

Senior Adults,

April showers do spring May flowers (or better understood, April showers bring May flowers). I love this statement. It originated in 1157, in the form of a short poem written by Thomas Tusser. Tusser was an English poet and farmer. In one of his many instructional poems, he emphasized the natural cycle of rain in April leading to the blooming of flowers in May, symbolizing the idea that periods of difficulty or hardship can lead to growth and beauty. As I was reading in 2 Samuel 1-3 this morning, I came across the story of David lamenting King Saul and his son's death. David was a victorious warrior, and a man after God's own heart. King Saul was God's anointed King of Israel, yet he had succumbed to evil voices in his mind. Saul was David's greatest nemesis, but David loved him. Saul chased David relentlessly, forcing him to eventually serve with the Philistines. So, when Saul and Jonathan, Saul's son, are killed in battle David was heartbroken. This is a picture of God's grace in action. Saul sinned greatly against David, yet David loved him. We sin before God, yet God still loves us greatly. God loves us so much that he sent His Son Jesus Christ to forgive us and bridge the gap between us and God. If I had been in Jesus' place on the cross, what would I have done with the power that was at my disposal? Even in His great torture on the Cross, Jesus forgave His torturers. Grace is the way of the cross. We cannot allow ourselves to take vengeance into our hands, by thought, words, or actions. We cannot wish for destruction of people who have wronged us. It is wrong for us to celebrate grace while condemning others. We must fight against the temptation to keep records of wrongs. Nowhere are we told that we should serve as judge, jury, and executioner. To resist these things, we need to be met by the very same grace that we are called to give. Upon Saul and Jonathan's death, David laments, "Your glory, O Israel, is slain on your high places! How the mighty have fallen!" David goes on to say, "Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided." David did not use the occasion of Saul's death to attack him for all the evil he had done to him. David, even with all the hardships of Saul's attacks, was not bitter. He was a man after God's own heart who trusted in the Lord and because he did, he was able to look at the life of Saul with grace. My prayer today is that God would allow me to find greater joy in granting grace than I find in judging others who have wronged me. Examine your heart today. How have your difficulties and hardships lead to growth and beauty? Be Blessed! See you Sunday,
David



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MAY EVENTS

LUNCH & LEARN

MAY 12

11:00AM FELLOWSHIP HALL

INSIGHT INTO AI (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE)

PRESENTED BY CHRIS NEAVES

COST FOR LUNCH \$5

SAVE THE DATE

Young at Heart Celebrates 50th Anniversaries

*Join us on June 16
from 11:00-1:00
in the Fellowship Hall
to celebrate all the couples that married
in 1976*

Cost for lunch is \$10/person

**this event is for all senior adults, we will honor
the anniversary couples*

contact leigh@fbcbryan.org if you were married in 1976

Wednesday
Night Dinners
5:00pm-6:00pm
*look for the menus in the
bulletin each sunday
Cost \$5
*Final Midweek Class
May 13

Hymn Sing
Sunday May 24
@4:00pm
Room 136

Women on Mission
May 26
10:30am
cost for lunch \$5
Fellowship Hall

**Make Jesus Your All
Share Him with All**

