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## BE YOU: IMITATE JESUS

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I read a quote by Elizabeth Gilbert that says, "It's better to live your own life imperfectly than to imitate someone else perfectly." It caught my attention for a couple of reasons. The first reason is it honors the Lord when you appreciate who He made you to be. Often people are not satisfied just being 'you.' You may observe the success of another and figure if their conduct or style is duplicated/imitated then you can achieve the same level of accomplishment. Truthfully, no one's life is so perfect it's better to imitate another person than being you. Just like the Lord has made every snow flake different each of us are different. It complements our Father when you develop your unique self and contribute to the world what He has given you. To imitate another person is a way of saying that God made a mistake when you came on the scene. God never makes a mistake. When you make a mistake it reveals an imperfection which should be viewed as an indicator there is room for improvement.

This leads to my second reason that quote caught my attention. The Psalmist wrote in Psalm 37:37, "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright: for the end of that man is peace." No one is perfect except Jesus, who is upright in all His ways and He is peace. I propose we set out to imitate Jesus in our life as the outcome is peace. The reason you have peace through Jesus Christ you are not as vulnerable to defeat when your imperfection come to the surface. You are willing to place yourself before God allowing Him to finish what He has started in you. God wants you to be YOU. Glorify God being You realizing in the long run "we all come in the unity of faith, and the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a PERFECT man, unto the measure of the stature of the FULNESS of Christ (Ephesians 4:13).

Let's change the perception of you realizing it is needful to **BE YOU** while you **IMITATE JESUS!**

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