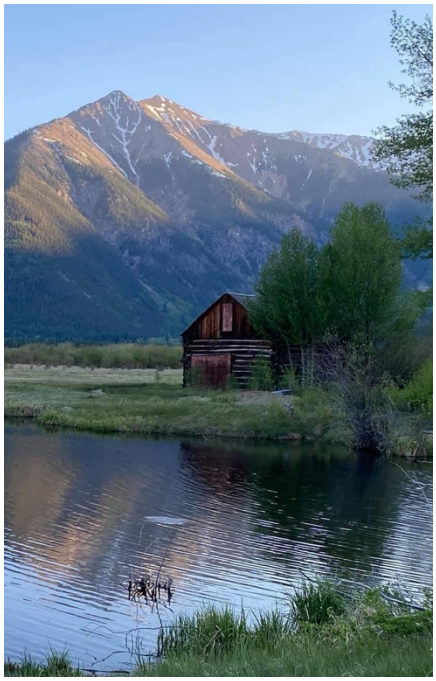
SpringCleaning: *Fixer Upper*

Psalm 51:10-11, 'Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from Your presence, And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me." (NKJV)

It is the era of fixer-upper and do-it-yourself projects. They are some of our favorite 'reality shows', especially when the pros, like Chip and Joanna Gaines, possess a 'brown' thumb and a supernatural knack at making a mansion where a mess was heaped and emboldening what someone else might have bulldozed.

Do you know you have the same power within you? And not only *are* you a 'FixerUpper', but you also *have* a FixerUpper invested in your future. *We* are a construction site, and there is a General Contractor who is in charge of our remodel. His name is Jesus. His job is to take what the world tears down and demolishes, and with it, make something brand new and beautiful. He desires to knock down walls that keep us apart and isolated, to create space, to clear the clutter of the past and make room so that He too can be invited to come inside and live.



This *Jesus,* well, He is an Interior Decorator also. He yearns to transform our innermost chamber with love and brighten up the dark corners with His light. He intends to cast out shadows and creatively color your home with His hope. But, be careful if you choose to hire Him for the job; He will take you seriously and He will carry it out to completion. He won't quit on you partway or advise you He has a better job to go to. He won't cut corners or walk away at the end of the day. He will do the best job for you of the transformation and renovation of your soul, and your 'property' won't ever be the same again after He finishes. And the best part is, He will deserve a great review and referral you share with others about the work He did at your property when His work in you is finished. You likely will opt to have Him stay on as the trusted Caretaker of your soul.

Jesus is wild about your heart and mine. He is vigilant over it, protective of it. Scripture reminds us in Proverbs 4:23, 'So above all, guard the affections of your heart, for they affect all that you are. Pay attention to the welfare of your innermost being, for from it flows the wellspring of life (TPT)'. This Jesus, *this FixerUpper*, has a reckless love for you, an untamed heart after you and me, and it cost Him everything just so you and I could fix up our spaces, SpringClean our debris, and live unhindered of the rubble from our past.