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## Lessons from the Garden ...

*Each year we attempt to grow a garden. In the past, we have seen growth, but actually produced a little more than thorns and thistles. Whatever the Lord chooses to let grow; we are still faithful in the planting because we know how much the Lord uses the garden to speak to us.*

**William Abbott** was working in the garden and the Lord spoke to him about all the weeds. William says the plant was growing up towards the Heavens and the weeds were wrapping around trying to choke it out. He had to go out and give it a helping hand by pulling off the weeds so the plant could grow. He says the Lord showed him that is exactly what He does for us.

**Ian Miller** said that he has been praying over the only oregano plant in the garden. He said that because we have spaghetti every Thursday, he has been wanting the oregano, but it isn't ready yet. The Lord has been teaching Ian patience and that good things will come in due time. He also has been learning through the Chamomile plants that even though they look big and beautiful, if you cut off some of the new growth, they begin to grow even bigger. It's all a pruning process just like our growth in the Lord.



**LeeAnn Woods** said that the garden is a metaphor of us and all of the new residents that the Lord sends. He says, you just plant the seeds and I will do the watering and the world will see the growth. She says that the Lord shows her that we cannot do anything to make them grow except introduce them to Jesus and He will send the water.

**Jamie Black** says that it all started with a good foundation. We had to let the Lord direct our path and make the plan for the best outcome. The garden that was built on the good soil has a solid foundation and it is growing by leaps and bounds. He also said that He was amazed at the "dead" plants that were donated. Not one person here saw a "dead" plant. Everyone was singing and praising the Lord for the plants because we could see what they would become, not what they were. They just needed love.



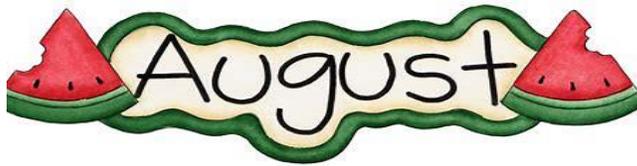
**Will Smith** was working digging a trench. He says that as he was digging, Zach was coming behind him to clean up the dirt that was falling back in the trench. He said he purposely left a giant root and Zach said, "hey man you left a root" and the Lord showed him that this was his whole life. When things were too hard, he would just skip over them and let someone else clean up the mess. He said he went back and dug up the root properly to be pleasing to the Lord.

*If you are ready to be delivered from your life-controlling problems, if you are ready for **JESUS**, then we believe that our program is for **YOU**. If you are looking for help for yourself or for a loved one, please pick up the phone and call us today... **573-371-2020**.*

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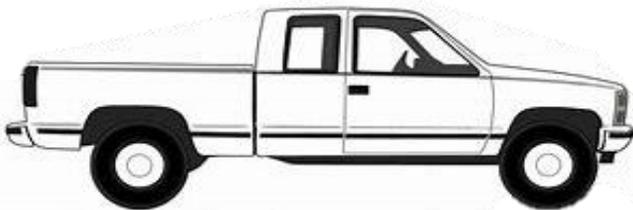


My name is **Ian Miller**. I am 39 years old from Taft, California. I was born to a very good family and brought up in a very loving and somewhat sheltered environment. My family is a very multi-racial melting pot, so I was raised to love and accept others. I was raised Catholic and had my first Holy communion with people I am still friends with to this day. I knew God from a very young age and walked with Him to the best of my ability and understanding until about the 7<sup>th</sup> grade, when I discovered drugs and girls. I became rebellious and found comradery and acceptance amongst the outcasts, who seemingly were not so judgmental and condemning. All the "rich kids" who "did no wrong", seemed very dark and condescending and although we remained friends, I floated into a less sheltered life. Discovering drugs, sex, lawlessness, and open rebellion, I also experienced things I did not approve of, racism, violence, cruelty, and abuse. This put distance between my family and I as well as my friends. At the age of 25, I had my first child and turned to God to direct my path. I got clean and attended church 4 to 5 days a week, helping out with formal dinners, cleaning up the sanctuary, serving at banquets or setting up for fund raisers. I was blessed with a good job and ultimately with what would become my wife and future mother of my children. After building a life together, my wife and I drifted apart, which destroyed me as a person. I became homeless in the process and lost all desire to live. I was sent to Freedom House by my family, but left when I was served divorce papers, which made everything even worse. Calling out to Jesus, and on the brink of death, I reached out for help. This time it was my decision to come back to Freedom house. I have been here a little over 10 months. I have graduated the program and am in the staff training program, giving back what was given to me. I am grateful for what God has done in my life and in the lives of those around me. It is very real and something you would have to see with your own eyes. If you are seeking help and answers to life's problems and issues, Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. I would recommend anyone to this program, and I believe in it's ministering in healing the lost and broken, through love, through Christ. I have learned this to be true. You never fail if you never quit. **"Call on me and I shall answer you and show you great and wonderful things you know not of." Jeremiah 33:3**



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We are really in desperate need of a vehicle to pick up donations for our monthly yard sales. We had no idea when the Lord put Freedom House in Holcomb, MO how He was going to use yard sales to support this ministry. The yard sales are our biggest outreach ministry in this community; teaching the residents to serve and share the Lord with others, and our biggest means on monthly support. Please pray and ask the Lord if He would have you step up and help us with the need. Thank you!!

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For As The Soil Makes The Sprout Come Up And A Garden Causes Seeds To Grow, So The Sovereign Lord Will Make Righteousness And Praise Spring Up Before All Nations.

Isaiah 61-11