**Facing adversity is how we grow…**

**The lessons that wisdom can share with us are now being lost to an intolerant, socially acceptant view of adversity.**

**There are moral values that come along with the relationships that we have in our lives. As we take each step forward, we are meant to learn, and grow stronger from both the good, and the bad, relationships that we have with others. This affects how our children will approach future relationships; through what they have experienced from their parents’ reflection and care. Relationships, and societal standards, that we view from the outside can provide lessons just as important as the relationships that we personally share in.** **The first example only works in our favor if we are taught to guide ourselves with humility and seek out the lessons that these relationships and experiences hold to be true; through again, our parents’ reflection. While in our parent’s care, we are meant to be taught to consciously think about the manner in which we approach all relationships. This strengthens our will and forms our character along the way. Fortitude found in the respectful approach that we are meant to use towards each other, as we intentionally look to learn the intended lesson, teaches us over time the most virtuous and important life lessons to be learned: humility and composure.**

**There is much growth, and many life lessons, to be lost for the adolescent, and young adult, who was never taught moral posture and respectful tolerance through the reflection of the actions and views shared by their parents.**

**Many young people are now lost souls, living in and of this world, intolerant to adversity because of this lack of intention.**

**This is the harsh reality met by many loving parents that have come to realize that their lack of intent, and their casual thoughtless comments and actions over time, have created a dynamic in their families that is hard to reclaim. Generations of unintentional parenting has now allowed our children to accept the worldly view of intolerance to adversity to settle into their will.** **These secular views and mindsets have made it easy for them to innately accept these new societal norms.**

**This situational truth is perpetuated and given a place of unwavering authority in the many worldly causes and misdirected "compassionate" ideals that continue to disrespectfully shut down, and shut out, people who do not share the same view of the world as they so intolerantly do. The lack of humility and basic respect for authority is stifling their growth and taking away the joy meant to be found and realized in the lessons shared and learned through adversity. This joy is lost because these ideas and views are never allowed to be explored to their potential, as they are swiftly discarded through this dismissive intolerant mindset. In this flawed reflection,** **our society, as a whole, loses out.**

**It is through our past experiences, both good and bad, that we grow as people, and as a society, as long as we choose to accept and face well our faults and failures along with our triumphs. The greater the loss, the greater the lesson to be learned. Being challenged by different points of view is the way we are meant to naturally learn and grow from each other. It is through our individual and collective accomplishments that we all advance together. We must accept, promote, and explore our differences, in order to recognize them as collective benefits.**

**We need to accept that this newly adopted secular societal norm, and view of intolerance for adversity, is keeping us all from the lessons that we are meant to share in and grow from. The understanding that is found in humility, mutual respect, and compassion for each other's views is our only way back. Society's view reflects that we have forgotten how to *love thy neighbor*. Even if this is not what is being taught behind the closed doors of our homes, it is the sad reality in our public square that must be accepted and intentionally shared with our children as a conscious competence.** **Facing adversity is how we grow. Let us all commit to teach our children well in our intentional words, deeds and actions as we hand on with effort, and in love, what we hope to be a better tomorrow for them all. The small comments and gestures, that we think nothing of, are the reflections of our acceptance of this new norm as it is viewed through the eyes of our children.**

**I especially challenge fathers with this charge. By being intentional in our actions, let us be mindful of what we say, or the lack thereof, and its possible adverse reaction to not only our own children, but to the future of our society.**

**Proverbs 17:17**

**A friend is a friend at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.**

**Iron sharpens iron…**