HELEN SANDERS 4-18-2024 THE DYING PROCESS

In John 12:24 Jesus is speaking and said, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone, but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

There isn't a person alive that likes the "<u>dying</u>" process. If you look at an ugly caterpillar, you might find it hard to believe that one day it will be transformed into a beautiful butterfly. It takes the dying stage to get from one place to the other. When Jesus spoke these words, he was talking about himself, but also telling the hearers that they must go through the same process of dying.

Dying isn't pleasant. It stinks. It is unfamiliar. It has its dark times. It is being buried in the dirt. It is an uncertain place. And most of all it is a lonely place because you go through the process alone. Many times, we do not even realize that God is working in our lives to bring us to "something new."

No matter what stage you are in, be it the caterpillar stage, the dying stage, the birthing of the butterfly stage, REJOICE, for you will come forth just like the butterfly, and your life will be beautifully changed.

Do not look at this time in your life as simply an attack from the devil. It is a time of growth and change, but do not resist it, welcome it. You will be eternally thankful that God desires to bring you to a new, beautiful place in life!