

## Un-justified

What did the tree say when April began? ... What a re-leaf!

Spring has sprung, and April is here! As flowers bloom and birds serenade us with cheerful melodies, we've just celebrated Easter, a time to remember both renewal and hope.

At Easter we were reminded of the ultimate comeback story: Jesus rising from the dead! Just as winter gives way to spring, our lives can experience resurrection moments. I encourage you to embrace the hope of Easter. To help us do that, every Sunday is meant to be a mini Easter celebration in our churches. I'm afraid that doesn't mean chocolate; though sometimes there is cake! The everyday challenge is to let go of all that holds us back, and step forward in hope.

So perhaps as we declutter our homes this spring, let us also declutter our hearts. Forgive, let go, and make room for growth. As we free ourselves from the difficulties in life, how about we reach out to spread the grace we receive – to offer forgiveness, lend a listening ear, or share a smile.

As we enjoy spring, perhaps by taking a walk, let us marvel at blossoms, and breathe in fresh air. The same creator who paints the skies with pastel hues crafted you with love and purpose.

Let's use this springtime to rekindle hope, embrace joy, grace, and the adventure that awaits us every day.

## Justified

What did the tree say when April began? ... What a re-leaf!

Spring has sprung, and April is here! As flowers bloom and birds serenade us with cheerful melodies, we've just celebrated Easter, a time to remember both renewal and hope.

At Easter we were reminded of the ultimate comeback story: Jesus rising from the dead! Just as winter gives way to spring, our lives can experience resurrection moments. I encourage you to embrace the hope of Easter. To help us do that, every Sunday is meant to be a mini Easter celebration in our churches. I'm afraid that doesn't mean chocolate; though sometimes there is cake! The everyday challenge is to let go of all that holds us back, and step forward in hope.

So perhaps as we declutter our homes this spring, let us also declutter our hearts. Forgive, let go, and make room for growth. As we free ourselves from the difficulties in life, how about we reach out to spread the grace we receive – to offer forgiveness, lend a listening ear, or share a smile.

As we enjoy spring, perhaps by taking a walk, let us marvel at blossoms, and breathe in fresh air. The same creator who paints the skies with pastel hues crafted you with love and purpose.

Let's use this springtime to rekindle hope, embrace joy, grace, and the adventure that awaits us every day.