



Celebrating Diversity in the Church

"God must love variety. Even plants of the same species are different—some tall, some leafy, others with a profusion of flowers. He is not the God of an assembly line creation, but One who loves and appreciates the differences. A bouquet of many different flowers.

"God loves variety. All His plants are different. That's the way He likes it. God made us this way and loves us for our uniqueness. He created our uniqueness for His own purposes.

"There is a beautiful verse in Zephaniah 3:17 (NIV): 'The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing.'

"We are God's garden, the planting of the Lord. Singly we are unique flowers, together a garden. I pray that He enjoys visiting His gardens on Sunday mornings. And I hope He whistles in His heart to the songs we are singing to Him."

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