

Sermon Notes

II Corinthians 12:9 - "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." -God
"I think those who would try to make you feel less than who you are... that's the greatest evil." -Mr. Rogers

Sometimes I Wonder if I'm a Mistake by Fred Rogers

Daniel Striped Tiger: Sometimes I wonder if I'm a mistake. I'm not like anyone else I know.

When I'm asleep or even awake

sometimes I get to dreaming that I'm just a fake.

I'm not like anyone else.

Others I know are big and are wild.

I'm very small and quite tame.

Most of the time I'm weak and I'm mild.

Do you suppose that's a shame?

Often I wonder if I'm a mistake.

I'm not supposed to be scared, am I?

Sometimes I cry, and sometimes I shake,

wondering isn't it true that the strong never break?

I'm not like anyone else I know. I'm not like anyone else.

Lady Aberlin: I think you are just fine as you are.

I really must tell you I do like the person that you are becoming.

When you are sleeping, when you are waking, you're no mistake. You are my friend.

It's really true: I like you.

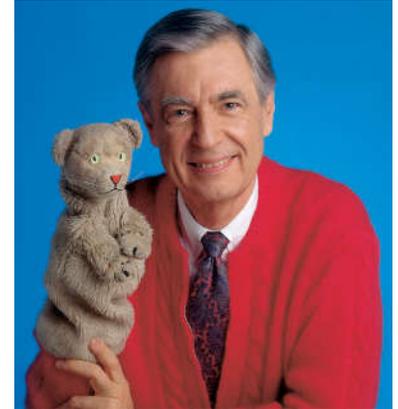
Crying or shaking or dreaming or breaking there's no one mistaking it,

you're my best friend. I think you are just fine as you are.

I really must tell you, I do like the person that you are becoming.

When you are sleeping, when you are waking, you're not a fake.

You're no mistake. You are my friend.



Sometimes our problems seem BIG - Judges 6:5-6 - ⁵For they and their livestock would come up, and they would even bring their tents, as thick as locusts; neither they nor their camels could be counted; so they wasted the land as they came in. ⁶Thus Israel was greatly impoverished because of Midian; and the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help.

Remember Your Story - Judges 6:8-9 - ⁸The LORD sent a prophet to the Israelites; and he said, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: I led you up from Egypt, and brought you out of the house of slavery; ⁹and I delivered you from the hand of the Egyptians, and from the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out before you, and gave you their land.

The Call of Gideon - Judges 6:11-12 - ¹¹Now the angel of the LORD came and sat under the oak at Ophrah, which belonged to Joash the Abiezrite, as his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the wine press, to hide it from the Midianites. ¹²The angel of the LORD appeared to him and said to him, "**The LORD is with you, you mighty warrior.**"

Why Has This Happened to Us? - Judges 6:13 - ¹³Gideon answered, "**But sir, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where are all his wonderful deeds that our ancestors recounted to us, saying, 'Did not the LORD bring us up from Egypt?' But now the LORD has cast us off, and given us into the hand of Midian.**"

Called to Serve - Judges 6:14 - ¹⁴Then the LORD turned to him and said, "**Go in this might of yours and deliver Israel from the hand of Midian; I hereby commission you.**"

What's Your Excuse? - Judges 6:15 - ¹⁵He responded, "**But sir, how can I deliver Israel? My clan is the weakest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my family.**"

True humility is agreeing with God about who you are.

What excuses do you make for why you can't be the person God has made you to be?

God Will Be With You - Judges 6:16 - ¹⁶The LORD said to him, "**But I will be with you, and you shall strike down the Midianites, every one of them.**"

True dependency is agreeing with God about who God is.

How are you creating pockets of dependency and asking God to show up in your life?

The Virtue of Weakness - I Corinthians 1:26-28 - (*Printed in the Call to Worship*)

Tell me about your call story.

Things I would like to remember from today's sermon: _____
