

DESPERATE HOUSEPLANTS PARABLE

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LYRICS

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Song Verse 3: Ephesians 2: 4-5 “But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us **alive together with Christ** (by grace you have been saved)...”

Song Verse 4: Ephesians 2: 8 “For by grace you have been saved through **faith**, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God,...” – New King James Version.

NLT: “God saved you by His grace when you believed. AND you **can’t** take credit for this; it is a **gift** from God.”

1

Thank You, God, that my pot of flowers actually is alive! Some-
times in stores, I imagine that plants on shelves cry out loud, “*OH! PLEASE
DON'T BUY ME! I have heard about you!
All plants you buy DIE!*”

2

I sure can't understand why all my houseplants die. I
work real hard – water, fertilize, and keep them in the Right sunlight. Even
SING to them, like some books have said to try.
THAT might explain my plight !!!

3

Thank You, God, Ephesians 2: 5 through YOU, unlike my plants, I'm alive! I
know quite well WITHOUT Your Holy Spirit, I'd get lazy, and let my faith dwindle.
I TRUST Your Word of LIFE in **John 5!**
You've promised You ARE LIFE!

4

Thank You for Ephesians 2: 8 Word: You LORD will give us FAITH! I
know quite well, I am DEAD without Your Spirit, Your MERCY is why I live:
Forgiven by Your Rich mercy, taught in **John 5! Through**
God, houseplants AND I are alive! <see amusing song story:>

Song Story.

Although almost 6 years had passed by since I wrote this in Journal #5 before I typed it up and created music during the weeks when I was at the end of Journal #29, I had often told people about this song... (continued on next page)

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(Song Story 2010, continued)

usually in the spring when discussing gardening... and we always laughed together! Here is the SONG STORY as written on Friday, May 28th in 2010:

I have been laughing & laughing – I finished this entire song (lyrics, all four verses) without a song title. I was STUCK on **dorky** title ideas like *“Houseplants & Faith”*.

This one finally came to me. I had already written it at the top of the page before I realized God's JOKE: It's HIS title – not mine! – as a Play on words of that dumb TV show going in 2010 about housewives that begins with the same adjective – a show full of scenes of sin that God is nauseated by – frequently calls an “abomination” in His Word.

So this song provides a bit an an “anecdote”, with God's cute idea.... though it's unfortunately true because my plants DID usually die. Even though the LORD has blessed me with some philodendron and an amazing Oxalis with tiny white bells that have been blooming for a number of years now, in 2016 And my original 2010 SONG STORY continues, “P.S. The song was inspired by a TRUE prayer of amazed thanks that my petunias are thriving.”

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JOHN 5, referenced in Verses 3 and 4:

(New King James Version)

JESUS:

21 “For as the Father raises the dead and gives life to them, even so the Son gives life to whom He will. 22 For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, 23 that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

24 “Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life. 25 Most assuredly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God; and those who hear will live. 26 For as the Father has life in Himself, so He has granted the Son to have life in Himself, 27 and has given Him authority to execute judgment also, because He is the Son of Man. 28 Do not marvel at this; for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear His voice 29 and come forth—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

NOTE: One Bible Chapter that gives examples of Jesus's Truth is **First Corinthians 15**, which further shares God's Word about Resurrection, including that **over 500 people – most of them still alive when this letter was written – saw Jesus WALKING AROUND in their midst AFTER the Crucifixion... after He rose from the dead.**