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I want you to know this for certain, although you might not always feel this way: You are wonderfully and fearfully made in the way I wanted and ordained. You are amazing. You are perfect to Me, because even your imperfections are perfectly in sync with how I wanted you to be, so that you could remain humble, desperate, and close to Me. ⁽¹⁾

I make each person differently, but when you look at your weaknesses and the Enemy tries to discourage you about your weaknesses, I want you to remember that I am the One Who made you that way. You must glory in that weakness. You must bring forth that weakness. You must magnify that weakness and let it keep you humble, for there is no greater gift, no greater sample, no greater opportunity for My Spirit to work, than when there is a spirit of humility. (2)

I made you just as you are--faults, blunders, and all. Those ugly, rag-wrapped bundles may seem an embarrassing, even discouraging weight to carry, but within they hold the jewels of humility, strength of character, compassion, and forgiveness. They are the royal treasures of Heaven. Be thankful for your weaknesses, because it's through them that you learn the greater lessons of love and humility. And when you see someone else carrying their bundle of "faults," pray for them and lend them a helping hand, and you may get a glimpse of the precious jewels hidden under the rough exterior. (3)

I made each one of My brides special, and I made no mistakes. Those things that are weaknesses or "flaws" were put there by Me or allowed by Me for a reason.

Some "handicaps" or "weaknesses" were put there by Me for a special reason, to teach you something special, to bring out some inner strength, beauty, wisdom, and maturity, or to make you a vessel capable of extraordinary usefulness, which you wouldn't otherwise achieve.

Other "flaws" or difficulties were chosen by you. Yes, that's right. You chose them before you went to Earth, because you saw things more clearly at that time. You saw the triviality and worthlessness of the things of Earth, and you desired so much more the things of the spirit. There are certain qualities of spiritual strength and maturity and experience that are only gained through your time on Earth, and you chose to take on handicaps of the flesh in order to gain the strength of the spirit.

But then, after going to Earth, of course those remembrances faded. You're caught up in the thoughts and feelings and priorities of Earth and the flesh, and it's hard to accept certain things about yourself. It's hard to keep working toward the goals that you and I set

together before you went to Earth. It takes a lot of faith. It takes a lot of humility to accept that this is the way I made you. It takes a willingness to step back from the things of Earth and see things through the eyes of the spirit. And these are things that don't come naturally to anyone in human flesh. It's a fight.

Try to stay focused on the goals of the spirit--the attributes which will remain a part of you long after your earthly body is dead and gone--the beauty of spirit which you are building day by day through your choices of love, humility, and unselfishness. ⁽⁴⁾

When you're tempted to compare with another, to look at another as being more talented, more capable or appealing to others, and you feel so weak and powerless to attain to these qualities you wish you had--look to Me, My love, and let Me wrap My arms around you and hold you and bear you up and show you things from My perspective. I'll show you that each vessel has weak spots, each is in need of Me, and your weaknesses and lacks are just something that have caused you to look to Me. Your weak spots are nothing to be ashamed of before My eyes. In your humility I will lift you up.

The meek shall inherit the Earth and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace. My peace will I give unto you--peace to realize that you don't have to work hard at attaining things that are not meant for you to do; that you don't have to work at trying to polish yourself, to make yourself better and more useful for Me. Lie back in My arms and let Me mold you and create you to be just the vessel I need you to be. Don't try to work something up; only leave yourself utterly in My hands, within My grasp. I will keep you close to Me, and you'll find that you're just what I need. (5)

(Dad speaking:) You're human, and the Lord has created humans with some weaknesses to keep them desperate and close to Him, needing Him. The biggest weakness the Lord's given to man is pride; it's his besetting sin, and like I've often said, it's the root of all our problems. The Enemy knows he's got a very powerful weapon at his disposal-your pride--and he uses it for all it's worth! (6)

If you have a weakness, whatever it is--strong pride, jealousy, even emotional or mental weaknesses--don't be embarrassed by it. It's My way of working in your life, and I will use it for My glory if you let Me. But you must safeguard yourself by always staying strong in My Word and obedience and humility. You can't let down your guard and just hope everything will work itself out. Realize that the Enemy knows about your weakness too, and he will use it if he can. ⁽⁷⁾

Some traits will be with you till the day you die, and in some cases that's My will for you, to keep you humble and desperate with Me. But you should still be working to make progress. You should be growing; you should be maturing through the fight and the desperation and humility it brings. Otherwise, what happens is those little personality traits come between you and your unity with others, or they come between you and Me,

or they come between you and your usefulness. They separate you from the truly important things in life. (8)

Everyone has areas they need to work on which I allow for different reasons, according to what I know you need and what's best for you. Among other things, they teach you humility and yieldedness; they keep you desperate and close to Me; they teach you the power of prayer; they help you to understand others and be able to comfort and help your brethren and the lost of the world. ⁽⁹⁾

Your life is made up of many things and many parts. Everyone has good qualities and everyone has weak points. Everyone has things they excel in, and everyone has things that they need to work on and improve in. No one single thing defines a person and makes them any particular way.

So when things are pointed out--areas where you need to be more mindful, more faithful, or areas that you have neglected or just didn't see--pray for humility, pray for trust, and pray for faith to believe that I, your loving Husband, your Best Friend, know and love and care. I'm allowing this for a reason, to make you a better person, to patch up a weak area in your life, to help you remedy something that is possibly hurting you or others.

I'm happy if you have things to do better in; that's how I made you. I'm happy that you have weaknesses, because they draw you closer to Me, they keep you humble, and they inspire you to make progress and work toward overcoming your weak areas. (11)

By allowing you to stumble, this has humbled you. This has made you desperate for My forgiveness, and the meek and the contrite heart I will never turn away. (12)

I allow you to have weaknesses to help teach you humility and love, and to help you learn to progress. Your mistakes make you human, natural, and approachable. These things help you to relate to the lost sheep I bring along your path. (13)

I've seen how you've stumbled and fallen, but it doesn't matter to Me. It doesn't matter that you make mistakes and have faults. If I judged you by your perfection, I'd never be able to use you. But that's not the way I look at you. I look at your yielded heart, your broken spirit, your humble and loving heart. (14)

Perfection is nowhere on My list of importance. I would be far more happy to receive you into My arms with a spotted record, failures, mistakes, and sins, and a humble love for Me and others, than with a self-righteous attitude of sanctimonious perfection. I want you with your flaws and your mistakes. I don't want or ask that you get it right all the time, or that you be faultless-all I ask for is your love and obedience. (15)

I plead with you to accept your lack of perfection as a good thing, just because I said it is, and because it brings about the most important qualities of desperation, closeness to Me, humility, and dependence on Me. Try praising Me by faith for your lacks, problems, weaknesses and faults, knowing that I have a greater purpose. (16)

Your weaknesses and your shortcomings and your struggles do not lessen My Love in any way. These things are insignificant to Me, I see them not. What I see is your love, your dedication, your yieldedness, your humility and your desire to please Me. This is what I see and this is what I will reward. (17)

Making Mistakes

Making a mistake is a small price to pay for the treasures of the spirit that I want to give you, so praise Me for this time of humbling and renewed desperation and closeness to Me. Just put the mistake behind you and go on now with fullness of faith that when you humble yourself and look to Me fully, I'm able to work all things together for your good. (18)

(Dad speaking:) When we've made mistakes, we've tried to follow God's plan to make things right again. We haven't tried to cover up our mistakes. We've confessed them to the Lord and asked His forgiveness, sought the forgiveness of others if they were affected, and then put feet to our prayers of repentance and have changed.

In the long run, these mistakes have borne good fruit. They've humbled us and helped to root out pride and self-confidence. They've made us turn to the Lord and seek Him more fervently, knowing that we can of our own selves do nothing. They've reminded us that we bear His Word and spiritual treasures "in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us." Through it all, God has been glorified and we've gone on to gain greater depth of spirit, make greater progress, and win greater victories.

(Dad speaking:) All the greatest men in the Bible made terrible mistakes, ones that hurt others, but through it they realized how much they needed the Lord and His love and grace and forgiveness, and it changed their lives and the world. (20)

It's a part of human nature to make mistakes regularly, to "fall" to temptation now and then. This serves to keep you humble and realizing that you're imperfect and in need of Me. $^{(21)}$

When I humble you and when I allow you to make seeming mistakes, instead of being so frustrated and condemned and fighting so hard to determine, "I'm not going to let it happen again! I'm just not going to let it happen again!" just praise Me and say,

"Thank You for humbling me! Thank You for showing me up. Thank You for showing my faults and failings." (22)

I allow you to make mistakes, to forget, so that I can help you to stay dependent on Me. As long as you're desperate with Me and humble, I won't allow you to make too big a mistake. If you slip and blow it in some way, big or small, just trust that it's part of My plan to keep you soft and weak so that My Spirit can continue to speak to you.

So even when you make mistakes don't let the Enemy come in with condemnation. Rather use it as a steppingstone to humble yourself before Me, seek Me and love Me, and remember clearly how weak you are in yourself. Then it will be a good experience--one that I can use to draw you even closer and make you even stronger in Me, not yourself. (23)

(Dad wrote:) The Lord lets me have enough physical afflictions and faults, weaknesses to be concerned about to keep me humble.

Whatever I have occasionally is usually my own fault and due to my own sins--past or present--and my own carelessness and disobediences and excesses and nobody else's fault, certainly not God's fault, and I thank God it's not affected my children seriously. But He's let me suffer a little for my own mistakes and my own faults, my own sins, my own excesses. But then He heals me, TTL, and He delivers me when I repent and ask Him to help me and forgive me. But in a way it keeps me humble and to realize that there's no good thing in me and without Him I can do nothing and it's all Jesus, nothing else! (Ro.7:18; Jn.15:5). (24)

Oh, how weak I felt the day I was crucified. How helpless I felt. How like a failure I felt. I knew I was fulfilling the role My Father had for Me, but the feeling of failure was overwhelming. I was crucified in weakness, but the power of God lived on in Me.

When you must suffer the disdain of the world-which you have and will continue to-I will be there and I will work miracles through you. I will perform My will, and it will be because of your weakness. It will be because of your humility. It will be because of the very things that the Enemy uses to discourage you.

I will use these weaknesses to glorify Me and magnify My Word and allow My message to come through. Then you will see the real weapon of praise in action, when you can thank Me and glorify Me for your faults, failures, and weaknesses, which allow Me to be strong and to work in you. (25)

Only through My power will you be able to defeat the Enemy. Only those who, in their own humility, in their own weakness, in their own incapacity, look to Me for the strength, the strategies, and the munitions they need in their battles with the Evil One, will be able to overcome him. (26)

The world may look at you and laugh, but in the end they will be in awe at what I

will accomplish through such a pitiful, weak, incapable band who focused not on their weakness, but rather used it to be a strength. Through this weakness, humility came forth, and through this humility great works were manifested. (27)

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