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HAPPILY EVER AFTER?

“It is good for me that I was afflicted, that I may learn Your statutes.” Psalm 119:71 (ESV)

“Happily ever after” belongs at the end of a fairy tale, not in a description of the Christian life. Life in Christ is real. It isn’t plastic, it isn’t stained-glass, it isn’t saccharine, it isn’t fantasyland. In all my years of walking with the Lord, I have yet to meet one Christian who has “lived happily ever after.” On the other hand, I have met a great many significant saints who have endured affliction, loss, disappointment, setbacks, failures, and incredible pain through the years. And I have seen many of those same men, women, and . . . adolescents cling to their joy, radiate hope, and sustain a winsome spirit . . . even through heartache . . . even through tears . . . even at death’s door. . . .

If you’re waiting for a seamless, blemish-free week friend, you’re going to wait in vain. There is no such thing. And until we **learn how to derive lessons from seasons of failure and loss**, we’ll keep repeating those failures—digging ourselves into an ever deeper hole—rather than moving on as we grow up. **Amen.**

Moses: A Man of Selfless Dedication

Swindoll, Charles R.

Wisdom for the Way

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

