

Grounded in Grace



Year in Review Redemption, Renewal, Rewriting

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Redemption through Adoption	Renewal of Hearts and Minds	Rewriting Our Gospel Story
<p>This year God blessed us with our wonderful daughter Zoe Grace. It has been an incredible year of growth, of walking through unknowns, and seeing the Lord redeem brokenness. Krista and I are continually amazed at the privilege of being mommy and daddy. It has given us a deeper insight into the love the Father has for us. He adopted us as his children and now we have the incredible blessing of adopting a child. Zoe Grace is our beautiful, beloved daughter. We are honored to call her our own. My motto— remember you are his beloved and He won't let you go — has taken on a whole new meaning.</p>	<p>This year I have had the privilege of teaching several classes at Charlotte Christian College. It has been wonderful to be a part of transforming hearts and minds. Students are understanding their lives through a greater redemptive story. Furthermore, I taught several seminars which proved fruitful for the all participants.</p> <p>And lastly, I have had the honor of seeing broken hearts being renewed in the gospel of grace. God has grown Grace Roads over the last year with clients but even more so with the continued focus on redemption and grace. I sit back amazed at God's hand knowing that He is doing a good work. (Phil 1:6) God has continued to provide above and beyond all we could ever ask or imagine.</p>	<p>Over the last year, I have been rewriting my manuscript. I hope to have it back to my editor later this month and have it published in the Spring of 2015.</p> <p>Furthermore, God has continued to bring his gospel story to both Krista and me. We have seen him bring new communities, a new church that loves us, and new opportunities to minister to others. We have seen God work in wonderful ways. God continues to make things new. What a blessing and what a Savior. HE is redeeming and rewriting our stories. May you see him, find him, and know him!</p> <p>Steve (and Krista)</p>

Teaching and Training Schedule

God has opened up several more opportunities to teach and train others in the area of counseling and the gospel of grace. Below are a few classes available this coming Winter and Spring. Please contact me or go to the link below for more information.

Crisis, Loss and Grief Counseling- January 12- April 28th Charlotte Christian College- Charlotte, NC

This course will describe specific crisis one will face throughout one's life cycle including but not limited to regular life transitions unexpected tragedies, disease with death.

<http://www.charlottechristian.edu/>

Redeeming Conflict-April 19- May 24th Lake Forest Church- Huntersville, NC Sunday 6:00-7:45 pm

This course will help you address a variety of conflict in your life that God can use to redeem. Weekly topics include conflict management style, principles of conflict resolution , forgiveness, reconciliation and more.

<http://lakeforest.org/discover/discovery-courses/>

The King and His Kingdom: A Spiritual and Relational View of Addiction -Fellowship Hall- Greensboro, NC Thursday June 4, 2015 1pm-5pm

This seminar will provide a spiritual and relational perspective of addiction. We will explore a person's story connecting the spiritual understanding to the way one relates to themselves, others and to their view of God.

Arise, My Soul Arise

By Charles Wesley

**My God is
reconciled;**

**His pardoning voice
I hear;**

**He owns me for His
child;**

**I can no longer fear
With confidence I
now draw nigh,**

**With confidence I
now draw nigh,**

**And "Father, Abba,
Father," cry.**

**Arise, arise, arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise, arise, arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your
guilty fears and rise**



For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."
Romans 8:14-15



A Faint Twinkle of Hope

My parents have always been collie lovers and I grew up loving them as well. Many years ago, after their dog passed away, they went to the pound to find a new companion to fill the gap. In a cage stood a three-year old brown and white collie. The sign said her name was “Baby” and she had been “. . . turned in for a wife.” My parents stared at her messiness. She had four inch long pig tailed, braided, knotted fur flopped down behind each ear. There were large clumps of matted and dirty hair that extended all the way down her back side and into her rear. She weighed 42 pounds— too thin for a collie her size. Unkempt, lonely, forgotten, and abandoned, her dark brown eyes told a story of sadness, neglect, and yearning for love that so far had eluded her. Yet in those eyes shined a faint twinkle of hope. Hope that said, “Help me, take me, and love me because I have so much to give.” They did and renamed her Jenna.

Jenna became 70 pounds of furry love. She was a gentle house dog, a wonderful companion, and a constant beggar. Actually, Jenna’s favorite position was to get up on my dad’s lap and fall asleep as he gently stroked her long, beautifully kept hair. She craved attention and walks and played tug a war with anyone available. She knew when they were sad and when they were happy. She even barked when someone sneezed, as if to say, “God bless you.”

Jenna seemed to remember where she had been and where she was now— loving and being loved. Jenna received the hope of a new start. She received a new name, a new place, and a new life. Instead of sadness and neglect, she received love, attention, and joy. Instead of a matted dog behind a gate, she ran free and received hugs. Jenna became the dog she was meant to be. She lived another nine years with a redeemed life. My dad was her best friend. About six months after he passed away, she sadly went to join him.

However, she left a lesson for all of us to ponder: Do you need a new start? Do you need to release someone from the bars of your soul? Maybe, you need to give yourself a twinkle of hope. For like my parents were Jenna’s Savior, we have a Savior who has given us hope. We have one who makes all things new. He gives us new life, quenches our thirst and says, “Come!”

Do you need in a twinkle of hope in this new year? Do you need to go to someone and offer them a new start? Or maybe you need to accept someone’s offer for a new start? For in daring to be faithful, you may be able find freedom and give freedom to another.



⁵ And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶ And he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. Revelation 21:5-6





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Vision: To provide teaching, training, and counseling that will enable individuals, families, and churches to experience God's powerful grace in transforming their stories.

Mission: To provide a pathway for people struggling on their journey to find hope for their broken hearts, healing for their wounds, and a hiding place to wrestle with the grace of God