



Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church

Connecting with God; Connecting with Others; Connecting others with God

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DAILY DEVOTIONAL FROM PASTOR SELL

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In January and February Hostetter's Hardware has its Yard Sale of the items from the previous summer's stock. Some of the items are real treasures at the lower price, others like the potted plants, all you can say is "Are they really trying to sell that?" Recently the yard sale had one plant left. It was a hanging bridal veil that was dried and wilted. Since I love bridal veil to the point where I used the hanging vines for curtains in one of my homes, I put the plant in my cart. True, I left a trail of dry leaves as I walked around the store, but I was going to try to save this one last plant. When I got home, I shook off the rest of the dried leaves and cut it back. Lots of water and plant food followed. I watered over a week and the plant was beginning to look surprisingly good. New growth was sprouting from the pot. It has been about three weeks and the plant has revived. I can't wait for it to begin to flower in about a month. Hundreds of tiny white flowers will bloom, and it will look like a bridal veil.

People are like that, too. People can be broken and depressed by life, but a little TLC and good news can quickly revive them. Jesus gives that Good News that God loves people, gives us value, and has a purpose for us. Let's follow Jesus' example, and help people bloom abundantly.