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God's Love

By Major Pam Markham

I love Hallmark movies. There I have confessed, and it is out there for all to hear. I can watch them over and over again and I love it when they play the Christmas ones all year long. I love when it is February and they really pour on the love and add a wedding. When my children were younger my husband would take the kids out for a while on Saturdays, then I could get all the laundry done, clean the house and watch Hallmark without any interruptions. I even have my husband to the point where he will turn on the Hallmark channel even if I am doing something else.

My grandson has been staying with us while his mom is working in another state. He comes in the room and yells, "Not another Hallmark!" and then proceeds to state the obvious, "They fall in love, there is a misunderstanding, and they get back together." Yep, that's why I like Hallmark, they always have a happy ending.

As much as we would love to think that Hallmark has the perfect love stories and they always end in happily ever after, it's all a fantasy. In real life we have disappointment, heartache, and loss.

I John 4:11-12 (MSG) says this, "My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other. No one has seen God, ever. But if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us, and his love becomes complete in us – perfect love!"

God is love. Pure and simple. If we say we love God then we should show others the same love. God sent his Son to die for us, to take away all the ugliness in our lives, to cleanse us and make us new and beautiful. God makes us perfect in his love. Perfect love, what more could we want. It's what we look for in a spouse, it's what we want in our parents, we hope love our children and grandchildren like this, but in reality perfect love can only be found in a relationship with God.

Beloved, let us love one another for love is of God, and ev'ry one who loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not loveth not God for God is love beloved let us love one another

1 John 4: 7-8

Growing up I loved this song; it was always a reminder of how I should be living each and every day. I still find myself humming it every once in a while and smiling, because I know that God loves me and I need to continue loving others in return.

I John 4:17 (MSG) "God is love. When we take up permanent residence in a life of love, we live in God and God lives in us. This way, love has the run of the house, becomes at home and mature in us, so that we're free of worry on Judgement Day – our standing in the world is identical with Christ's."

When we love God and He lives in us we too are guaranteed the true happy ending that Hallmark could never give.



Thank You!

GRAFTON

Pattie: shout out to you for covering days I need off! Also for being a team player:)

Michelle: shout out to you for always staying consistent and helping the work day run smoothly!

Jay: shout out to you for awesome communication! You also make the work day fun!

Sara: shout out to you for keeping harvest home looking great! Also for being a great caregiver!

Erin: shout out to you for being new to the team and learning so quickly!

Melissa C, Grace, Haley: shout out to you ladies for always going above and beyond and setting 1st shift up for success!

Shane: shout out to you for always willing to help caregivers when it's needed!

Dan: Thank you for being YOU! Best maintenance man of all! Shout out to always staying on top of maintenance request! You do good work!

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Stephanie: shout out for all the hard work you put into every month, every holiday, activity planning!

Kate: shout out to you for being so kind and patient! You do a great job keeping your composure! You are always willing to help when needed!

Sara & Patti- thank you for helping Steph with her bulletin boards & Sara for stocking the hospice cart!



STAFF SHOUTOUTS

HOWARDS GROVE

Lisa - Thank you for always being so willing to buy different or new things for the residents when we ask.

Mike - for being on top of repairs and making sure we always have the cleaning supplies we need.

Barb - thank you for reading to the residents at every meal!!

Cameo - thank you for leading great activities! Stepping it up in making sure they are done



MOUNT PLEASANT

Maria does a great job leading Bingo in Holland House and making it fun!

The day shift caregivers in Holland House keep the dining room looking neat and clean and it is much appreciated

Thanks to the admin team for making Lauren and Angel feel special during Activity Professionals week!

Makayla has done a great job showing servant leadership in her new role

Kent has been very helpful on our campus as we look to hire a maintenance person

Lily works very hard to encourage residents to attend activities and remain active in general

Jenn is an excellent addition to our admin team! She is very efficient and kind

Many thanks to Beth, Cindy and Claudia for carrying extra responsibility during our most recent transition and still smiling! Shykira: thanks for working with your house and making it a great place to work!

Shawn: Thanks for being such a great team player



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



Congratulations,

Kate

Caregiver | Grafton

Thank you, for all that you do at Harvest Home!



Congratulations,

Dawn

Caregiver | Howards Grove

Thank you, for all that you do at Harvest Home!



Happy Birthday!



BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday from all of us at Harvest Home!

FEB 2 -		
Sally		
Mount Pl	easant	
FEB 6		_
Cass	andra	
Howards	Grove	
FEB 7	-	
Jean		
Howards	Grove	
FEB 8		
Wen	di	
Mount P	easant, Howards Grove, Grafton	
FEB 9		_
Nicol	e	
Mount P	easant	
FEB 10		
Taca	ra	
Mount P	easant	





Happy Anniversary!



WORK ANNIVERSARIES

Thank you for being part of the Harvest Home team!

Marissa Y	
1 year (Howards Grove)	
FEB 3	
Melissa S	
1 Years • Grafton	
FEB 13 —————	
Jordan H	
1 year Howards Grove	
FEB 14	
Deb V	
5 Years • Howards Grove	
FEB 27 ————	
Tiffany S	
7 years Grafton	



PERSONAL GROWTH

Personal Growth

At Harvest Home, we want to help you be the best you can be. Check out the tips below to help your own personal growth.

Know Yourself

Who are you? Who do you aspire to be?

Always remember to be yourself, and to focus on yourself and what YOU want. In a world that expects us to conform and fit in it is sometimes hard to just be ourselves, but it is better to avoid conforming to other people's standards, expectations and ideals because often they are not realistic and aspiring to these can make us miserable. It is better not to care what people think of us because we will be judged regardless, so remember, be the best version of yourself, not someone else's copy.

Remember: "It is better to be hated for who you are than it is to be loved for something you are not."

Embrace yourself!



Happy Memories Made

Here's a few memories that were made this past month -



















PHOTO GALLERY













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