

He Gets Us.

Jesus gives me truth to help me get free. So, I look within.

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TEXT: MATTHEW 1, PSALM 139:23-24

It is Mother's Day in the U.S. and today's message celebrates motherhood. Moms mentioned in the Bible like Rahab, Ruth, and Mary are examples to admire and learn from. They faced hard lives with hard times, rough backgrounds and tough times.



NOTES

Orchids can remind us of God's love and what God's love can do. From what appears to be a jumbled, tangled mess of threads of life and death, God brings its glorious and intriguing blossom.

"Every weed a potential flower." – Luther Burbank, botanist

Sometimes we can look and feel 'weedly' – broken and dry, but God brings life from what looks like death.

"...he will give a crown of beauty for ashes..."

ISAIAH 6:3

Some days are orchids-in-bloom days.

Some days are valley-of-the-shadow days.

Some days are dry root and tangled-ness days.

The broken place is where God shows up with amazing grace.

He gets us and helps us face things not always easy to face.

Jesus gives me truth to help me get free. So, I look at myself.

1. Jesus understands that I'm not okay. So, I admit I need help.
2. Jesus believes that I matter, no matter what. So, I believe God can help.
3. Jesus treats me like He's my Healer and Coach. So, I decide to live for God.
4. Jesus gives me truth to help me get free. So, I look at myself.

"...Joseph, the husband of Mary, and Mary was the mother of Jesus who is called the Messiah."

MATTHEW 1:16

Motherhood is how God chose to enter our time space continuum as Messiah.

"Tamar...Rahab...Ruth...Uriah's wife...Mary..."

MATTHEW 1:3,5,6,16

These mothers faced hard lives with hard times, rough backgrounds and tough times.



Tamar was widowed twice and not likely to wed again. She becomes pregnant from a prostitute encounter with her father-in-law.

- **Where is the orchid blossom?** Jesus comes from this lineage.

Rahab was a prostitute but wanted out of her past. She saved the lives of the Hebrew spies and, later, her whole family.

- **Where is the orchid blossom?** We see that God meets us where we are, even if where we are is on the edge of propriety.

Ruth was widowed but chose to follow God even through the pain and grief because of her widowed mother-in-law.

- **Where is the orchid blossom?** She later meets and marries Boaz and they bear the grandfather of King David.

Uriah's wife was **Bathsheba**. King David seduced her and then caused her husband to die in battle. He tried to hide and live in denial until God helped him find freedom and healing.

- **Where is the orchid?** Solomon the Wise later came from this union.

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Sometimes that is scary, uncomfortable, disappointing or embarrassing.

Facing the truth about our flaws can help us find our way into God's awesome grace and freedom.

Flawsome: flawed but awesome!

Your mess is where God's Messiah will meet you with healing and help.

These stories show us God will meet you in the discomfort and in the places of grief, loss, guilt, shame and stuff we want to hide.

"The Power of Regret: How looking backward moves us forward" by Daniel Pink

If God wanted to meet you with new freedom in your place of pain, would you be open to it?

"Search me, O God, know my heart. Test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."

PSALM 139:23-24



When we meet Mary, we find her a virgin, a young woman pledged to be married. She's not sinless but she is virtuous.

“I am the Lord’s servant...Be it to me according to God’s Word.”

LUKE 1:38

She gave herself, her reputation, her future, her security, her hope to God.

She would need to trust God to be bigger than the hurts and hardness of life, to feel how even this broken place in her life-plan would be the place where God's grace would meet her.

The hard and broken place is where God shows up with amazing grace.

What do we do?

- Submit to the Lord.
- Wash myself in the Word.
- Let grace come to my defense.

None of us are beyond God’s grace and God's ability to use us.

