



## Dealing with Disappointment

Most of us men are born to be highly competitive and dealing with failure and disappointment is difficult for us, especially when we believe that we have been following a call and God's plan for our lives. I was inspired by Michele Bachmann's comments this week, when following a disappointing finish in the Iowa Caucus; she dropped out of the race. We men can learn a lot about dealing with setbacks with grace and dignity from her comments. Following are her concluding remarks.

*And I will be forever grateful to this state and to its people for launching us on this path with our victory in the Iowa straw poll, and while I will not be continuing in this race for the presidency, my faith in the Lord God Almighty, this country and our Republic is unshakable. And I have traveled around this state and the country, I've seen the very best in the country in our people and I'll always believe in the greatness of them and in the greatness of the God that I serve. And of course, I'm deeply grateful to our entire campaign team . . . I have no regrets, none whatsoever, we've never compromised our principles and we can leave this race knowing that we ran it with utmost integrity, we made a very important contribution to this race, and so I sincerely thank my wonderful husband of 33 years, Marcus Bachmann [along with the kids, foster kids, mom, stepdad, bros, etc.] . . . they, along with the Lord's provision of his incomparable faithfulness, have been my strength throughout the campaign.*

*I look forward to the next chapter in God's plan. He has one for each of us, you know, if we will only cooperate with him. He has always had something greater around the corner far beyond what any of us have ever thought or imagined. I've been blessed to live a wonderful life, I'm grateful to have been a part of this presidential campaign. And so I thank you – I say God bless you and God bless the United States of America."*

Do you glorify God by having the inner strength to face even disappointments with deep gratitude, praising him, even in adversity? It takes great faith in the nature of God, which comes only from experiencing intimate relationship with Him.

*When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen. Ephesians 3:14-21*