



Dear Saints,

Our brother in the faith, Andrew Carter, (15 years old) wrote this devotion and sent it to me. I thought it was a very encouraging message about how sin and temptation plague us all and how Jesus helps with cleansing forgiveness and the power of his present love. Enjoy!

Pastor P

-----Devotion Follows:

Remember back to when you were little. When you would take a bath and start by cleaning yourself off but would soon get distracted by the fun of just being in the water. You'd play and play but soon remember you are supposed to be getting clean. You look around only to find that your bar of soap has fallen into the water and it's impossible to see through the soapy water. You feel around and grab the soap but it slips back into the water. You repeat this process many times only to find that with each attempt and each precious second in the water makes the soap bar get smaller and smaller until finally you find that the bar is gone and that you are going to have to call Dad and admit you goofed off and lost the soap. Dad comes and after calmly hearing what happens he leaves the room and gets you another bar of soap saying he'd never let you go to bed dirty.

Some times facing sin can be like looking for soap in a tub. Each time you try to resist temptation and fail you find that the next time the temptation comes it gets harder and harder to control and you fail over and over again and soon you feel it is impossible to resist. Then we realize that we have to confess and ask God for help with resisting the temptation and like the Dad in the story God comes back with a solution, Jesus. He sent Jesus to die on the cross for us so that we can be clean from all sin and tells us that he would never let his children sleep without being clean of sin. We are assured of this with a psalm. Psalm 50:15 says "Call upon me in the day of trouble, I will deliver you, and you will honor me." So the next time you find yourself looking for soap remember that God is just a call away and he will never let us fall asleep dirty. - Andrew Carter