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You And the Father Are One

I was born and raised in Canada, in northern British Columbia, where the beautiful Rocky Mountains are. I'm very proud of this fact, however I didn't choose to be born there, nor did I get to choose who my parents, my brothers or sisters are. In fact, no human born into the human race was allowed to choose who their parents were, or where they're born. We received our looks and talent from our parents as they received from their parents. I was born into a very beautiful family with a little craziness.

I have three sisters and one little brother. We are all quite different but all very special in our own ways. My oldest sister is the shortest but the toughest of us all. The youngest is my little brother and he is the tallest by far. It's funny when you look at our family picture because he stands out like a tree compared to the rest of us. But if you look closely, you can see a little bit of each of us in each other.

When I was young, my mom told me a story of how a friend of hers looked at me and told my mother that I looked just like her. She went on to say that as long as your son is alive you will never die, meaning that because my mother's image was so much in my face, after she passes people will still see her in me. It's true; there is no doubt that I am my mother's son. I will never need identification to prove that she is my mother. I just have to stand beside her, and you know that we are mother and son.

The Lord reminded me of the story one day when I was reading the Scripture. He was trying to teach me that I was more than a servant of God, but I actually became His child the moment I was born again. For many years I really didn't grasp what it meant to be born of God. Truthfully, we will not really know the fullness of everything He's given to us until we go to heaven. So many people struggle to be at peace with their Heavenly Father, simply because they don't realize that He is actually their Father.

It says in John 1:12-13, *"But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God."*

We were truly born of God the day we asked Christ into our hearts. At that moment, the old you died, and the new you was born. We were born the first time of our earthly parents but we are born the second time of God as our Father, making us legally His children.

Many Christians spend too much time fearing that they are not good enough because they see their failures and their struggles instead of who God made them. When we think of how God views us we can think that He sees all the weaknesses and that He sees a stranger when He looks at us but that's not how it is

according to scripture. John 17: 21-23 reads, *"That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."*

Think about that for a moment. At the very worst time in your life, before you ever came to Christ, He loved you. That is why you don't have to worry about Him not loving you because you had a bad day. This verse shows exactly how incredible it was when you asked Jesus into your heart. You did not only come to God, but more than that you were born of Him and became His child to the point that, when He looks at you, He sees Himself in you! You are one with God; He is one with you. You belong to Him and He belongs to you.

Even more amazing is the truth that you were born again by His will. This means that the moment you were born of God it was by His choice. It wasn't by luck. God became your Father by choice. He picked you and loved you and made a commitment to be your Father. He will never leave you nor forsake you. It is possible for us to walk away from Him but He will never walk away from you. He chose to be your Father and you accepted to be His child.

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love. We love Him because He first loved us." – 1 John 4:18-19. His love for you can erase all fear of feeling inadequate in His presence. Even in your struggles and weaknesses He still desires your fellowship.

My desire for you is to feel safe every day and feel at peace with God. Whether you're having a great day, or bad day, you are still His child. You cannot earn one more ounce of His love and you cannot lose it. You have someone who loves you more than you'll ever know, and He thinks about you every moment of every day, because you are His.

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