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From The Desk of David Abbott

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). John 20:16 (NIV)

From the time I was a kid until now (when I have kids of my own), August has always meant one thing...back to school. For the kids, it is a sad time; summer is over and they have to go back to school. For parents, it can be a happy time..."thank goodness the kids are going back to school!" Either way, August reminds us that a new school year is starting.

Many of us have long since completed our schooling years. Others, like myself, are thinking about going back. However, no matter where you find yourself, we all have one thing in common. We know who this year's teacher is going to be.

Every year, kids either anticipate or dread finding out who their teacher is going to be. Truth be told a teacher can make or break a year. I remember having great teachers who taught subjects I hated and yet because of them, I enjoyed their class. There were subjects I loved, ruined for a whole year by a sub-par teacher.

The good news for us is that we, like Mary, have the world's greatest and kindest teacher...Jesus. Some subjects we won't like, you know, the suffering for Jesus, the taking up our cross daily, the dying to ourselves. Other subjects we do like, for instance, being forgiven of our sins, be adopted into God's family, being loved unconditionally. The subjects and seasons change but the teacher never changes (Hebrews 13:8).

I wonder as our kids, grandkids, great-grandkids go back to school if we shouldn't also ponder what we are going to learn this year. Maybe this year will be a great class; maybe not. But I know the Teacher and no matter what, He will make sure to be with us as we learn this year's lessons.

In biblical times, a Rabbi (or teacher) would walk in front of his (there were no female rabbis) students, his students following closely behind making sure to hear every word their teacher said, see everything their teacher did. After all day of walking behind their rabbi, these students would be covered in the dust that the rabbi's sandals kicked up all day. So goes the saying, the blessing I leave with you..."May you be covered in the dust of your rabbi!"

Grace and Peace

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Break Free Ministries

Break Free is continuing to grow. We receive more letters each week asking for both mentors to write letters and help with housing. We are in need of new partner programs that are willing to accept women coming out of prison and county jails. We are hoping to have places all over the state of IN so that we can help every woman in IN that asks for it. One thing that this last month has shown me, however, is just how gripping the disease of addiction can be. A person can be doing so well for months, and in one moment of weakness he/she can destroy her life or even end it. Since starting Break Free, we have walked through two deaths and one in critical condition after multiple surgeries due to this disease. While these women were not in our program themselves, they are extremely important to our ministry story. They were daughters, sisters, mentors, and friends of those in our programs. One is still fighting for her life at the age of 25. She fought through total organ failure, a blood infection, a heart valve replacement, a pacemaker, a ventilator, and lung surgery. She is still in the ICU. Please pray that she finds God through this and realizes that she and her mom have a new family in Break Free.

Brittney is working alongside Redemption House to create our own chapter of Celebrate Recovery here at Trinity. This first class is for the women at Redemption House, but our hope is to open it up to the surrounding community. We want to be the place where people can celebrate their recovery while working through their struggles and temptations with a loving family with which they can be open and honest.

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Upcoming Events

Worship & Prayer

August 10th & 24th 6:30pm