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Think on these things...

Philippians 4:8-9

What Is Lovely?

The command to think on things that are lovely is next in this series from Philippians chapter four. I'm sure many images come to your mind's eye when you think of the word lovely. Flowers, forests, and a few special friends come to my mind. In my Bible study, I found just a few scriptures that use the word lovely. Most of them refer to attractive physical attributes of various women and men in the Bible. Another passage in Psalm 84:1 says that the Lord's dwelling place is lovely. I hope we will all see that place someday.

Rarely does the daily news report on anything lovely, but a story titled "Good News" on October sixteenth caught my attention. The video showed a young woman with a glowing smile - bright like the rising sun. Before I even heard the story, I was struck by the expression on her face. I thought - how lovely she is. It wasn't her physical beauty that drew me to her; though she was attractive. It was the spirit and personality that radiated through her eyes and smile.

As she began speaking, I listened with great interest as Elisabeth Hasselbeck of Fox News conducted the interview. The twenty-two year old college senior studying horticulture told her compelling story with confidence. She told of how she almost died before she was born. She explained that she really wasn't even supposed to exist. She explained that she shouldn't have been conceived. Her story really began with her mother. Her mother was the victim of a sexual assault. From that assault, a pregnancy occurred. Already married, she explained what had happened to her husband. He didn't want this baby. It wasn't his. A baby conceived this way would be a constant reminder of the sexual assault on his wife by another man. He gave her an ultimatum. Two choices were hers. Option one was to get rid of the baby through abortion, and she could keep her marriage. Option two was to have the baby and lose her marriage through divorce.

Pregnant with no support from her husband to have the child, she faced a seemingly impossible situation. While dealing with a sexual assault, an unwanted and unexpected pregnancy, and the threat of divorce from her husband, she moved from

California to Birmingham, Alabama to be near her grandparents. There she met people from the Christian adoption agency, Lifeline Children’s Services. With their counsel and support, she chose life for her child. She carried her baby to term, and the newborn girl was adopted into a loving family.

This child, now twenty-two, was elected as Auburn University’s 100th Homecoming Queen this fall. In today’s society of political correctness, Molly Anne Dutton’s platform was unique. Her platform was entirely devoted to adoption advocacy. “Light Up Life,” celebrates life and seeks to increase awareness about the option of adoption.



Molly aims to bring hope to hopeless situations and seek solutions to the broken and hurting. Her program, Light Up Life, addresses the fact that every two minutes someone in the United States is sexually assaulted as her birth mother

was. In the time you spend reading this article, several women have been hurt. One out of six women will be a victim of a rape or attempted rape in her lifetime. Molly’s platform, intended only for her campaign at Auburn University’s campus, revealed that these statistics predicted that 2025 women at Auburn University alone would be impacted in this way. Initially, only hoping to address her collegiate peers at Auburn University, her story is now being shared across the country.

Molly wants women with unexpected pregnancies to know that they are not alone and that there is always help available. She looks at adoption as a “glorious” option. In her community, Lifeline Adoption Agency, Women’s Hope and Safe Harbor provide counseling, information, and hope to those facing crises. She wants light to shine through the darkness that exists for so many. Molly says, “I have personally received that hope, light, and truth, and I hope to light up the life of another.”

Because of Lifeline Children’s Services, Molly’s mom found the courage and support to carry her child to birth. She found the will-power to provide for Molly by giving her up to be adopted and raised by a family that could better care for her. At this stage of her life, Molly seeks to bring attention to the blessing her life has been. She is a life that almost wasn’t. Shining light on the darkness of sexual assault and providing links to life and hope is the reason Molly wants to share her story. Because of the counsel and support of Lifeline Christian Services, Molly has thrived. Productive and positive about life, she continues to contribute to her family, her school, her community, and now the nation. I find this story and young lady to be very lovely. I hope you will as you think on these things.

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DID YOU KNOW?

Who were Boaz's parents?

Who was King David's father?

Who was Solomon's mother?

Whose genealogy is presented in Matthew?

How many generations were there between Abraham and David?

How many generations were there between the deportation to Babylon and Jesus?

What did the angel tell Joseph about the conception of Mary's child?

What does Immanuel mean?

What was Mary's son predicted to do?

Note: Answers to all of these questions can be found in Matthew chapter one.

RECIPES

Pecan Pie Muffins

1 cup light brown sugar, packed
1 cup pecans, chopped
1/2 cup all-purpose flour
1/2 tsp baking powder
1/4 tsp salt
1/2 cup butter, melted
2 large eggs, lightly beaten
1 tsp vanilla
1/2 cup finely chopped pecans



1. Pre-heat oven to 425. Combine first 5 ingredients in a large bowl; make a well in center of mixture. Stir together butter and next 2 ingredients; add to brown sugar mixture, stir until moistened. Coat 2 (12 cup) miniature muffin pans well with cooking spray. Place 1 tsp finely chopped pecans in each muffin cup; spoon batter over pecans, filling almost to the top. Place muffin pans on an aluminum foil lined jelly roll pan.

2. Bake at 425 for 10-12 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted into center comes out clean. Cool on a wire rack 2 minutes. Run a knife around edge of each cup to loosen muffins, and removed from pan.

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M E M O R Y V E R S E

*How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him who brings
good news, and rings good news of happiness, who
announces salvation, and says to Zion,*

“Your God reigns!”

Isaiah 52: 7



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