

"I cannot, by direct moral effort,

give myself new motives. After the first few steps in the Christian

life we realize that everything which really needs to be done in

our souls can be done only by

God."-C.S. Lewis

Quotes & Connections



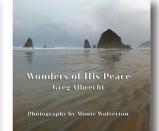
"Vulnerability is the birthplace of innovation, creativity and change... Imperfections are not inadequacies; they are reminders that we're all in this together."—Brené Brown

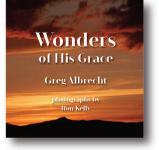
"Freedom is not worth having if it does not include the freedom to make mistakes."—Mahatma Gandhi

"Our human compassion binds us the one to the other not in pity or patronizingly, but as human beings who have learned how to turn our common suffering into hope for the future."—Nelson Mandela "This sad old world is filled with the spiritually sick and imprisoned, finding themselves in such a predicament because a toxic spiritual teaching or church is making them sick, because authoritarian, legalistic ideas are controlling them and preventing them from experiencing freedom in Christ."—Greg Albrecht, Spiritual Soup for the Hungry Soul, Volume 1



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