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WARTS AND ALL

“...see if there be any wicked way in me...”

Psalm 139:24

I want to look good. Oh, naturally, of course, but then especially to God.

I was shopping recently and saw a pair of size 4 pants (just passing by that size). Surprise! The info on the front of the pants said with “slimming” material. Now, that’s a joke. What size 4 needs to look slimmer? (I guess a size 5 still wanting to look like a size 4!!)

Ohhhhh – spiritual lesson! How many of us begin to see flaws in our spiritual lives and then we try to cover over it so it’s not obvious? After all, we don’t want our Holy God to see us imperfect. I don’t want Him to be disappointed in me. Our desire is pure, but then our motives become questionable.

Our enemy is so good at accusing us. After all, he’s the accuser of the brethren (Revelation 12:10). His tactics never change because they work. When he accuses us, we feel guilty because he says we are responsible for our sin. He neglects to remind us that **he** is the reason for sin from the beginning – out of heaven – the very presence of God and he sinned!!!

God is so faithful. He convicts us of our sin – drawing us to Him. The enemy condemns us – driving us away from God. When we walk in condemnation, then we enter into pride because we think we have the power to “fix” our sin. Remember how Adam and Eve made fig leaves to cover themselves? That’s us trying to cover our sins with whatever we can find – penance, guilt, legalism or maybe even hiding from God! But oh what a wonderful God! After God dealt with Adam and Eve, He clothed them with animal skins. He knew the fig leaves wouldn’t last. Even in their sinful state and being banished from the Garden, He took care of them.

So what do I do when I’m so guilty, so unworthy, so condemned, so ashamed? I do the same thing I did when I came to Him in my original condition – I confess my sin. ***“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” I John 1:9*** Just as He received me then, He will forgive me and receive me now (regardless of the lies of the enemy!)

Here is the main thing – transparency. God loves us – warts and all. He wants relationship with us – that means we get to know He knows all the bad things about us and still loves us! What an awesome God! What a great love!

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David had this relationship with God. He said, ***“Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts; and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” Psalm 139:24*** David gave God permission to uncover the unlovely, the embarrassing, the dirty, but then asked God to lead him in the right way.

He loves us. Forget trying to earn His love. Forget trying to perform. Forget excuses, the blame, the works! He can't help Himself. He is love. Two scriptures that I love which emphasize this:

“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8

“If we are faithless (do not believe and are untrue to Him), He remains true (faithful to His Word and His righteous character), for He cannot deny Himself.” II Timothy 2:13 Amplified

God wants us. The works He has for us to do are important, but at the beginning and end of every day, He simply wants us. Can you be transparent and intimate enough in your relationship with God to let Him truly know you – warts and all?

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