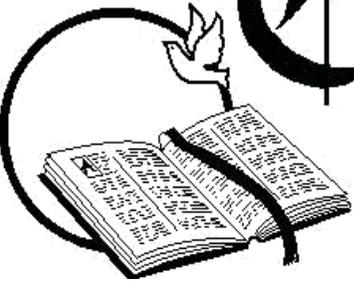


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## *From tragedy to triumph*

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On the evening of January 2, 1985 my life changed forever. It was a record-breaking cold, wintry night and I was going to the special evening service to celebrate the New Year. My husband followed me in his car so he could pick up our 2 teen age children later after they got off work. My youngest daughter, Bobette, sat in the passenger seat beside me instead of her usual place in the back seat.

I was just two driveways from the church's parking lot, when the driver of a Porsche vehicle zoomed toward me and hit my car on the passenger front sending my vehicle into a spin. When I came to a stop, my car was hit for a second time on the other front side by the same Porsche.

I reached and glanced over at my daughter wanting to help. But her face from the nose up was stuck in the windshield. In my state of shock, I hadn't noticed that I was bleeding from my forehead. or that a bone was sticking out of my left leg at the knee or that my left foot had been twisted backwards. My husband could not free Bobette from the windshield. His comforting soft words spoken with authority seemed to sooth her and settle me when he assured us, "The ambulance is on its way."

It was a form of relief to hear the sirens and the gathered people chatter. I re-

member a severe pain hammered my chest. My heart wasn't beating right. My husband rolled up his handkerchief and placed it on my forehead to reduce the bleeding. "Hang on!" he told me, "Hang on!" I was suddenly cold, very cold. "Don't go to sleep," he repeated.

The next thing I remember was being rolled into the E.R. I was awake and my cart was rushing somewhere. I must have passed out again. I heard someone say, "Clear." Paddles had been used on my chest. Oh, I hurt... And again the life paddles were used. And yes, I saw a light. It filled most of the room and was whiter than any snow I'd ever seen. The light was bright, too bright and hovered over me. I was scared--it was powerful--then I heard a voice ask, "Why should you live?"

I heard the doctor say, "Her ankle is too mangled to be saved." Somehow I managed to grab the doctor's tie and hung on for dear life. He leaned in and I pleaded with him to save my foot. Later when I awoke, I pulled the sheet up and saw my toes at the end of a cast and the cast came up on my thigh. I saw the strange man again and he gave me a kind smile. The doctor stepped in and said, "There's no guarantee with the foot, but I've done everything possible for her. There's two pieces of metal on each side of the ankle with a bolt clear through and two screws." The strange man's eyes seemed sad.

My head hurt, and my chest throbbed. Suddenly the man was sent from the room. Paddles were applied,

more hurt pain as never knew before and then there was weakness, where I could actually feel weakness. I knew I was going to die.

The answer to the question I had heard earlier came to mind, "Why should you live?" I don't think I spoke, but I was communicating to the light, saying, "I want to tell others about my Savior and live my life for Him before my unsaved family and friends." There was an instant strength come in my body. One, I cannot explain. I just knew from that point on I was going to live, no matter what anyone said.

My accident had been four days prior, and I felt like a table or platform landed on my head above my eyes. My eyes, by now were bloodshot, blurry, and the area around them was black, green, and bluish. It took 87 stitches to put my head back together. Then I faded out again.

When I awoke, I was in a different room. My mother was there and she had been crying. She tried to hide her red eyes with a handkerchief. Who made her cry? She stroked my arm and whispered, "I called the Red Cross and Jim is here to see you."

Jim who? It seemed important to my mother that I see this Jim. The handsome young man was dressed in a marine uniform, white hat and all, stepped over to my bed. The man removed his hat, bent and kissed my cheek and said, "Hello Mother." That felt right somehow.

What? Just then the short, strange man entered the room and both young and older man hugged. The older man spoke first, "She's been though a lot."



*Survivor and author, Susan Brenner*

He lowered his voice, "Her mind, from the impact, she's just not right. Thanks for coming. She may not make it. The doctor said she has over 187 stitches in her leg and then there's the impact from the steering wheel."

The young man had a look of concern and maybe a little lost. He kissed me again and placed his white hat on his head and left. My mother was gone and so was the stranger.

A new patient was wheeled into the room, good to have a roommate, but the person was moaning. The sound ripped through my body. I wanted the noise to stop. I reached for the nurse and made my speech, but the nurse only patted my hand and left the room with the person in the other bed sounding like a shrill

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# Innocent Eyes

*A merry heart doeth good like a medicine.*

**Proverbs 17:22**

As a new bride, Aunt Edna moved into the small home on her husband's ranch near Snowflake. She put a shoe box on a shelf in her closet and asked her husband never to touch it.

For fifty years Uncle Jack left the box alone, until Aunt Edna was old and dying. One day when he was putting their affairs in order, he found the box again and thought it might hold something important.

Opening it, he found two doilies and \$82,500 in cash. He took the box to her and asked about the contents. "My mother gave me that box the day we married," she explained.

"She told me to make a doily to help ease my frustrations every time I got mad at you."

Uncle Jack was very touched that in 50 years she'd only been mad at him twice.

"What's the \$82,500 for?" he asked.

"Oh, that's the money I made selling the doilies."

The girl came running in tears to her father. "Dad, you gave me some terrible financial advice!" she cried.

"I did? What did I tell you?" said the dad.

"You told me to put my money in that big bank, and now that big bank is in trouble."

"What are you talking about? That's one of the largest banks in the world," he said. "Surely there must be some mistake."

"I don't think so," she sniffed. "They just returned one of my checks with a note saying, 'Insufficient Funds!'"

Betty was soon to be married.

More than anything, she wanted to wear the wedding dress her mother was married in. Betty's mother was beaming with pride as she gave her consent. Later in the evening, the family gathered in the living room to wait while Betty tried on the dress.

When Betty entered the room, there

was a chorus of approval. The dress fit perfectly and looked wonderful on her. Tears ran down the face of Betty's mother.

Seeing this, Betty said, "Don't worry Mom, you're not losing a daughter, your gaining a son."

"Forget about that!" she said with a sob.

"I used to fit into that dress!"

A little old lady sold pretzels on a street corner for 25 cents each.

Every day a young man would leave his office building at lunch time and, as he passed her pretzel stand, he would leave her a quarter, but would never take a pretzel.

This went on for more than five years. The two of them never spoke.

One day as the man passed the old ladies pretzel stand and left his quarter as usual, the pretzel woman spoke to him,

"Sir, I appreciate your business. You are a good customer, but I have to tell you that the pretzel price has increased to 35 cents."

A young man had just graduated from Harvard and was so excited just thinking about his future.

He gets into a taxi and the driver says, "How are you on this lovely day?"

"I'm the Class of 2001, just graduated from Harvard and I just can't wait to go out there and see what the world has in store for me."

The driver looks back to shake the young man's hand and says, "Congratulations, I'm Mitch Class of 1969."

Uncle Leroy got a job down at the Broom Factory.

On his first day the straw boss (Floor supervisor) calls ol' Leroy into his little office and says, "You the new man

huh? What is yer name?"

Leroy replied "Leroy."

The straw boss says "I don't call anyone by first names. It breeds familiarity and that leads to breakdown in my Authority. I refer to all employees by last names; Now what is Your Last Name!"

Leroy sort of smiles and says, "Its Darling - Leroy Darling!"

The Straw Boss said "Now Leroy the next thing. . ."

At a clearance sale, the wife of a federal district court judge found a green tie that was a perfect match for one of her husband's sports jackets.

Soon after, while the couple was vacationing at a resort complex to get his mind off a rather complicated cocaine conspiracy case, he noticed a small, round disc sewn into the design of the tie.

The judge showed it to a local FBI agent, who was equally suspicious that it might be a 'bug' planted by the conspiracy defendants. The agent sent the device to FBI headquarters in Washington, DC for analysis.

Two weeks later, the judge phoned the Washington office to learn the results of their tests.

"We're not sure where the disc came from," the FBI told him, "but we discovered that when you press it, it plays 'Jingle Bells.'"

A woman was driving her old beat up car on the Highway with her 7 yr. old son, Little Johnny.

She tried to keep up with traffic but they were flying by her. After getting caught in a large group of car's flying down the road she looked at her speedometer to see she was doing 15 miles over the speed limit.

Slowing down, she moved over to the side and got out of the clump that soon left her behind. She looked up and saw the flashing lights of a police car. Pulling over she waited for the officer to come up to her car.

As he did he said, "Ma'am do you know why I pulled you over?" Little Johnny piped up from the back seat, "I do! Because you couldn't catch the other cars!"



The old pastor made it to a practice to visit the parish school one day a week. He walked into the 4th grade class, where the children were studying the states, and asked them how many states they could name.

They came up with about 40 names. He jokingly told them that in his day students knew the names of all the states.

One lad raised his hand and said, "Yes, but in those days there were only 13."

A Texas rancher, visiting a South Dakota farmer friend, asked him to show him his farm.

After seeing the 1,000 acre spread, the Texan bragged that down home he could get into his car, drive all day, and by evening would not have gotten to the distant point of his ranch.

The South Dakotan simply replied, "You know, I had a car like that once."

"I'm sorry," said the clerk in flower shop, "We don't have potted geraniums. Could you use African violets instead?" Replied the customer sadly, "No, it was geraniums my wife told me to water while she was gone."

A man was on a long walk in the country. He became thirsty so decided to stop at a little cottage and ask for something to drink.

The lady of the house invited him in and served him a bowl of soup by the fire. There was a wee pig running around the kitchen, running up to the visitor and giving him a great deal of attention.

The visitor commented that he had never seen a pig this friendly.

The housewife replied: "Ah, he's not that friendly. That's his bowl you're using."

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cat's meowing.

I must have slept, and when I woke, the room was missing a bed. Another person was wheeled in only they were silent. I remember it was still dark out. Soon that bed was wheeled out too. Where were the people going, home, a different room? None of them ever came back. My heart missed a beat. I was scared.

People were allowed to come in to my room not in two's or three's, but in bunches. They all acted like they knew me. They talked, cried, smiled, and touch my cheek or arm and then left. And they never answered me back when I spoke. I knew I had to get home. I thought if I stayed in this place I was going to die.

Then that strange nice man came in my room and he did lean down and listened to me talk. He asked me three times what I was trying to say. What was wrong with him; I was certain I was almost yelling, "Home, home!" My eyes wouldn't stay open.

When I awoke I felt fear. The nurse came in with a wheel chair holding my discharge papers. She insisted the strange man standing there was my husband! I thought surely I would have married taller, but this man seemed nice. I left the hospital with a man I didn't remember, to a car I didn't recall, and to a house I didn't realize I had lived in. But my mother was there, so it must be home.

As I found out in the next 18 months, I functioned like a four year old, which was fine with me, I had happy moments. Then I would have moments and knew two of my children. The other two were strangers as if maybe someone else's children were dropped off at the stranger's house I was staying in.

I endured 18 months of physical therapy and learned to walk again, in tennis shoes. People expected something from me, but I didn't understand what? Part of me was missing. I watched my mother read a big black covered book a lot. Words were hard for me to read, but the man with the kind, blue eyes spent time with me and was patient. He drove me to a library and helped me form words where I learned to slowly read again. I began reading my mother's black covered book and on one of the pages it said, "I wrote on your heart while you were yet in your mother's womb." Someone knew me and wanted me to know Him. I had to learn more; I didn't remember God or His teaching. I

was as a four year old child, but I felt a void. Life as I had know was erased or suppressed from my memory.

Finally at Easter time I got to go to church. We went as a family, my mother, my husband and three of my children, the fourth was still in the service overseas. The church family stood and cheered. Some laughed and some cried as I with a cane walked down the aisle. Strange though, I looked around to see who deserved this recognition—all that clapping and rejoicing, oh my, it was for me. Sadly I didn't recognize most of the people and the truth be known maybe I knew a total of four people. Then my friend, the pastor, seated the congregation. I calmed myself and squeezed that wonderful strange man's hand, and for the first time really believed he was my husband.

That day was the breaking point of my coming back after a long recovery. I realized that God in His great mercy and grace loved me.

After nearly thirty years and a rebuilt identity, I was faced with my memory's restoration.

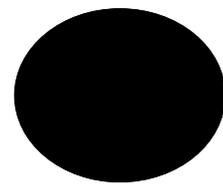
My life after a motivational speaking engagement on November 9, 2012 changed when a man brought a picture of my second grade elementary class and the memory gates opened. Over the next five weeks a full lifetime of memories appeared. I'm still with the same husband and he's not a stranger anymore. There have been trials and tribulations in my life and in my family, but the one thing I know is that God does hold the future, and I have a real joy and peace that surpasses all understanding. God in his timing also fulfilled a dream I had as a teenager and that was to become an author.

Since 2010, four novels have been published and several others are now in editing, which are due out later this year. The women in the books are all tiny windows of me, my life, circumstances, situations, friends, and family, before, during, and after my accident. The themes throughout my books let you know, God listens, God cares, God loves unconditionally, and His grace and hope are ever present. You can achieve anything if it is God's will!

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# The Black Dot



A small town chamber of commerce invited a speaker to address its annual dinner. The community's economy was bad, people were discouraged, and they wanted this motivational speaker to give them a boost.

During her presentation, the speaker took a large piece of white paper and made a small black dot at the center with a marking pen. Then she held the paper up before the group and asked them what they saw.

One person quickly replied, "I see a black dot."

"Okay, what else do you see?"

Others joined in agreement, "A black dot."

"Don't you see anything besides the dot?" she asked.

A resounding, "No," came from the audience.

"What about the sheet of paper?" asked the speaker. "I am sure you have all seen it," she said, "But you have chosen to overlook it."

"In life, we also tend to overlook and take for granted many wonderful things that we have or happen around us and focus our attention and energy on small, dot-like failures and disappointments. The so called 'problems' that we have are usually like the black dot on the paper. They are small and insignificant if we can widen our horizon and look at the whole picture."

Are you one of the person who focus your attention and energy on dot-like problems?

*And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.*  
Philippians 4:7-8



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## The Hummingbird: God's tiny miracle

Throughout North and South America lives one of God's most amazing creatures, the hummingbird, 'God's tiny miracle'.

Probably the best-known characteristics of the hummingbird are its extremely rapid wing-beat, 50-80 beats per second, and its amazing ability to manoeuvre. It can hover, it can fly backwards and sideways, and it can fly at speeds of more than 55 mph. This bird's a real show-off!

All this work, of course, uses an enormous amount of energy. To keep up their blistering lifestyle, hummingbirds, of both sexes, burn up huge amounts of calories—the equivalent for humans of 1,300 hamburgers a day, washed down with 60 litres of water, used mainly for cooling purposes. They can live up to 12 years.

The hummingbird shows excellent evidence of careful design of God, the creator of all things, for its remarkable lifestyle. Many of these design features are not obvious, however, because of the speed of the wing-beat and the small size of the birds.

God has equipped the hummingbird with a needle-like bill which penetrates deep into flowers to extract nectar. If the corolla of the flower is too long, the bill can pierce it at the base to gain access.

The hummingbird is also equipped with a long, specially designed tongue which is curled up at the edges to form

two troughs (which look like a number 3 on its back) to hold the nectar. The long tongue curls up and retracts to the back of the head. The bird takes 13 licks per second. When the tongue retracts into the mouth the nectar is squeezed out into the throat.

The hummingbird when hovering, back and forth, can swivel its wings in all directions from the shoulder. And the wing is straight, without the elbow-like bend in the middle like other birds. When hovering, each complete beat of the wing describes a figure of eight. This is not visible to the human eye at normal speed, so most people miss the action because it happens so rapidly that it appears as a blur.

Hummingbirds migrate great distances, from as far as Alaska to Mexico each year. The ruby-throated hummingbird, on the east side of North America, crosses the Gulf of Mexico. It stores a layer of fat equal to half its body weight before setting off. During flight, hummingbirds sometimes flap their wings so rapidly that it causes the hum which gave the birds their name.

The hummingbird is a very good example of the evidence for God as Creator. We need to keep in mind that all the hummingbird's features would have to work perfectly from the beginning for it to have survived—long bill, special tongue, and unique rapid wing-beat—in order to be able to gather its highly efficient energy food. The migratory be-



*Rufous hummingbirds are known to migrate yearly from Alaska to Mexico.*

haviour—energy storage, flight endurance, long distance navigation—must also have been perfect from the beginning so the adults could reach their nesting grounds and return with their young.

Who can doubt the hand of God the Creator in the design of this remarkable creature. Truly the hummingbird is 'God's tiny miracle'

**"For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse—if they do not believe."** Romans 1:20

**"Ask now the beasts, and they shall teach thee; and the fowls of the air, and they shall tell thee ... who knoweth not in all these that the hand of the LORD hath wrought this?"** Job 12: 7 and 9

**Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"** Matthew 6:25-26 (NIV)

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# HUGS From Heaven

Last Monday, May 18 was a new experience for me and so many others in the Houston area after receiving 17 inches of rain (more in some areas) in a 12 hour period. Places all around the Houston area that had never flooded had deep water ways where there had been paved roads; bridges and road ways were washed out all over the area even on some major roads. Water filled homes, businesses and other buildings in what seemed like only minutes.

One of my grandsons is a full time firemen/paramedic with the Katy fire department and one is part time there. During the first 18 hours of the rain, that department answered over 30 rescue calls, most of them by boat because even the fire trucks could not go through some of the really deep water. Rescue professionals and volunteers all over the area were busy at work around the clock. Even the volunteers that prepared food for the workers and the flood victims all pitched in to help.

Live and video pictures of everyone helping neighbors and any one in need of help was seen on every new stations and all other forms of social media was so gratifying and really humbling experience.

So many different Bible verses ran through my head as I watched the breaking news. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13; "And the King will say, 'I tell you the truth, when you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you were doing it to me!' Matthew 25:40; "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." (NIV, Mark 12:28-31).

I've heard it said, "I would rather see a sermon any day than to listen to one." I saw sermons everywhere I looked for several days. Did you?

*In His Love,  
Diana Boring  
San Felipe, Texas*



# The Heart Beat of God

The heartbeat of God I feel every day,  
In the things that I do and the things that I say.  
It's with me every morning and all through the night,  
Reassuring me Gods here and everything is all right.  
It's the comfort I feel when I'm falling apart,  
When I stop and I listen to the beat of Gods heart.  
It's the courage I need for the things I can't face,  
The heartbeat of God so full of His love and grace.  
It takes me to places that I've never been,  
With love I'm so grateful to go there with Him.  
It's in the laughter and joy I have in my life,  
And it gets me through all of my sorrows and strife.  
The heartbeat of my Father in heaven above.  
I can see it in so many that is filled with His love,  
What a blessing that I know with Him never ends,  
The heartbeat of God where everything good begins.

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## Dewberry Pie



### Crust:

- 1 ½ cup flour
- ½ cup vegetable oil
- 4 ½ TBSP milk
- ½ tsp salt

Sift flour in pie plate. Set aside. In a measuring cup, starting with the oil, place remaining ingredients and stir. Pour mixture into flour and mix thoroughly with a spoon. Form mixture into ball and press out into pie plate and over sides. Flute edges off crust.

### Filling:

- 1 cup raw dewberries
- ¾ cup sugar
- 3 TBSP flour
- 1 egg
- ¼ cup milk

Pour dewberries into unbaked pie shell. Mix together remaining ingredients in separate bowl and pour over dewberries.

### Topping:

- 4 Tbsp flour
- 4 Tbsp sugar
- ¼ cup butter

Mix together until course cornmeal texture. Sprinkle over uncooked pie. Bake at 350 degrees until crust is brown, about 35-40 minutes. It makes a custard fruit pie. Any fresh fruit may be substituted for dewberries. We also like peach or apple.

In memory of Lydia Taylor  
San Felipe, Texas

## FUN WITH GOD'S WORD

Use the scriptures below to find and circle the **BOLDFACED** words. **UNDERLINED WORDS** will be found together.

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To **everything** there is a **season**, and a **time** to every **purpose** under the heaven: A time to be **born**, and a time to **die**; a time to **plant**, and a time to **pluck** up that which is planted; A time to **kill**, and a time to **heal**; a time to **break** down, and a time to **build** up; A time to **weep**, and a time to **laugh**; a time to **mourn**, and a time to **dance**; A time to cast away **stones**, and a time to gather stones together; a time to **embrace**, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to **keep**, and a time to **cast** away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep **silence**, and a time to **speak**; A time to **love**, and a time to **hate**; a time of **war**, and a time of **peace**.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (KJV)



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# How Do You Want To Be Remembered?

*How do you want to be remembered?* That question is one that many people ask, and one that many people are afraid to ask. It's a question that cuts to the core of what we do and why we do it. But that question isn't one that is only asked years from now, when we reach the end of our lives. That question is one we need to ask right now. *"How do you want to be remembered today?"*

People in your life will remember you based on the cumulative effect you have on their lives. It's not some grandiose gesture that is remembered. Your character, your impact, your memory are the sum total of the decisions you make every day. So as you ask yourself how you want to be remembered, keep in mind that the first step is to ACT NOW. Don't wait to make a difference. Instead, tap into the life God has for you now!

Thank God for giving you the opportunities to impact people now. Ask

Him to give you the courage and ability to make the most of those opportunities to act now.

As you think about the day ahead, where can you make a difference in someone's life. When those opportunities arise today, ask yourself if you are making excuses, or if you are meeting your own expectation to make a difference.

*"Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil." Ephesians 5:15-16 NIV*

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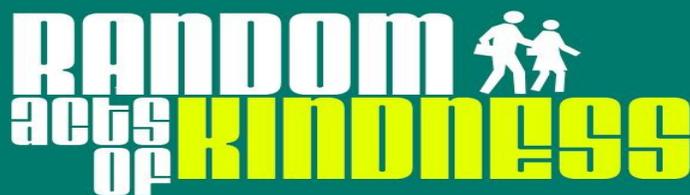
When was the last time you did something special for someone else

without taking credit for the effort? You would be amazed at how something simple can be such a blessing, not only to the receiver, but also to you.

Make a habit of doing a secret kindness for someone each and every day. Not only will you be able to shed happiness on others, but you, too, will surely be blessed!

*"But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." Matthew 6:3*

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In our competition-driven world today, it's easy to compare ourselves with others. We're constantly challenged to keep up with others, to meet their expectations, and to focus on things that can distract us from our own purpose. God has gifted each of us uniquely. When you begin to feel less adequate because you see others who are smarter, faster, stronger, or "better," remember that God has given you all you need to succeed. Success isn't found in comparing yourself with others. It's found when you focus on God's call on your lives, when you follow His plan for our lives, and when you use the gifts He has given you to the best of your ability to glorify Him.

Thank God for the gifts He has given you. Pray for focus and determination to fulfill His call on your life

Write a list of things that you love to do and that you are good at. Refer back to this list when you begin to compare yourself with others. And then, pursue those things to honor God and all He has given you.

*"Chosen by God for this new life of love, dress in the wardrobe God picked out for you: compassion, kindness, humility, quiet strength, discipline. Be even-tempered, content with second place, quick to forgive an offense." Colossians 3:12-13*

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