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A Hero Among Us



I recently had the opportunity to witness a true hero being recognized for his brave efforts on behalf of others.

Denver Poore is a young man waging a war against neurofibromatosis, a genetic disorder that disturbs cell growth in the nervous system causing tumors to form on nerve tissue. These tumors may develop anywhere in the nervous system, including the brain, spinal cord and nerves.

Denver was recently recognized at an Ocala City Council meeting and presented with a Proclamation declaring May as Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month.

[Click here](#) to read more about Denver at Ocala.com.



Firefighter Family Day

Plans are being made to hold a special day designed for our firefighters and their families. Firefighter Family Day will feature carnival games, cotton candy, snow cones and relay races. All of this is being designed to thank our firefighters for the work they do and to give them and their families time to enjoy being together.

Look for more details about this event in next month's newsletter.



CISM Training in Bay County



Last month I had the privilege to teach Individual and Group Crisis Intervention to this wonderful group of people in Bay County, FL.

Contact me if you are interested in hosting crisis intervention training in your area.



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Don't Get Stuck in the Middle of the Story

“If you’re going through hell, keep going.” Winston Churchill

Recently, my pastor has been leading our church through a series of messages from the Old Testament book of Job. You probably haven’t heard too many sermons about Job because much of his story is rather depressing. Job is the guy in the Bible who had everything, then lost it all after getting caught up in a cosmic battle between God and Satan. He lost his family, his livelihood and his possessions all on the same day. The only thing he was left with was his life, but was in so much pain that he cursed the day he was born.

But that isn’t where his story ends.

Like Job, maybe you’ve found yourself in the midst of a story that isn’t going well. Things haven’t quite worked out the way you planned. The dreams you were pursuing seem to have you going nowhere.

But also like Job, this isn’t where your story ends, either.

I’ve come to realize that life happens in seasons. Nothing lasts forever; not the good times, not the bad. Rather, each season of life provides its own unique opportunity for us to live and grow. The challenge for us is to accept the season we are in and embrace it for all it’s worth. Rather than looking for a way around, we should meet each situation head on and travel through it. I’ve heard it said this way, “Since you can’t get out of it, get into it!”

How will your story end? I don’t know that answer, but let me encourage you with this: Don’t get stuck in the middle of the story. Today is only one chapter in the book called “Your Life.” There is more to be written; more to be lived. Keep going, turn the page and see what’s next.

How does Job’s story end? Here’s what we read toward the end of the book. “So the LORD blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the beginning.”



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