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The Lie of Imperfection

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"For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief."
- Proverbs 24:16

None of us are ever going to be perfect Christians. We fail God many times a day, but we *cannot* dwell on that. The Bible tells us that even a *just* man falls. But here's the key; a just person repents and gets up again. We may fall into sin or despair, but when we do, we can't just stay there and look around and think, "Well, I guess there's no hope for me anymore. I'm a failure, and God will never use me again."

Even the Apostle Paul wrote, in Romans 7:19, "For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do." Paul understood the struggle of wanting to do right, but failing. He realized that as a Christian, his heart to follow God would often have to fight his fleshly wants. But we see at the end of the chapter that he is thanking God. Even though Paul had failed God - and even though we fail God - we should give God thanks for what He has allowed us to do for Him. Remembering that will give us the hope and assurance to go on when we feel like we can't.

Colossians 1:12-14 "Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins." We have an incredible amount to be thankful for, and when we have the attitude of thanksgiving, it will take our focus off ourselves and our own failures.

After all, it's not what we can do, it's what He does through us. The power in our Christian life is not ours, it is His.

(Scripture taken from the King James Bible version.)

Fear, Or Fear Not? -- Part Two

By Isha Michel

"Fear not for I am with you till the end of times."

- Jesus

You see many times in the Bible that Jesus says, "Do not fear." But you also see many times that he says, "Fear the Lord your God." What does he mean by that?

The word Fear has different meanings; what he is talking about is *respect*. Respecting what is right and good, being aware of the authority God has (Matthew 28:18), and being submissive to his will, which is also defined as *humility*. I mean, honestly, He did *create* you, after all. Genesis 1:27 says, "God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."

So . . . fear. Is it fear? Or maybe it's respect for who God is, what He can do, and what He *is* doing. 1 John 4:4 says, "You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world."

Look at Genesis 1:1; "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." The most well known verse in the bible; full of meaning. He created it all.

But He can take it all too.

Proverbs 8:13 says; "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverted mouth, I hate."

(All scripture from the NASB version)

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