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# CLARION



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## She Said It.

At the first of the year, but who remembers that far back (!), I said I was going to write and respond to thoughts that our church fathers and mothers have left for us to chew on. As you may know, cows consume their food eagerly and then, literally, re-chew the food, or chew the cud. Those men and women left us some worthy work to chew on.

I am not doing that this month.

A sister in China gave me a word I have been chewing on. Join me. She is a dear, young woman, searching for God. Her story has taken her through some painful experiences. Maybe you know what that is about. Her story is not finished. Maybe you know what this is about.

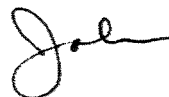
In witnessing to her and as we (Jim Patterson and myself) talked to her about her relationship with Christ, she said, "I am not perfect for the story." I wrote that sentence down on one of my index cards. It is before me now and within my heart. Now, do you know what that is about?

I know you do not know the details of her life, those are not important right now, but do you know the humility of looking at what God has been up to, and knowing that you "have done those things which you should have left undone, and left undone those things that you should have done"? Our Chinese friend needs not only to be humble, but she needs to trust God's grace for her unfinished story. Pray for her to do that. She is reading the Bible now, so maybe she will see that no story is finished, complete, or perfect other than the story of God's grace.

It is amazing that God will take our stories as they are right now and begin a new one right now. Jim and I are praying that she will say, "My story is not perfect, but God's story is. I will believe in the story of God's grace to finish my story."

Pray for her. I would write her name, but you could probably not pronounce it. Just pray for the young Chinese mother who has a story like yours.

Let's pray for each other. Chew on the story of God's grace for your story.



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				October 1 *John Lockhart '83 Church Anniver Mary Lou Gohn Melinda Grayless 9:00am MDO 10:15am Music Ministry at Greatwood Retirement Center	October 2 Gerald Mikeska Joe Riddell Kathleen Mumford	October 3 Annie Dee Pitts Cara Longshore
				October 4 LCISD Early Release (K-5)	October 5 Dunkin Ruby	October 6 Raymond Grayless Rick Escobar 9:30am Mars Hill Listening Group (Fellowship Hall)
7:45am Deacons Breakfast and Meeting 8:30am Student Worship Team 4:30pm Missions Committee Mtg. 5:00pm Handbells Rehearsal 6:00pm ADT* (Parlor) 6:00pm Youth-Fellowship Night 7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	6:30pm Ladies Bible Study (Room 202)	9:00am MDO 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Poetry Class (Richmond Coffee Station)	Dawn Wells Jim Patterson Joann Murray Stace Hitt 9:00am MDO 9:30am Ladies Bible Study (Parlor) 5:00pm Supper 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:00pm Parenting Roundtable 6:00pm Prayer Meeting* 6:00pm Youth - Supernova 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	9:00am NO MDO (LCISD Early Release) 3:00pm Cambridge Music Ministry		
				October 7 Nita Rosett	October 8 Hunter Bland John Howard	October 9 Alan Inman 8:00am Churchwide Workday
8:00am Blood Drive (Gym) 8:30am Student Worship Team 5:00pm Handbells Rehearsal 5:00pm Stewardship Committee Meeting 6:00pm Open Mike/Open Heart (Sanctuary) 7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	*Columbus Day* Charles Frank Donna Krueger 5:30pm Personnel Committee Meeting 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study (Room 202)	9:00am MDO 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Poetry Class (Richmond Coffee Station)	Heather Tillery Paula Rowland 9:00am MDO 9:30am Ladies Bible Study (Parlor) 10:15am Music Ministry at Richmond Healthcare 4:00pm Helping Hands Open House 5:00pm Supper 6:00pm Business Meeting* 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:00pm Parenting Roundtable 6:00pm Youth - Supernova 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	9:00am MDO		
				October 10 John Kelly	October 11 Ed Lowrey	October 12 Ken Engel 10:00am WINGS trip to Brookwood Community 6:00pm Choir Party (Partridges' Home)
8:30am Student Worship Team 3:30pm San Felipe Association Annual Meeting (Fort Bend Church) 5:00pm Handbells Rehearsal 5:15pm Evangelism Committee Meeting (Conference Room) 6:00pm Sanctuary Choir Christmas Rehearsal 7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	Patrick Owens 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study (Room 202)	Rebecca Peyton 9:00am MDO 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Poetry Class (Richmond Coffee Station)	9:00am MDO 9:30am Ladies Bible Study (Parlor) 5:00pm Supper 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:00pm Parenting Roundtable 6:00pm Prayer Meeting* 6:00pm Youth - Supernova 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	9:00am MDO		
				October 13 Billy Hardin Joe Hand Roger Coughran 9:00am MDO	October 14 Ed Lowrey	October 15 *Halloween* Cheryl Koteras Jamison Edmondson Marylin Hitt
*Reformation Day* Janie Walton 8:30am Student Worship Team 5:00pm Handbells Rehearsal 6:00pm ADT* (Parlor) 6:00pm Youth-Justice Night 7:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	Joyce Brunson Ransom Clark 6:30pm Ladies Bible Study (Room 202)	Polly Carter 9:00am MDO 10:00am Staff Meeting 7:00pm Poetry Class (Richmond Coffee Station)	9:00am MDO 9:30am Ladies Bible Study (Parlor) 5:00pm Supper 6:00pm Children's Choirs 6:00pm Parenting Roundtable 6:00pm Prayer Meeting* 6:00pm Youth - Supernova 7:00pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal			

Sunday mornings:  
9:00 am Bible Study  
10:30 am Worship\*  
\*Childcare Provided