A Word on Wednesday from Pastor Tonia "Some Days Are Diamonds" 2/1

Therefore, I will look unto the Lord: I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me. (Micah 7:7)

We have good days and bad days. Easy times and difficult times. Bad stuff happens, we can't control it, but we can control how we react to it.

John Denver looked at difficulties and wrote the song *Some Days Are Diamonds*. It is so true and we sing along with John:

Some days are *diamonds*, some days are stone Sometimes the hard times won't leave me alone Sometimes the cold winds blow a chill in my bones Some days are diamonds, some days are stone

We are often surprise by the unexpected in life, trials which happen when least expected. We shake our heads, we want to scream with frustration, but we can't control what happens to us, we just need to have some faith. We need to acknowledge some days are diamonds, and some - are just a hunk of coal. We are to look to the Lord and wait for His help, so we can face the obstacles as they arise.

Life itself is filled with ups and downs. Turbulence and tempests arise every now and then. There are days when things just don't go as planned. Life is a struggle in its entirety, and we wonder why we can't live in a rose garden. Sorry to tell you, but roses have thorns.

Whatever direction life takes, there is good news, God does not abandon us when things go off course. The Bible is particularly designed in a way which suits every situation and circumstance in life. When life doesn't go according to plan, just know you are not alone, God is right there with you!

God never promised us a rose garden, or maybe He did, we just need to remember- there will be thorns along with the beauty and fragrance. When we reach for the bloom and are stuck with a thorn, we turn to God with all of our heart, not leaning on our own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5) We call to the Lord who is worthy to be praised. (Psalm 18:3) We cast our cares on Him, remembering He cares for us. (I Pet 5:7) In the dark, facing the unknown, hurt by the unexpected we wait on God and put our trust in Him.

We often feel like calling out in frustration when things don't go as planned. It's tough when our lifeboat springs a leak. It's just one more thing we can't handle when the edge is closer than it looked. It's hard to keep our head up in rough waters. God foreknew it all and we are told we can look to the Lord in such a time, He will hear us. (Micah 7:7)

Please pray with me:

God of the unexpected. Some days are diamonds, and we give You thanks and praise. Some days, not so much, so we look to You and wait for Your salvation knowing You hear us, care for us, and will come to us. We thank You for diamonds and for diamonds in the making.

Amen.