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The Perfect Gift

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights" James 1:17



As we entered our sabbatical, we had great anticipation of the rest that God had instore for us: the rejuvenation, the renewal. We had no idea what God really had planned for us. As we started to settle into a new routine, we realized that there were issues that needed to be dealt with.

When I wrote in December, I had talked about the go-go pace that we live in—the "I'll rest after" or "Next week I'll take a break." Excuse after excuse. I realized that this pace had put the blinders on my true state. I saw that my alignment was off, my trajectory had shifted. Looking back, I can see the small changes. But over time, I saw that I had come far from where I was supposed to be. As much as I wanted rest—needed rest—I needed more to have my heart re-aligned with God's heart. This seems like a simple re-adjustment, but the reality is that heart work is hard work. God really had to break me down for me to be vulnerable enough to understand His true love for me; and after that, and only that, could I see His grace, mercy and love with deep conviction.

It was a very difficult time, and after 2.5 months we realized the 3 months we had requested was not going to be enough. We could not go back to the state that we were in, so we extended the sabbatical for another month. As God does, He showed up in friends, counselors and people to bring us the healing that we so needed. Praise be to God! He renewed our hearts and brought us to a place where we needed to be so that He could use us for His Kingdom work!





Changes

Over the course of the last year, God had started to show us a different direction. A big part of my work has been camp ministry. I have a passion for the outdoors, and God has used it to for His glory in many ways. However, a time has come that needs to be taken seriously. With the last multiple surgeries and listening to Dr's reports, I will be transitioning out of camp ministry. I have a bad shoulder that we are trying to rebuild and a replaced knee that was pushed too hard last year. So, this year I will not be going on camp. Instead, I will be involved in training a young man to take my place. We have worked together for the last 6 years, and I am very confident that he will do amazingly well! I will still be involved in the logistical side of things, but he along with others, will run it all by themselves. Although there is some grieving here, we are excited to see some new things in camp.





This transition out of camps will allow for more time to work in the church and do local ministry in Louis Bull, where the church is situated. As a family, we have been there for the past 10 years, and people know who we are. This also falls into my passions and gift set of visiting and ministering to people.

PRAYER REQUESTS & THANKS

Summer ministry is busy: youth nights, camps, church picnics, VBS, and community outreaches. We need prayers for our hearts to see the people that God is bringing to us through these community events.

As we start this transition, we need prayers for a smooth shift, open doors in the community and into family's lives. That we may represent Christ and honor Him in all we do and to all the people we encounter.

We are so thankful to God for our Sabbatical. Despite the challenges, we were able to spend time away with the family. We were gifted a house in Cannon Beach OR; we chased waves, looked for crabs, sea stars, anemone and sand dollars. We were able to visit friends and see some amazing sights. We are so grateful for all your prayers and support while we were away. This fall marks our 10th anniversary doing ministry in Louis Bull, and it would not be possible if we were not surrounded by an amazing ministry support team!

We praise God for each of you!

Thank you,

Sean, Becky and Tribe!



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