SCHOOLED: Home Schooled

Sometimes the walls of our classroom look different than what we expected. Sometimes they don't resemble a proving ground at all; but we learn later-on, the lesson was right on point no matter the classroom. We learn that not every classroom comes complete with a chalkboard and a world atlas and a shiny apple resting on the teacher's desk. Lessons can be taught anywhere, and one can also be a student any place one is willing to learn.

The Pandemic now seems light years away, but the lessons learned I imagine will always linger. First, we learned a classroom can pop up anywhere, and secondly, we became educated that we are capable of working from almost any place. Computers double as fine educators, and sometimes have more patience as long as we have more patience. Indelible lessons were engraved on our hearts and in our minds during tense and tragic times our world endured. And no place was it more apparent than in the classroom.

I wonder if God was merely homeschooling His children? Wasn't the world coming unhinged, as all we knew to be true became false very quickly! But we learned we really do have stamina; we really are creative; we really can overcome helpless situations. We realized we really do have worth, and sometimes, we were able to knock out of the park some pretty awesome curve balls.

During those days, I read, in another time, God had grown saddened and disheartened with mankind. Scripture reads in Genesis 6:6, 'And the Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him to His heart.' (ESV) I wonder if the Lord was wishing again to wipe us out because we have become such miserable creatures. But then I read in those days He sent a rainbow that came with a promise He would never again destroy humanity. Instead, He sent His one true Son to bring everlasting life to humankind.

For much of my life, to me, it was of utmost importance to please my dad. Oh, how I wanted his approval, to hear his accolades. During this time of homeschooling, I learned about the infallibility of God's unconditional love. I realized my dad did the best he could, but he like all of us was human, and humans put conditions on everything. I do too. We all do. But the length the Lord will go to demonstrate His unequivocal love for you and for me is unmatchable and only attainable through a relationship with Jesus. Aren't you grateful the Lord has taken time and precaution to homeschool us in ways we may never fathom? I want His efforts to pay off not only for my good and yours, but also for His glory, so that this time next year, as we are stepping into the next classrooms in life, we can graduate to new lessons and study things of eternal value.

Ecclesiastes 3:11, 'He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.' (NIV)