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When I was a kid, my mom liked to make breakfast food for dinner every now and then. I remember one night in particular when she had made breakfast after a long, hard day at work. On that evening so long ago, my mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage and extremely burned biscuits in front of my dad. I remember waiting to see if anyone noticed. All my dad did was reach for his biscuit, smile at my mom and ask me how my day was at school. I don't remember what I told him that night, but I do remember watching him smear butter and jelly on that biscuit and eat every bite!

When I got up from the table that evening, I remember hearing my mom apologize to my dad for burning the biscuits. I'll never forget what he said: "Honey, I love burned biscuits."

Later that night, I went to kiss daddy good night and I asked him if he really liked his biscuits burned. He wrapped me in his arms and said, "Your Momma put in a hard day at work today and she's real tired. And besides – a little burnt biscuit never hurt anyone!"

You know, life is full of imperfect things – and imperfect people. I'm not the best at hardly anything, and I forget birthdays and anniversaries just like everyone else. What I've learned over the years is that learning to accept each other's faults – and choosing to celebrate each other's differences is one of the most important keys to creating a healthy, growing and lasting relationship.

That's my prayer for you today. That you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at feet of God. Because in the end, He's the only One who will be able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker!

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Upcoming Events

February 14 – Valentine's Day

17 – Ash

Wednesday Services in the chapel ó check the sign for times

Quote of the Month

My kids have given me a glimpse of how God must feel. God looks at us, like, "Oh, good grief! you're driving me crazy, but I still love you."

Jeff Foxworthy

Editor's Note

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Primary Sacred Time for World Religions –

February 2 – Candlemas – Christian celebration of the presentation of young Jesus in the temple to the aged Simeon.

Imbolc – Wicca reflection on the power of the gods from which physical and spiritual harvest will come.

3 – Setsubun Sai – Shinto celebration of the change of seasons with the coming of spring with shouts of "devils out, Good Fortune in". Bean throwing protects against demons.

12 – Maha Shivaratri – A Hindu festival in honor of Lord Shiva and his marriage to Goddess Parvati. Ceremonies involving prayers and hymns take place mostly at night.

14 – Chinese New Year – Begins a 15 day festival for Chinese people of all religions. Family reunions with thanksgiving and remembrance of departed relatives take place.

Saint Valentine's Day – Christian celebration of the love of God presented in Jesus and in the lives of Christian believers. St. Valentine was a 3rd century martyr. This day is widely observed in the USA as a secular celebration of love.

Transfiguration Sunday – Christian commemoration of the experience on Mt. Tabor when Jesus' physical appearance became brilliant as his connection with traditional Jewish holy figures became evident to the disciples.

15 – Nirvana Day – Buddhist observance of the death of the Buddha.

16 – Shrove Tuesday – Christian carnival day on the eve of Ash Wednesday which begins Lent, a time of fasting and devotions. It is also known as Fat Tuesday.

17 – Ash Wednesday – Christian observance to begin the 40 day season of Lent. Ashes are marked on worshippers as a sign of penitence.

26 – Mawlid an Nabi – Islamic commemoration of the birthday of Prophet Muhammad, founder of Islam, in about 570 C.E. Not universally observed.

Intercalary Days – Baha'i insertion of days into the calendar in order to maintain their solar calendar.

Purim – Jewish celebration of the deliverance of the Jewish minority in Persia from genocide.



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