

## God Loves You.....

### Just As You Are

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I was born at home on a chilly, January morning. The doctor said that I weighed 10 pounds - a pretty chubby 10 pounds. My parents, older brother, and I lived on a farm. I think that I was an average little girl, always exploring and sometimes getting into trouble.

At three years of age my life began to change; I became very sickly and almost stopped growing. I was so little that by the time I was six-years-old and ready to start school the school officials hesitated to allow me to attend. Even though I had my birth certificate, they just couldn't believe that I was six.

This was just the beginning. I did start school, but I also started seeing doctor after doctor. After that my family moved a number of times, and I saw new doctors everywhere we lived. With all of our efforts, my health conditions did not improve. I could barely keep food on my stomach, my blood pressure and blood count were low, and I was always tired. I was very short and very thin. When I graduated high school, I was only four feet, four inches tall!

Even the doctors who thought they understood my problem were unable to treat it. In those days specialists were rare. After my high-school graduation a hometown doctor suggested that I go to Augusta Medical College in Georgia. It was there that a widely-known endocrinologist found that the pituitary gland

at the base of my brain was not functioning as it should. This was affecting my entire system so my body was not developing.

After a brief period of treatment, I felt like a different person. I had never felt well in my entire life, and I thought everyone felt like I did. Then this treatment made me actually feel well!

I wish that I could report that all of my problems were solved with the medical miracle. I continued to fight battles. I had such an inferiority complex because of my size that I didn't want to go anywhere alone.

At the age of 24 I accepted Jesus as my Savior. My mother had accepted Jesus a few years earlier. She was such a blessing and help to me. I began praying and seeking God's plan for my life. One day while studying the Bible, I "happened" to read Matthew 6:27 which states, "*Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?*" I decided that this scripture was written just for me!

I finally accepted myself just as I was. As I looked back over my life, I began to see God had been with me all the time. So many things that could have happened to me (according to the doctors) **never did happen** because of God.

I began to realize it then and continue to accept it today; none of my worrying had changed me one bit. It was not until I turned everything over to God that things began to turn around for me.

The same applies to you today. God knows who you are and where you are, and He loves you **JUST AS YOU ARE**. Whether you are short, tall, fat, thin, rich, poor, it doesn't matter to Him. You are special to Him.

After I put God first in my life, I was no longer intimidated by **ANYONE!** Today I look forward to each day, wondering what's on God's agenda for the day.

God has worked miracles in my life. He will do the same for you. Trust Him. Nothing is too hard for Him. He loves me and He loves you - **JUST AS WE ARE!**

**BY THE WAY, TODAY I AM 4 FEET 10 INCHES TALL!**



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