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Psalm 26:1-12

I know of a college student far from home who encouraged herself by writing Bible verses and inspirational sayings on sticky notes and posting them on her mirror and around her room. She later explained to her father that they represented the things she wished were true about herself and her life, things that she hoped and prayed would one day be true about her. They reflected her aspirations.

Then one day, as she read through them, she realized that they now described what she had become. Her aspirations had now been transformed into reality. To read Psalm 26 as a description of our own experience might sound haughty and unrealistic. We would probably feel unworthy for these words to be our words. Which of us could say to God, "I have always been mindful of your unfailing love and have lived in reliance on your faithfulness"? It is certainly true that our lives cannot be like that in our own strength. But, just maybe, if we would keep reading and heeding this psalm, we would one day find that we had grown into it.

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