



Ever struggled to get things
just right and the best you could
manage was...okay?

AAAHHHH.....

A friend of mine recently set out to prepare a special cake for her husband’s birthday. Being a professional woman, she doesn’t cook much, but she is intelligent and can follow a recipe, so she opened her cookbook and picked one that looked and sounded delicious. She followed the instructions exactly. As she added each ingredient, she sampled the batter and wondered why it didn’t taste like she thought it would.

When she was finished, her cake didn’t look like the masterpiece in the cookbook. She was heartbroken because she wanted everything to be perfect. But it tasted wonderful and her husband was thrilled with the expression of her love.

When she told me of the experience, I reminded her that the most important thing about the cake was not how it looked, but how much it pleased her husband. And then it hit me: I could apply the same logic to online worship

I don’t know if I will ever be happy with online worship. I still haven’t watched a single service, all the way through; I depend on others to offer critique. I miss corporate worship. I miss your presence; I miss your voice; I miss your energy. I miss your face. You might agree. This situation is not perfect, so should we just give up and everyone sleep late on Sunday morning? Of course not. We’re human beings. Nothing we do will ever be perfect, including what we do for the Lord. Lucky for us, God doesn’t expect that at all. God doesn’t expect our online worship to be as polished as a First UMC of Fort Worth, or even a First UMC of Weatherford. What God does expect is for each one of us to do what we can, as faithfully as we can, right where we are. And God expects that of me, too. God told me.

Our worship, with its present limitations (and technical challenges!) is not perfect. Are you going to “give up” until we can safely gather in the building, or are you going to meet us online Sunday morning and offer your worship to God – who is waiting to be “thrilled”? aaahhhh.....

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Go to our FaceBook page or YouTube channel on Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and Join us for worship!

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Those who have lost their job
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Our country
The world
Yourself
Me

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