

PIECED TOGETHER

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When my dear friend Trayce asked me to write a devotional for Texas Eagle Forum, she said “just write what God has been showing you lately”. I thought “Ha, WHICH thing?!” Have you ever had a time in your life where you feel that EVERY time you turn around, God is taking the opportunity to show you an area in your life that you need to work on? I now know how my precious daughter must have felt in those few (and thankfully they were few) seasons of life when she seemed to hear my voice OFTEN correcting something she was doing. I am in one of those seasons with God.



Recently, I received a stack of old quilts that had been worked by my grandmother who passed away years ago. Some of the quilts are lovely with just two colors. Red and white or lavender and white. But my favorite one is the patchwork, multi colored one. If I look closely at the tattered fabric, I recognize a little gingham from a childhood dress she made me, a bit of red striped fabric from my Raggedy Ann doll, and a little calico from the summer she taught me to sew doll clothes.

Today, I feel like that quilt. God has taken the “pieces” of my life and pieced them together to form who I am. And although there are days that I feel like I am tattered and worn. When I see only colors that are not as crisp and sharp as they were long ago. I remember that God has placed each experience, trial, joy and sorrow in my life to bring me to who I am today in him. Often, I wish he would take a seam ripper and cut out a few squares that I don’t want in my story and replace them with a pretty, new version. But he knows the pattern of the quilt. Some days I wish I was like one of the ones with only two colors. A life more settled, safe, and sane. But he saw fit to make mine full of textures, patterns and color.

Because I made a major move across the county three years ago I feel like a quilt that was pulled out of a chest. It had taken years to gather all the pieces,

have a full life and tell a story with a completed pattern. But when found by a new owner it is only seen for what it is today. They do not know the story, the history or the purpose that the quilt was created for. BUT the creator knew. Just like my grandmother knew every scrap of fabric and where it came from and that she had created THAT specific quilt with love, for warmth to her granddaughter. God knows every single one of my pieces. He knows the purpose that I was created for and that there is STILL use and purpose, although a bit tattered and frayed around the edges, left until the day I am called home.



A treasured quilt also leaves a legacy. Years ago, God gave me a verse when I was going through the most difficult, darkest days of my life.

She is clothed with strength and dignity and she laughs without fear of the future. Proverbs 31:25

Many days I may feel too small and weak against the forces I am up against. He will give me strength. I want to honor God even in the most difficult of circumstances. He will give dignity and when I get stressed at the world around me. He will give me laughter without fear of the future. Will your legacy be one of strength, dignity and some laughter along the way?



So, sure there are pieces that we wish we could go back and re-cut. But be excited about the wonderful pattern and design that God is making out of your life. And know that just like every quilt, he has a purpose and will use you to his honor and glory. Look for how you can use the very fabric of your life to bring purpose to what you do. I look at courageous people around me standing up for what they believe. Many are using scraps of their story to form their testimonies. What do you have to offer? What is the pattern of

your life that God is STILL weaving together and still using with HIS purpose in mind. Unique because just as there will never be an exact same hand worked quilt, neither will our stories and legacy be exactly the same.

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