

Letters of ENCOURAGEMENT

God Loves You  No Matter What

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A Note from Amanda Nofzinger

Dear Friends,

“Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game.” ~Babe Ruth

This thought popped into my brain as I was reflecting on starting my third season as the Farm Market Manager. I could not have foreseen just how much growing I would do each season.

As I prepared our vendors and got everything finalized, a roadblock appeared that I was not prepared for.

Being a Type 2 (The Helper) on the Enneagram, I have always been a people pleaser and wanted to make everyone happy as much as possible. When this roadblock appeared, there wasn't a solution that could make everyone happy. (Here's the Enneagram page on our church website, by the way; there are resources for beginners, if you're interested in learning more: <https://hilliardumc.org/enneagram/>.)

I wanted to quit. I didn't want to deal with it. I took it very personally and lost sleep over the issue.

I realized that the fear of messing up (or striking out) was stopping me from learning and was taking all of the joy away from my job.

After some much-needed venting, I took a step back and told myself it isn't personal. This will not crush you or make you any less loved or appreciated because this bad thing happened.

There is no shame in not being able to make everyone happy all the time.





Once I let go of that burden and gave it to God, it was amazing how much better I felt, how much clearer I could see and think through things. It was and is not my burden to carry, and God made sure that I learned that.

As things return to “normal,” I am excited to see our market grow.

If I had quit three years ago when Covid hit because things were too hard, I would have missed all of the growth I see in myself.

I would have missed meeting all of the amazing vendors at our market.

I would have missed meeting new people in our community and making so many new friends.

Friends, is there something you are afraid of that is holding you back?

God may be telling you to give that fear to him so that he can clear that fog and help you to grow. Trust that God knows what he is doing and that he can see the other side and knows how it ends.



“In God I trust; I shall not be afraid.” ~Psalm 56:4

If you are looking for ways to push past your fears and would like to volunteer this summer at the Farm Market, we would love to have you! Sign up here: <https://hilliardfarmmarket.com/volunteer-sign-up>

I look forward to seeing you on opening day! May 24, 4-7pm!

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