

NEXT STEPS

Series: *"Indeed"*

Mother's Day May 10, 2026

Message: *"He Is Risen Indeed — Even When It's Complicated"* Guest Speaker: Jennifer New

Next Steps are designed to be used in your small group settings. Need a group? Let us help!

Mother's Day can be joyful and full of gratitude, and for some, it truly is. For others, it carries loss, longing, or emotions that don't fit neatly into a single day. Often, it is a mixture of love and grief held at the same time. In today's message, we were reminded that Jesus does not step away from complicated stories; He steps into them. And because He is risen, suffering does not get the final word. Before Jesus rose, He first chose to leave the glory of heaven and become nothing.

Philippians 2:6–7 (NIV)

"Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness."

Jesus entered pain. He understands loss, disappointment, isolation, and grief. Where do you need Jesus to see you and meet you there?

The message also reminded us that God does not waste what you have carried. Redemption does not erase the past, but it reshapes the future.

Genesis 50:20 (BSB)

"As for you, what you intended against me for evil, God intended for good, to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."

What has God shaped in you through hardship or complicated loss? What strength, awareness, or compassion grew there? How might God be healing forward, not only in you, but in the generations that follow?

How will you respond this week? Will you name your pain honestly before God? Will you trust Him with a redemption you cannot yet fully see? Will you encourage someone quietly carrying complicated grief? Jesus was there. Jesus is here. Jesus will be here, even when it's complicated. Who needs to hear that hope from you this week?

Two weeks from now, we will celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Pentecost is seen as the birth of the Church. It is also the 13th anniversary of the Church of Grady County. This series is a great way to share with others what the Church is all about. God is calling ALL to come close.

Who deserves to join you on this journey? When will you ask?

Remember, we have gathered here in worship; now it is time to go and be the Church.

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