



GLITTER & GRACE

A GRACE IN THE WILDERNESS MINISTRY

"With a little glitter and a lot of grace, we're spreading God's love all over the place."



My Happy Place

Everyone has a "happy place." A place where you can go, relax, turn on your favorite music and just breathe. As you get older, you'll find rest in your "happy place" in your mind more often than in reality. Life gets busy and vacations get more expensive so sometimes your "happy place" may only be in your dreams or quiet moments. As a mother of 2 wild boys, I often find myself escaping to my "happy place" by simply closing my eyes and imagining the ocean breeze. Just saying the words gives me a sense of peace and calm. Later in the newsletter I'll share some of my favorite vacation spots I've come to love over the years. I'd love to hear from you as well. Where is your happy place? Dream vacation? The picture above is from my #1 escape. Any guesses to where that is?

Ok enough daydreaming for the moment. In reality, our happy places are only temporary escapes from our every day lives. Unfortunately, vacations aren't free and they do have to end at some point. > insert sad face : (

As followers of Christ, we can rest easy knowing that our eternal happy place will never end. One day, when our journey on Earth is over, we'll finally find true peace in Heaven with our Lord and Savior. Can you imagine your "happy place" but a million times better? Never ending? No laundry to come home to? I'm not saying that Heaven will be white pearly beaches or mountain streams with log cabins, but Heaven will be better, more beautiful, and more peaceful than the human mind can even fathom. There are days that I wish I could get a postcard from my Papa in Heaven just to see It's beauty and hear his words of wisdom again, but then I remember that one day, I'll be there with him.





Heaven is more than just a temporary break from society; it is your eternal home if you are a follower of Christ. So next time you are having a bad day, remember that this world, the stress of this world, the sickness of this world, and the pain that you suffer today, is only temporary.

When you close your eyes and even your “happy place” seems dark, imagine your eternal home in Heaven. Imagine seeing the face of Jesus, resting without worrying about tomorrow, and living in eternal peace.

WOW. Just thinking about it gives me cold chills. Our “happy places” that we visit on Earth cannot even compare to the peace and beauty we will see in Heaven.



Thank you Lord for providing us with an eternal happy place and giving us hope for our future.



Favorite Places on Earth

“though beautiful, they cannot even compare to our forever home in Heaven.”

1) Gulf Shores, Alabama

Sun and white sand, clear blue ocean waters, and the last vacation spot we visited prior to our 2nd son being born.

We made our first trip to Gulf Shores when I was 8 months pregnant with Asher. It was the longest 9 hour drive ever, but definitely worth it. Thank you Lord for this beautiful place you graced us with.



Edisto Beach

Edisto is a quiet little beach with very little commercialization. There are very few restaurants, little to no stores, and nothing but sun and sand. If you like peace and quiet, this is the place for you.



I guess you can tell I love the ocean. Gulf Shores and Edisto are only 2 of the many places I love. I also love Cape Canaveral, St. Augustine Florida, Destin, and of course Panama City Beach.



Did I mention I like Pickens too? Ha ha. Pickens is nice but as far as vacations go...I prefer the beach. Like I said, I love the ocean...not the sharks...but sun, the sand, and ocean breeze. Sunrise over the ocean is one of the most peaceful times of day to me. I take this time on vacation to reflect on God's blessings and His Grace that He's showed us all. It's amazing to watch the sun rise and fade over an unending ocean. Just think, God created that for you. Next time you are standing by the ocean, look at the sand and try to count the specks beneath your feet. How far can you count? Can you imagine that your Father loves you more than that. Despite your sin, despite your future sins, He is and always will be there for you.

You're heavenly Father created this beauty. Each speck of sand, each sunset painted by His hand, and wave after wave controlled by His Glory...for you. It's unimaginable to fathom the extent of His love, but we can have peace in knowing that He is there. His love is and always will be there for His children.

Take peace in that. Know He is there. Make Him your happy place.

"My soul, wait in silence for God only, For my hope is from Him. He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be shaken" Psalm 62:5-6



Psalm 103 “O Praise His Name”

8 *The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.*

*9 He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.*

11 *For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;*

12 *as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

*13 As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;*

*14 for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.*

*15 The life of mortals is like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;*

*16 the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.*

17 *But from everlasting to everlasting
the Lord’s love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children’s children—*

*18 with those who keep his covenant
and remember to obey his precepts.*

19 *The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.*

*20 Praise the Lord, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.*

21 *Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.*

22 *Praise the Lord, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.*

Praise the Lord, my soul.

*As you praise His Name, have faith in knowing His peace
awaits you, His love abounds, and His Grace is sufficient.*

May God Bless you and Show you His Grace every day!



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