

Embrace
Holy
Living

RE- FLECTING GOD

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1 Peter 5:6-11

Ever feel like a worn out sponge after a sink full of dirty dishes? A worn sponge might be discolored from multiple dips into hot, soapy water. It might be torn from intense scrubbing. The sponge's fibers may look distorted because of constant wringing. As the last soapy drop scurries away, the sponge is laid on the edge of the sink in order to dry out, only to do it all again tomorrow.

I think we've all occasionally felt like a worn out sponge. Life discolours, tears, and wrings us out, leaving us on the edge of the sink in order to dry out, only to do it all again tomorrow. It's easy to feel hopeless living like that.

Fortunately the God you and I serve is a fountain of eternal hope. In that hope, we find the grace and strength to do it all over again tomorrow. "The God of all grace, after you have suffered a little while, will himself, restore you (just like new) and make you strong, firm and steadfast (in ways that only He can)" (1 Peter 5:10 [author's paraphrase]).

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