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PHILIPPIANS 1:6

It had been a long week, and Sunday’s arrival felt like a gentle exhale. Morning light spilled across the sky, and with it came a wave of gratitude and deep reflection.

As I sat with the Lord, tears slipped quietly down my cheeks. My shortcomings felt so heavy. All I could pray was, “Lord, I need You. I don’t have much to offer today... just my light to shine for you.” Then, with a soft laugh, I added, “And a few cookies.”

The night before, I had baked gingersnaps for two dear friends whose kindness had lifted my spirits recently. I couldn’t wait to deliver them—just a simple way to return joy where I had received it.

But as the sun shone through the golden fall leaves, casting a soft halo around that moment of prayer, my heart paused. Scripture began echoing in my spirit: “He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 1:6)

There are days when the distance between who I am and who I long to be feels overwhelming. Too often I choose what is comfortable, easy, or temporary. Too easily I hold tightly to things that will not last.

Yet, in that stillness, God gently reminded me: I am not the one in charge of my transformation. I am not the Master Craftsman—He is. And the One who began this work in me has no intention of abandoning it. He is still shaping. Still refining. Still loving. Still completing.

I smiled, remembering the line from John Anderson's song: "I'm just an ol' chunk of coal, but I'm gonna be a diamond someday." How true that rings for every believer. Isaiah 48:10 reminds us that God refines us through pressures we do not choose. And 1 Peter 1:7 shows us that our trials prove our faith genuine and precious.

God's Song Within for today comes from Caleb Crino and John Secker who capture this truth beautifully: "He's not done with me, not done with you. No matter what we're going through. Our hope is in an empty tomb. And the God that's still not in it. His grace is paving broken roads. He loves us more than we can know. 'Til He comes back or we go home. I'm not, you're not, He's not finished." Oh, how comforting it is to know—He isn't finished with us yet.

Closing Prayer Lord, thank You for Your patient, persistent grace. When we feel inadequate or overwhelmed by our imperfections, remind us that we are still in Your hands. Continue refining our hearts, guiding our steps, and shaping our lives into reflections of Your love. Teach us to trust the process, to rest in Your timing, and to believe that You will faithfully complete the good work You have begun. In Jesus' precious name, Amen.

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