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Everyone Limp; a Few Dance

(How to turn brokenness into blessing)
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5 People You Meet on Your Way to Heaven

The **arrogant & proud.**

The **advantaged & entitled.**

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself? This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God.'" (Luke 12:20-21 NIV)

The **bruised & bullied.**

The **betrayed & bitter.**

The **broken & blessed.**

"And when the Man saw that he couldn't win the match, he struck Jacob's hip and knocked it out of joint at the socket. Then the Man said, 'Let me go, for it is dawn.' But Jacob panted, 'I will not let you go until you bless me.' 'What is your name?' the Man asked. 'Jacob,' was the reply. 'It isn't anymore!' the Man told him. 'It is Israel--one who has power with God. Because you have been strong with God, you shall prevail with men.' 'What is your name?' Jacob asked him. 'No, you mustn't ask' the Man told him. And he blessed him there. Jacob named the place 'Peniel' ('The Face of God'), for he said, 'I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is spared.' ***The sun rose as he started on, and he was limping because of his hip.*** (That is why even today the people of Israel don't eat meat from near the hip, in memory of what happened that night.)" (Gen 32:25-32)

***"Those who hear not the music,
think the dancers mad."***

Dancing into The New Decade

I will **talk less & listen more.**

"My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be **quick to listen, slow to speak** and slow to become angry," (Jam 1:19 NIV)

I will **fear less & live more.**

I will **consume less & create more.**

I will **complain less & thank more.**

"But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? 'Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this? Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?'" (Rom 9:20-21 NIV)

"...pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1 Thes 5:17-18 NIV)

I will **worry less & wait more.**

I will **tolerate less & ask for more.**

I will **expect less & expect more.**

"We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." (2 Cor 5:20-21 NIV)