

# LWML *Texas* District

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Meditation

## Fall's Mercy

As fall continues the ground turns brown, the leaves fall, and many plants quit bearing fruit as they did in the spring and summer. It is a time of reminder for us that we too were once dead. We were dead in our sin. We were like the piles of leaves separated from the life the tree gives.

*But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ — by grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace and kindness towards us in Christ Jesus (Ephesians 2:4-7).*

Because of what have we been saved? By God's MERCY. He has loved us with a great love! He has made us alive in Christ Jesus. Imagine if your favorite plant came back to life long after its season of blooming had ended! What a giant surprise that would be.

We were dead. The dead cannot bring themselves back to life. Once you are dead, you are gone. Yet, through the power of God, we have been raised with Christ! This is a mystery, only something God can do. Only God can raise the dead back to life. We are inching our way towards Thanksgiving, and what better thing to be thankful than our new life through God's mercy in Christ Jesus.

There is a song sung by Tim McGraw entitled "Live Like You Were Dying." The writer talks about all these things he did after a negative health diagnosis. When the song was initially released many people started writing bucket lists, things they wanted to do before they died.

We can look at our lives as though we have a second chance at life. The life given through Christ gives us great freedom! How will you use that freedom? Will you use it like the song says, going bull riding, fishing, finally read the Good Book? Or will you use it to share Jesus with others so they too can know about God's free gift to us?

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