

“A Less Than Perfect Mom”

You are Saved by the **Grace** of God through **faith**

Ephesians 2:8-9 NIV

For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast.

Not by Parental Works!!

A Less Than Perfect Husband

A Less Than Perfect Dad

A Less Than Perfect Mother

WE ARE CHRISTIANS!!

Marriage is not **perfect**, the best option you are given is to marry another **sinner**.

A Sinner saved by grace married to a Sinner saved by grace.

There are no perfect parents

Romans 3:23-24 NIV

for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.

“A Less Than Perfect Mother”

Presented by Pastor David Bellows

Christ’s Church of Marion County

May 8, 2016

Page 1 of 5 Pages

The Entire **Work** of Evangelism is entirely the **Work** of the Holy Spirit

Psalms 37:39 NIV

The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

Salvation comes from the Lord, it is by His grace and it is for His glory, not of the parents

Jonah 2:9 NLT

“For my salvation comes from the LORD alone.”

To Be a Christian is NOT to proudly live before the world as those who have it right.

Our calling is to live **humbly** before the world as those who have been **rescued**.

Ephesians 4:1-6 NIV

I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Sarai.... Sarah

Genesis 12:11 NIV (verses 10-20)

As he was about to enter Egypt, he said to his wife Sarai, "I know what a beautiful woman you are.

Sarah was a less than perfect Mother

[“A Less Than Perfect Mother”](#)

[Presented by Pastor David Bellows](#)

[Christ’s Church of Marion County](#)

[May 8, 2016](#)

[Page 2 of 5 Pages](#)

Sarah had a less than perfect Husband

Sarah had a less than perfect Family

Sarah had a less than perfect Faith

But, Sarah had a gloriously perfect Savior

Genesis 12:13 NIV

“Say you are my sister, so that I will be treated well for your sake and my life will be spared because of you.”

Genesis 16

Genesis 21:12 NIV

But God said to him, "Do not be so distressed about the boy and your slave woman. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned.

A Less Than Perfect **Husband**

A Less Than Perfect **Family**

A Less Than Perfect **Faith**

Genesis 18

Theophany: an appearance of God in human form, a theophany to bring the promise of a Redeemer.

Genesis 12 God **speaks** the promise

Genesis 15 God gives the promise in a **dream**

Genesis 18 God **appears**, a theophany, in human form

Genesis 18:10-12 NIV

Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?"

God's promise is **stronger** than our faith.

Genesis 21:6 NIV

Sarah said, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me."

No one has perfect **FAITH**.

The Bible does not say, It is by faith you have been saved by grace because we would not make it!! Our salvation does not hang on our belief but on God's grace.

Sarah has a gloriously perfect **Savior**.

Galatians 3:8 NIV

Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: "All nations will be blessed through you."

"A Less Than Perfect Mother"

Presented by Pastor David Bellows

Christ's Church of Marion County

May 8, 2016

Page 4 of 5 Pages

Acts 4:11-12 NIV

Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.’ Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.