

# WORD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

GOD'S PATIENCE AND KINDNESS LEADS PEOPLE TO REPENTANCE. ROMANS 2:4

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“Finally, brothers and sisters, *whatever is true*, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” Philippians 4:8

Almost 2 years ago now, I made a decision,  
a conscious decision to change *one* thing.  
And that one thing has served to change *everything*.

What is it?  
It sounds almost too simple, too easy.  
But it was, and is, far from it.

The one thing I changed, am still changing, is one word: *fine*.

I purposed, with God's help, to change my habit of just being...*fine*.

“Good morning! How are you?”  
“Eh...I'm fine...”  
“Oh, hi! How are you?”  
“Oh...I'm fine...”

Sound familiar?  
I, like many of us, get caught in the ugly quagmire of just being *fine*.

Ugly? Quagmire?  
I thought fine was pretty good!  
Fine beats horrible any day, doesn't it?

No. Not really.

Why?  
Because I realized...that I'm *not* just fine.

Sure, fine is safe.  
It's not too bad.  
It's not too good.  
Yes, fine seems safe...but *is it true?*

The *truth* was, and is, that I have no reason to *just be fine*.  
On tough days, I'm not just fine,  
I am a beloved child of God,  
bought with a price!  
On hard days, I'm not just fine,  
I'm more than a conqueror  
through Jesus Christ who loves me!  
On painful days, I'm not just fine,  
because the *joy of the Lord* is my strength!

At first, I felt like a fake:

“Good morning! How are you?”

“Great!”

Yeah...right...

I felt ridiculous:

“Oh, hi! How are you?”

“I’m great!”

Oh really?

But slowly, as my speech changed  
so did my feelings.

As I began to *speak* the truth,  
even though I didn’t yet *feel* it,  
something changed.

I was no longer just *speaking* the truth,  
I was actually beginning to *live* it!

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy,  
to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—  
this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world,  
but *be transformed by the renewing of your mind ...*” Romans 12:1-2 NIV

## **DATES & TIMES TO REMEMBER:**

**Who We Are Class**—New to Word Fellowship Church? Want to find out more about who we are and why we do the things we do? Join us on Saturday, January 18, at 9 am for our Who We Are Class. Find out the specific vision and mission God has for us here at WFC! [Register](#) to attend today!

**Annual Business Meeting**—Part of the WFC family? Be sure to join us on Monday, January 20, at 7 pm for our Annual Business Meeting! Come, hear a quick recap of all God did in and through us last year and be excited and renewed in the vision that God has for this coming year! Find out the new & exciting ways God is growing us in prayer, Small Groups, Kidz ministries and more! This is an exciting, purposeful meeting that you won’t want to miss!

**Seasons of Purpose**—Age 60+? Join us for a refreshing morning of prayer, sharing and renewed vision for the purpose God has for your life! Saturday, January 25, 10am-noon.

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