



## *Gospel Glimpse*

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**In 2-4 sentences, tell us a little about yourself (where you are from, what brought you to San Diego, family, careers, etc...).**

Ted and I came to San Diego in 2000 as newlyweds and our careers brought us here. Ted works for a finance firm and I am an owner and manager of privately held multi-family investment properties in San Diego County. Together as a couple, we've lived in San Diego for over 20 years. I also graduated from UCSD and was a part of IVCF. All 3 of our kids, Jenna (17), Sami (15), and Nick (13) were born and raised in San Diego.

**Tell us about something that is life-giving to you and why!**

I am always amazed at God's plans and how he orchestrates everything even though I don't see or feel his presence in the moment. Last year, I was able to go on a road trip with one of the mom's from my son's baseball team. I had seen this individual at church and on the baseball field but I never knew what her beliefs were about God. During this long road trip, we got to know each other by asking each other about our families, where we grew up and what our struggles were in raising a family. We spent the weekend watching baseball, eating meals, and chatting about life. On our trip home, we started a conversation about church and at this moment I was able to ask her what she believed. It turned out that even though she was coming to church, she wasn't sure what she believed. Out of blue I asked her to spend a few weeks with me studying the bible and the person of Jesus. In hindsight, I can say it was the Holy Spirit leading me in that moment but at the time I surprised myself by boldly asking her to study the bible with me after only spending the weekend with her. She thought about it and politely said "no." I didn't get the sense that she wanted to get in too deep with religious stuff and study Jesus so I left it alone. I prayed for her and I asked my friends to pray for her. Even though she didn't want to meet with me to study the bible at that moment we continued to talk over the course of the year. She recently reached out to me and asked me to coffee. During our time together, she explained how she was interested in exploring Jesus a little deeper and she expressed her desire for friendship and fellowship. I asked her once again if she would be interested in studying the person of Jesus through the scriptures and this time she said "yes". I am in awe of how God is

pursuing my friend and even after a year had passed, the longing in her heart was growing to know Jesus personally. I am excited to explore Jesus with her and I can't wait to see where God will lead this person in the future. Sharing the gospel and seeing people come to Jesus is life-giving to me because Jesus is the one who satisfies and I want others to know my awesome God.

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Matthew 28:19***

**In Philippians 4:8, Paul encourages believers to focus on things that are pure, praiseworthy, just, true, lovely, and commendable. In light of that, share with us one thing you have seen or experienced that exemplifies one of these.**

People often call 2020 a year from hell. Covid 19, impeachment, stock market crash, Kobe Bryant's death, and Harry and Meghan leaving the royal family. Although none of these events are praiseworthy, God wants us to remember that he is praiseworthy and lovely. This past year in quarantine gave me a sense of gratefulness but also a chance to reflect on how God deserves all our praise.

Psalm 145 reminds us that He is worthy of praise and that we are to pass down this wisdom from one generation to another. We are to look vertically to our Sovereign God instead of letting the events around us consume us. When we focus our attention on God we find that Psalm 145 reminds us that he is:

*"forever, no one can fathom your greatness, your mighty acts, glorious splendor, majesty, awesome works, great deeds, abundant goodness, righteousness, compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love, glory of your kingdom, your might, everlasting kingdom, trustworthy, faithful, satisfies the desires, hears their cry, saves them, the Lord watches over all."*

Verse 21 reminds us *"my mouth will speak in praise of the Lord. Let every creature praise his holy name for ever and ever."*

May we be stirred to sing praises from our lips as we truly gaze upon Jesus.

**What specific Scripture verse(s) has the Lord been using to encourage you during this season?**

*Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. **Ephesians 4:29***

Recently, I have been struggling with my own tongue and allowing unwholesome words to replace gracious speech. I struggle to not curse the driver who just cut me off on the road, I struggle to not gossip about others, I struggle to say kind words to my family members, and I am quick in pointing out everyone else's faults, but neglect to see my own. Why do I struggle, it's because I often view myself better than I ought to.

Paul knew that our tongue tended towards corruptive communication so he exhorts us to use our speech to edify others and to bless them with gracious words. I am trying to obey this in my everyday life but on my own I know I will struggle and fail. I am thankful for the Holy Spirit who is working in me and who is making me more into the image of God by producing the fruit of love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. As I am being transformed, my hope and prayer is that I might practice humility remembering that our Lord was humbled at the cross and that I will think of others above myself with kind words, gracious speech and in all things edify others. For now, I know I am not getting all this right, yet there is comfort in knowing that God is working in me to complete me.