

{ Day 16 }

I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with loving-kindness. ... They will come with weeping; they will pray as I bring them back. I will lead them beside streams of water on a level path where they will not stumble. **—Jeremiah 31:3, 9**

The Father-heart of God was as thrilled with me—an immature, mess-making, spiritual infant—as with one of His spiritually mature sons who had just graduated with honors from the school of the Spirit. My heavenly Father enjoyed me while I was yet in the process of maturing, not sighing in disgust and waiting impatiently until I grew up. He loved and longed for me; He felt proud and was excited over me even while I was falling short.

{ PRAYER STARTER }

Father, like Mike Bickle, I am an immature, mess-making, spiritual infant. Yet You love me so much that You enjoy me just as I am. It's so hard for me to comprehend that You could feel that way, Father, but my heart is overwhelmed with love because of it.

**As my confidence in Him grew, my heart
became warm and tender toward God.**