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A speaker started off his message by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200 people, he asked, "who would like this \$20 bill?" All the hands went up in the room. He said, "I'm going to give this to one of you, but first, let me do this." He then proceeded to crumple the bill up. He then asked, "who still wants it now?" Still, all the hands went up in the air. "Well", he replied, "what if I do this?" He dropped the \$20 bill on the ground and began grinding into the ground with his shoe. He picked it up, now all crumpled and dirty. "Now, who still wants it?" Again, every hand went into the air.

My dear friends, you all have learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it, because, in your eyes, it did not decrease in value. No matter what I do, it is still worth \$20 dollars." Then he proceeded to explain that many times in our lives, we are dropped, crumpled and even ground into the dirt. Mostly by the decisions we make regarding the circumstances that come across our paths.

We feel that we are worthless, but, no matter what has happened or what will happen, we actually never lose our value, dirty or clean, crumpled or finely pressed. You are priceless to those who love you! The worth of your life comes, not from what you do, or from who you know, but, from who you are! You are special, never forget that! You will never know the lives you have already touched, and the lives you will touch! You will never know how much you are needed to the hurting hearts you speak to each day! You will never know how much hope you bring to others, just by being yourself! (Author Unknown)

The Bumblebee

According to scientists, the bumblebee's body is too heavy and its wing span too small. Aerodynamically, the bumblebee cannot fly. But the bumblebee doesn't know that and it keeps flying.

When you don't know your limitations, you go out and surprise yourself. In hindsight, you wonder if you had any limitations. The only limitations a person has are those that are self-imposed. Don't let education put limitations on you.

Food for Thought

Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it. (Anon.)

There is a wonderful law of nature that the three things we crave most – happiness, freedom, and peace of mind – are always attained by giving them to someone else. (Anon.)

Adversity, if for no other reason, is of benefit, since it is sure to bring a season of sober reflection. Men see clearer at such times. Storms purify the atmosphere. (Henry Ward Beecher)

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