

## *From a Stain to a Waterfall*

The Rev. J. Stuart Holden (1874 – 1934) told of an old Scottish mansion close to where he had his little summer home.

The walls of one room were filled with sketches made by distinguished artists. The practice began after a pitcher of soda water was accidentally spilled on a freshly decorated wall, leaving an unsightly stain.

At the time, noted artist Lord Landseer was a guest in the house. One day, when the family went out to the moors, Landseer stayed behind. With a few masterful strokes of a piece of charcoal, that ugly spot became the outline of a beautiful waterfall, bordered by trees and wildlife.

He turned that disfigured wall into one of his most successful depictions of highland life.

Just as the artist turned a stain into a waterfall, so Jesus can turn your pain and problems into a beautiful picture of His all-knowing love.

Speaking on that subject, Dr. David Jeremiah, senior pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church in El Cajon, California, said: “When you pray to God, ask to see the problems in your life in a new way. Romans 8:28 tells us, ‘And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.’”



“When you meditate on this truth, you will begin to sense the Holy Spirit working on your attitude. With God, imperfections can be perfected.”

All of us have strengths and weaknesses. We encounter adversity and challenges that come our way; it's called life. Let the truth of these words bring hope and comfort.

*And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me (2 Corinthians 12:9 NKJV).*

– Beecher Hunter