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"Man's ultimate destiny depends not on whether he can learn new lessons, or make new discoveries and conquests but on his acceptance of the lesson taught to him close to two thousand years ago." – *Man's Ultimate Destiny, Rockefeller Center, New York, NY*

John R. Stott: *"The Sermon on the Mount is probably the best-known part of the teaching of Jesus, though arguably it's the least understood, and certainly it's the least obeyed."*

God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. (**James 4:6**)

Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth. (**Numbers 12:3**)

Exodus 3:11 - "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

Exodus 3:12 - God said to him, "I will be with you."

Paul - To keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. Three different times I begged the Lord to take it away. Each time he said, "My grace is all you need. My power works best in weakness." So now I'm glad to boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ can work through me. That's why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I'm weak, then I'm strong. (**2 Cor. 12:7-10**)

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (**Phil. 4:13**)

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Revelation 3 - "You say, 'I'm rich, wealthy, and need nothing'... "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and fellowship with him."

There's a time for everything. A time to weep, and a time to laugh. A time to mourn and a time to dance. (**Ecclesiastes 3:4**)

In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has made the one as well as the other. (**Ecc. 7:14**)

Sadness has a refining influence on us. (**Ecclesiastes 7:3**)

Paul - I rejoice, not because you were made sorrowful, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you felt the sorrow that God had intended... Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret.

Jeremiah 5:25 - Your sins have deprived you of good.

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When he finally came to his senses, he said... "I'll arise and go to my father..." So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. The son said, "Father, I've sinned against heaven and against you. I'm no longer worthy to be called your son." His father said to the servants, "Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. Bring the fatted calf and kill it. Let's feast and celebrate." (**Luke 15**)
