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YOU ARE NOT A MISTAKE

Over the years as a Pastor, I have observed so many people that have been hurt by words that someone else said to them. This is especially true about words spoken over them as children. What we hear negatively from our parents, teachers, and others and what we say to our children negatively will define them for life unless they receive help and healing from the Lord.

Years ago, my late husband and I were pastoring in another city where a young boy about 5 was in our church. I had been teaching him in Sunday School. His mother came to me very upset one day because his schoolteacher had told him that he was stupid and would never learn anything. Now this boy was not stupid, he was actually very bright. I talked to him and asked him why he thought she would say it. His response was that he hadn't learned what she was teaching. Very quickly I told him this, "Just because you don't know something does not mean you are stupid, it just means you haven't learned it yet."

We moved away from that area but visited again several years later when he was in High School. His mother came to me and told me he was graduating with honors, and what I had said to him turned him around. He had gone from thinking he was stupid because of someone's careless words to believing in himself because words of life were imparted.

Some of you reading this may have been told various things or even said some careless words also. A really bad one is, "you're just like your father." Or "you'll never change." Or "you are a big disappointment to me." These are all lies from the devil, but he speaks through us when we do not guard our lips.

One time several years ago an associate in our ministry came to our home for dinner and also invited their mother to come. This woman took me aside and said that this child was a big disappointment to her. I in turn said, "I don't see that. I see a faithful person that has accomplished much." I was not going to be part of the trap that Satan wanted to set. Gossip can lead to destroying someone if we allow it.

I want you to know that you are not a mistake. Sure, you have made mistakes, but do not let them define who you are my friends. God chose to give you life and has a great plan for you. Do not let idle lying words control you. Rise up above them, and be what God sees. You are his creation, created in His image, fearfully and wonderfully made, and He loves you. If He created you, who are we to speak against God's creation? If God had a refrigerator, He would have your picture on it and show you off to His friends, because He loves you that much!

Remember, you are not a mistake! ❤️