**The pressure to conform to human standards as opposed to God’s design has always been present for those who are deeply trying to love God.**

***2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.* Romans 12:2**

…***make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 1:5-8***

**One of Job’s strengths was that he was able to embrace reality.**

**Job did not diminish the past, but he did not dwell in it either.**

***2 “Oh, that I were as in the months of old, as in the days when God watched over me, 3 when his lamp shone upon my head, and by his light I walked through darkness.*  Job 29:2-3**

***8 Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered. 9 And being made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,*  Hebrews 5:8-9**

**When Satan and others say run away because you’re no good, Jesus says “come to me because I am.”**

**True humility is the catalyst for all spiritual growth.**

***20 I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.* Galatians 2:20**

***“You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be delivered up to be crucified.”*  Matthew 26:2**

**Faith in Jesus is not striking a balance between me and and the me I want to be. Faith in Jesus is finally the absence of me.**