

Welcome back to the hive and the bee high on Life podcast. This is Episode 001. So here we are basically the first episode of The bee high on life podcast, I hope that you listened to our introductory podcast, it is a long time coming for sure. I am really excited that you're here. I'm excited to be doing this. So I ask that you just sit back and relax unless you're driving, of course. And then hey, please make sure you have both hands on the wheel. And you're just listening while you watch the road. I'm going to tell you that the episode that was intended for today is not happening. And the reason for that is something tragic happened last night. And it just helped me realize once again, why I'm doing this podcast. And that is for people to find joy in your life, regardless of circumstances. So here this tragedy happened last night, and I'm not going to go into any details about that. But a family is definitely mourning today, a community and friends, for a person that her life was taken way too soon. And so while I was thinking about this horrific tragedy, something that shouldn't have happened, didn't need to happen. But it did happen. And I was thinking, you know, I am trying to get joy out to the world regardless of circumstances. And something like this happens. And it had me questioning what I'm doing, why I'm doing it, should I be doing it? Because tragedy happens all the time. Circumstances happen all the time that are out of our control that we don't see coming. And I thought "no", even though this is very fresh, and very devastating. I already had a podcast episode Subject Matter planned for today for the very first bee high on life episode. And I feel like this more than anything, is why I'm doing this because, yes, a tragedy occurred. And it is horrible, horrible. But there's a life that needs to be celebrated a beautiful, beautiful life that needs to be celebrated. And rejoicing for the fact that this beautiful person is dancing in the arms of Jesus now.

So yes, I'm choosing to go ahead with a podcast today and do a different format, subject than I had intended to do. And to me, that just speaks to what happens in life. We don't expect tragedies to happen. We're not prepared for tragedies to happen. I don't want to be prepared for a tragedy. But at the same time when we are able to be in the midst of a tragedy, and look to God and look to the goodness in the world. To me that just says the person's life that was lost, is not in vain, that she's being celebrated, that she's been remembered and memorialized, and will never be forgotten. So when unexpected things happen in life. It's hard. And there is most definitely a time to mourn a need to mourn. But also, God wants us to celebrate in the midst of the tragedies in the midst of life, circumstances, he wants us to share his joy and his glory. And I know this person that lost her life too soon would want God to be glorified through this. So that's what I'm doing today is I am celebrating a beautiful person's life. And I am sending this message of love out to you all, that no matter what you're going through, whether it's something unexpected, a tragedy, a loss, it could, you know, be bad, a bad health report from the doctor, it, it could be that you know, your health is not doing the best that it could be doing. Maybe your finances are in turmoil, maybe you're in a toxic relationship. None of those things are good. But I truly believe that things happen in life for a reason. As soon as something happens, we can't change that it happened, all we can change is how we deal with it, how we move forward from it, and ask ourselves, you know, what do we want God to give us from this? And what does God want me to do for others with this, so that's why I'm asking of you today, if you've ever followed me on Facebook, or YouTube or any other social media, you know that one of the things that I often do is throw challenges out, I throw challenges out to help you because we all need to be challenged in life. I challenge my husband, he challenges me, our kids challenge us. We need to be challenged in life. So with whatever's going on in your life, right now, my challenge to you is not to necessarily be thankful for the circumstances, although sometimes that is something that we can and should do. But be thankful in the midst of the circumstances. So what are you learning? You know, what did you learn from the

person that you lost? What are you learning from your current health situation? What are you learning from relationships that you're in right now? What are you learning from, from financial circumstances that are happening? You know, with the past year and a half of COVID, and job losses, and layoffs and all of these things, I know that there are so many people that have been struggling financially and with relationships, work, health, all of those things. And I really think that COVID itself, has brought us all to look at life and situations differently, to maybe be more thankful for what we have more thankful for the health that we have. And I just I share all of this because I do want to challenge you to look at where you're at right now in life. And just ask yourself, What is God trying to teach you? What can you get from this? How can you glorify God through the circumstances that you're dealing with right now. And I know that with this situation that happened last night. It just, it's one of those moments that it helps put things in perspective. All of the little things that we fuss about. They just don't matter anymore. I have a friend that is dealing with a situation her grandson, I think he's six months old is dealing with a very serious health issue. And that's one of the things that she said it just, it makes you look at life through a different lens and no longer longer is she focusing on the things like someone took my parking spot, you know, my finances took a hit, I didn't get my way in a search certain situation, no, we start to look at things differently. And sometimes I think that's why God gets our attention with serious circumstances. And to me that just says, that's all the more reason that we need to glorify God on a daily basis, spend time with him on a daily basis, and share him with others on a daily basis. And that's what I'm trying to do. And does that mean that I'm not going to have experiences in life that aren't good? Does that mean that I'm going to be shielded from tragedy? No, it does not. But it's, it's it sends the love of God out to the world. And I, you know, I pray a constant hedge of protection for my family, and those close to me and for this world, in general, things are still going to happen. But knowing that we're doing the best we can to share God's love, to experience the joy and peace and love that he gave up his son for that is where it all comes full circle for me. And I can, first of all, be joyful in a bad situation. Because I know that that's truly what God wants. And like I said, Yes. God made us compassionate people, of course, we need to mourn. But I've already seen in the midst of this tragedy that I've, I've been speaking about the daughter of the woman who lost her life, she's already on social media, celebrating her mom's life, and sharing the goodness. And that's what I'm talking about. Yes, of course, she's grieving, and will continue to grieve, but is also celebrating a life and celebrating a life of a person who loved Jesus. So that's what I'm asking of you today to just take a look at where you're at and what your circumstances are. And to not focus on the circumstances, in and of themselves. But what God is doing for you and through you, in your circumstances. So I know this is a little different and a little shorter than what I anticipated for this very first episode of the beehive life podcast. But I just, I, like I said, I just think this speaks to life. And what we deal with in life, and things are unexpected. And so it, it does speak to me that we can never be fully prepared for what comes our way in life. But we can always be confident that God is with us. He's here for us. We just have to let him in. We have to turn to him and allow him to comfort us and allow him to put our eyes on him and glorify Him. So yeah, you know, life's gonna happen. And that's why I just I wanted to go ahead and do this podcast episode anyway, in light of everything that's happening. And once this podcast actually airs, it's going to be a couple weeks from now. And I just want us to continue to remember this person and I know some of you are going to be like, Who are you talking about? What's the tragedy? I may share that at a later time. But the right people know what I'm talking about. And I still think that this can be applied to any any situation. any situation that has taken you by surprise, that you weren't expecting that you don't know How to deal with. I don't think we know how to deal with anything perfectly in life. But turning to the Word of God is the best way to know how to

deal with anything that you're unsure of, or can't understand. I mean, believe me, when tragedies happen is just so hard, you just you can't make sense of it. And God doesn't expect us to make sense of it. He just expects us to turn to Him, be comforted by him. And like I said, share him and his word with others. So I think I'm going to close it out for this week, I want to thank you for giving me your time. And listening to this very first be high on life podcast, I want you to experience peace and joy, no matter what's happening, and know that God wants that for you and that it is okay. To be joyful in difficult times. It's okay to be at peace in difficult times. God wants that for us. You know, one of the things that this podcast is about is me helping to empower people to remove the sting of life, life stings, life hurts. I want to help you remove that stain, but also experience, joy, and peace. So I hope that you can find some solace in this today. And just don't ever give up. Don't ever give up on yourself. Don't give up on others. That doesn't mean that you have to be close with people that are toxic. And we'll definitely talk about stuff like that in the future. But just don't give up. Don't give up on God. Don't give up on yourself. Keep fighting. And remember to always be high on life. Thank you again for joining me. I will see you guys next week. Have a beautiful day and a beautiful week and remember to glorify God while you are being high on life. This is Kelly Renee Baker, the queen bee signing off and celebrating a beautiful life today. Thanks for joining us.

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