**Shades**

Had no idea the pace I was growing spiritually until a new person walked into the room. It had been so subtle that it almost went unnoticed. Seeing that new person walk through the door, just as I had, hit me straight to the heart.  
  
I was there!  
  
At that moment, I realized how far I had come. Had I arrived, no way! But I was taking a journey on the right path that the Lord set before me and doing it one step at a time. I never started out thinking that I wanted to grow spiritually and be at THIS place at THIS time. Instead, I started each day wanting to be with God and seek His truth. 

5Trust in the Lord with all your heart  
    and lean not on your own understanding;  
6in all your ways submit to him,  
    and he will make your paths straight.

7Do not be wise in your own eyes;  
    fear the Lord and shun evil.  
8This will bring health to your body  
    and nourishment to your bones.  
   -Proverbs 3:5-8

When I took my ways and my plans and submitted those to the Lord brought a heart that began to trust His faithfulness. It's like colors transitioning from one to the other, it's hard to pinpoint where the change happened...it's subtle. As you take steps on the path that the Lord sets before you each day, you may not see any changes. But I want you to know that it's happening and to remain faithful to what is good and right. One day (in the near future) you will be able to turn and see just how far you've come. It really does take being faithful and trustworthy with each day given.

If we have not met, I want you to know that my name is Holly and I walked into this church 22 years ago with a 5yo daughter and a 2 month old son in tow. This church embraced me but bigger than that the gospel and what God did in my life changed this common girl forever! And I know He will do the same for you! He will! Enjoy the SPF ministry and the newsletter and get excited about what God has in store for you and your children!

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