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From the Dean

Humility Comes through Humiliation

Beloved . . . this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.—Philippians 3:14

I was involved in a fender bender the other day. I had looked both ways, thought the way was clear, and then, *crunch!!* pulled out right into a pick-up truck at five miles per hour. Somehow I didn't see that truck coming. It was totally embarrassing.

A wise old bishop in Virginia once urged a newly elected Congressman to go out in a pouring rain and cast his eyes heavenward. "It will bring a revelation to you," he said.

The Congressman did as bidden, and he came back soaked to the skin. "Look at me," he wailed. "I didn't get any revelation; I only felt like a blithering idiot."

"Not bad," chuckled the bishop. "Don't you think that was quite a revelation for a first try?"

Heidi Baker, a missionary in Mozambique, says that we will never be humble without being humiliated. My accident reminded me that I am not as hot stuff as I usually think I am. Yes, I believe I am a better man for it. More humble. More grateful.

There are some things in life that are helpful reminders to keep us humble. Some things in our lives we really ought to let go of, such as hurts, bitterness, and so on. True wisdom is in knowing the difference.