



Lemons

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I am talking with a family in Arizona. They are dealing with the circumstances around their 35 year old son who has never become a responsible adult.

The son has gone to college, he is married with two kids and still wants to live at home. In order to get him to move out they bought him a house and often make the payments. He has a job (not the one he wants), but never has the money to repair the house or cars so he is always asking for more.

They ask me what to do and I keep telling them "He will not start acting like an adult until you start treating him like one. You need to quit doing for him what he can do for himself."

They are caught in the trap of thinking their son is the lemon that is souring their life. The truth is, it is their choices that have produced the circumstances they don't like.

At this point in their lives, the good choices are going to be hard.


Unfortunately they are experiencing the reality that their circumstances are lemons, but they can learn how to make lemonade. In order to make lemonade you need to start with lemons, add water, sugar and stir.

Their choices have given them lemons. Their tough love and encouragement are the water and sugar. Life provides the stirring.

It is not fun telling people that their choices got them to where they are today. God never told Sheryl and me to go and have fun, He told us to go and make disciples. He told us to teach the gospel - and the gospel is all about choices.

Thank you again for your support, both prayer and financial support. We could not do this ministry without you - and your support!

In His grip,


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Answers to Prayer

The battle with the strep virus is over. Yea!

Prayer Requests

We are going to start teaching a seminar entitled Growing Responsible Adults on September 10th. It is being hosted by a Sunday School class but the whole Church is invited.

Pray that those who attend will be open to hearing what God has to say about our responsibility as we raise the kids who are around us.

Pray for Texas, and Louisiana. That the devastation from hurricane Harvey would be used by God to soften the heart of the people to hear Gods voice.

Continue to pray for the politicians and everyone in our country. That we would seek Gods answer to the issues that face our country.