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The Most Beautiful Offering of All

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2 CORINTHIANS 12:9

Recently, in a segment from my friend John Maxwell, he spoke about “perfect people” and credibility. He joked, “Don’t you just want to mess up those perfect people’s hair to see if you could rattle them?” I couldn’t help but laugh.

At church last Sunday, three absolutely striking visitors—a man and two women—walked into our small-town Montana church. They were friends of one of our members, and when I was introduced, the first words out of my mouth were, “Oh my goodness, you are beautiful people!” And they were. From head to toe, they looked flawless.

Then on Thursday at lunch, my dear friend Dee introduced me to her daughter who was visiting from Texas. Again, perfection seemed to radiate from her appearance and demeanor.

But in both cases, as I spoke with them, I discovered something deeper: they were not only beautiful on the outside but also warm, genuine, and kind. There was no pretense—only authentic, gracious people whose inner beauty shone brighter than their outward appearance. That’s what made them truly credible.

Scripture reminds us that God does not expect impossible perfection. Instead, He calls us to maturity and righteousness, but also assures us that His grace meets us in our weaknesses: “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9). What a comfort to

know that His strength is revealed through our imperfections.

Vince Lombardi once said, "Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence." Salvador Dalí added, "Have no fear of perfection—you'll never reach it." Both are true reminders that only one Man ever achieved true perfection—Jesus Christ, fully God and fully man. He came to show us the love of God, to die for our sins, and to redeem a broken world.

And what does God ask of us in return? Not polished perfection, but our surrendered hearts—our heartbroken hallelujahs. He wants our pain, our needs, our grief, our trust, and our praise, no matter how imperfect.

As the MercyMe song so beautifully expresses: " I need You, oh Lord, how I need You. This very hour I need You. Oh, when pain's got me weak, I somehow find strength singing to Ya - so here's my heartbroken hallelujah."

True beauty is never found in outward perfection, but in the authenticity of a heart yielded to Christ. In our brokenness, His grace shines brightest, and our imperfect hallelujahs rise to heaven as the most beautiful offering of all.

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