Unraveled by Holly Crain

When our kids see a string hanging from their sweaters, they start pulling and pulling! And who isn't tempted? We've all learned from pulling them in the past that it could unravel or distort our sweaters so that they are never quite the same. And there are times in raising a family that strings could unravel or distort where we are trying to lead our families.

Many struggles come up against families. But in a single-parent family, when we do not have access to our children, lose any access to them, or are just being shut out from a child ...it can feel like we are coming unraveled! Each tick of the clock is seemingly another tick lost. Recapturing those times feel gone and lost. But in God's economy, He can restore the years the locusts have eaten, miraculously make all things new again, and even carve the path forward for us in those difficult times.

We will encounter many things in life that we would never wish upon ourselves or for anyone else, for that matter. In those times, we feel like PULLING away, giving up, and disengaging. ***But what if we PUSHED instead?***Push ourselves to stay engaged even when we don't feel like it. Push ourselves towards God and give him full access as we lay everything before Him. What if we pushed those pieces over to God?  He can put us back together with those pieces like only He can.

It's human nature to want to pull away, like pulling that string on the sweater. In times like this, we will almost never feel like engaging with others. But staying connected to the Lord, with other believers, and being present with our family are the very things that will get us through. We will find that with those pieces, He weaves our lives back together one stitch at a time and creates something beautiful and extraordinary through it all.

*"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."*Romans 8:28

If we have not met, I want you to know that I walked into this church 24 years ago with a five-year-old daughter and a two-month-old son in tow. This church embraced me, but more significant than that, the gospel and what God did in my life changed this ordinary girl forever! And I know He will do the same for you! He will! Enjoy church, the SPF ministry, and this SPF newsletter. Let yourself get excited about what God has for you and your children.

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