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# God's Masterpiece

Self-acceptance, I believe, is one of the biggest struggles for young people today. I struggled with self-acceptance as I was born visually impaired due to retinal detachment. I am completely blind in my right eye and partially blind in my left eye. To give some perspective, I can only read the first and second lines on the Snellen eye chart found in

most eye clinics. As a kid, I had trouble accepting this part of myself and would often hide it.

The main emotion I felt was frustration with a topping of bitterness. I was angry at God for allowing this to happen. I was angry at God for making me different. Maybe this God I was angry at



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wasn't even there for me. Some people didn't understand why I was slower and I would often become the receiving end of insults and bullying when playing sports. In classes, I couldn't really read what was shown on screen or on the board. Social interactions sometimes felt strange to me. I felt I wasn't good enough because of my limitations which affected my self-confidence and the way I carried myself.

Through my questioning and frustration, I read a psalm that would later become one of my favorites, Psalm 139. It reminded me that I was fearfully and wonderfully made by God, He had a plan for me even before I was born. This beautiful psalm made me realize that my worth should be based on God's standards. Over the years, God displayed His love and mercy through the community of people who accepted me for who I am and encouraged me in my struggles. I realized that I was "blinded" by my discontentment and needed to view my life with gratitude. During my preschool years, my parents gave me a wooden card with my name and a Bible verse written on it. I never really gave much thought to it, but as I struggled with my visual impairment, I began to realize how fitting that verse is. Taken from 2 Corinthians 12, Paul writes about a certain "thorn in his flesh" that he hoped God would remove from him. However, the Lord responded in verse 9 saying "My grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness." With this assurance, like Paul, I too, desire to boast in my weakness because His strength will rest on me. Interestingly enough, my visual impairment did not stop me from falling in love with media. During high school, I grew a passion for photography and videography,



things that heavily depended on my eyes. I jumped at any opportunity to capture moments or events and started to have more confidence in my skills. Throughout high school and college, I began to witness how much God cared for me by giving me the opportunity to learn and grow amidst my challenges.

I do not know what the future holds, but what I do know is that God has a plan for me and His plans are always reliable. If I go blind, I know that Christ's light still shines in and through me as long as I trust in Him. No longer do I need to be bitter at God for making me the way I am. I can accept who I am because Christ has already accepted me. I can find confidence in Him knowing that I am not useless. We need to constantly remember that through our struggles and weaknesses, Christ's strength is magnified. We are fearfully and wonderfully made. We are His masterpiece.



**By Ian Chan**

Ian serves in photography and videography in FBC Creative and Communications Ministry and Youth Ministry



# Devotions on 1 Corinthians 1&2



## Scripture

1 Corinthians 1:26 Brothers, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth.

## Observation & Application

As vessels or instruments of God's work, He does not choose us when we are at our best or when we are at our

peak or prime, but He chooses us whenever and wherever, for it is Christ in us who perfects us and grants us wisdom, not by our natural efforts that long for God, but by the Spirit given in us that longs for God.

I think this is a wake-up call to us, stop saying:

"if only I was older"

"if only I've completed my studies"

"maybe after I have completed my loans"

"maybe once when I have finished seminary"

Let's not run away with excuses, but first admit that it is by Christ that God can use us as His instruments for His work. That it is by Christ, that we've grown the hunger for God by the Spirit. That it is by Christ that we have an opportunity to have a partnership with God's mission. None of these, stem from man's efforts, wisdom or strength.

Question: How can I encourage others to see this in the same light as Paul speaking to Corinth?

## Prayer

Thank you O Lord that despite our lack of perfection, you still choose us as your instruments, your vessels. Thank you for entrusting us with your Spirit to guide us in your wisdom. May we respond to your calling, let us not shy away by making excuses, but allow the Spirit to move in us, in our weakness, in our foolishness. O God, help us we pray, to respond to you. In Jesus' name, Amen.



### By Ivan Khoo

Ivan serves in the Youth ministry with roles such as the discussion group leader, registration team, and youth committee



## PrayerSpotlight

### Unforgettable Concert

1. God will prepare and protect the Unforgettable team so that the physical concert on 22 and 23 October will proceed smoothly to the praise of God.
2. The younger musicians in the Unforgettable team are able to handle the practice schedule amidst the demands of their day job.
3. God will draw many non-believers and the unchurched Christians to the concert and cause them to hear and respond to Jesus' call positively.
4. God will give blessings of joy, strength and creativity to the Unforgettable team as they prepare for the concert. Pray that there will be the spirit of unity and fun for all involved in the concert.