

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