

**SCRIPTURAL FOUNDATION****PSALM 100:5**

For the Lord is good; His lovingkindness is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations.

**2 CORINTHIANS 12:9-10**

And He has said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weakness, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

**EPHESIANS 2:8-9**

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

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**THEOLOGICAL FOUNDATION****DESCRIPTION**

This is a prayer that the Spirit of the living God would give us the gift of faith to believe, live in, and trust who He is with the fruit being a surrendered and wholly devoted life to Christ.

**VERSES**

The verses of this song make two points: 1) that God is the change agent, and 2) that this will be a difficult experience for us (despite ultimately being for our good). This is nowhere more evident than in the psalm of David after his sin with Bathsheba. To the first point above, David acknowledges God as the changing agent when he writes, "create in me a clean heart, O God, (Ps. 51:10). However, David cooperates in this not by going through the motions of religiosity, but by offering a "broken and contrite heart" (Ps. 51:17), which we might add is not a pleasant place to be. Still, David's hope, our hope, and the hope that the rest of this song builds on is in the plea "Be gracious to me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the greatness of Your compassion blot out my transgression" (Ps. 51:1).

**CHORUS**

The chorus is encouraging the individual to move towards complete surrender unto God. In doing so, the song makes a petition that is mainly concerned with believing the character/nature of God as good and loving (which He is; Ex. 34:6; Ps. 100:5). However, as we all know, the circumstances of this life make this difficult to always believe. Thus, the individual humbles herself/himself before God, petitioning for the Lord to increase faith and trust in him despite the circumstances (ref. Jas. 1:5), knowing (again) that He is the giver of faith (Eph. 2:8, Jas. 1:17).

**BRIDGE**

Nevertheless, there is tension that exists originating from a weakness within us. However, two things happen as a result of this weakness: 1) we humble ourselves to God acknowledging Him as God (not ourselves) thus glorifying Him; and 2) He gets to show His strength in and through us because we are weak and we get to witness His perfect never failing comforting power.