



In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness covered the surface of the deep and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. Genesis 1:1-3

I love to put together jigsaw puzzles. It's so relaxing. I learned this from my mother who always has a puzzle in the works on her card table. Often, when I visit, we sit and work the puzzle while the television is on in the background. A new box always begins with a big pile of discombobulated pieces strewn all over the table.

Sometimes, like an unfinished jigsaw puzzle, life can be messy and dark, without any perspective or direction. My life has been this way for the last 14 months. One day is good, productive and looking like I may finally have it together. The next three will be all over the map! I go through the motions of life because the structure is helpful, but it feels chaotic.

The Bible says, "The Spirit of God was hovering over the waters." God was hovering; He was present and He was near. This is our hope. When life overwhelms us and we cannot see through the darkness and confusion, God is present. He's not leaving us.

At just the right time He said, "Let there be light!" And He shone His light into the darkness that covered the earth. And He began to create. One day, one step at a time. He built the foundation then added more and more beauty to what was laid the day before. Lights, sky, land, seas, vegetation, animals and finally, man. And He said that His creation was good.

Life will not always stay messy. We need to realize that there is beauty in the pieces of our mess. Here I am, building a new life knowing God will form it into what He has destined for me.

Many of you have circumstances where you are rebuilding or starting over. It could be a business, the loss of a loved one or of a marriage, or maybe a financial crises. Whatever it may be, the process seems daunting. But if we know God has the final picture in His destiny for us, we can put one foot in front of the other and patiently trust God to rebuild beauty out of the puzzle pieces of our lives. They feel strewn about, but as He builds, the image forms and life begins to make sense.

If you feel like a discombobulated mess today, take heart in the fact that the same God who hovered over the waters is hovering over you.



PRAYER REQUEST

Ensenada Outreach

Twenty years ago Donnie and the team did a city-wide outreach for Christo Vive Church in Ensenada, Mexico. Out that of crusade. 15 churches were birthed as well as worship leaders, senior pastors and youth pastors.

This month, Christo Vive and the other 15 churches are hosting another city-wide outreach which we are supporting. Terry Douglas is heading up a team. They will be speaking in high schools, junior high's and renting a large theater for a night meeting where they can share their testimonies of faith.

Please pray for them August 28th-31st that it will be a powerful time of ministry to the people of Ensenada!

Speaking this November

I am scheduled to speak at Trinity Life Center in Las Vegas this November. Please pray for direction as I am preparing two different messages: one for the Women's Holiday event and one for the church on Sunday. I really appreciate it!

Donnie's Resources

We are working right now on Donnie's resources so they can be available. We will keep you posted!