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The Mission of FBCWR:
To present the Lord Jesus Christ: His work on the cross and His in-dwelling power to meet man's needs.

And pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

Ephesians 6:19-20

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Transformers

(Christians in Disguise)

Do you remember those little toys that were popular a while back called Transformers®? They were little robots that could be "transformed" into another toy like a car or something. The television commercial jingle said, "Transformers, robots in disguise." Well, that's how I've been feeling about how I've been acting lately (o.k., for some time now). My jingle would sing, "Transformer, Christian in disguise." Just like the little toy, I notice that I tend to transform from one person to another depending on who I'm with and the situation. It's that old trap of trying to be everything to everybody in order to obtain his or her approval. This is something I've done for years, but like the toy after it had been twisted and turned several times, I snapped and the Lord let me take a look at what I was doing and how my way has not necessarily been the best way.

PERFECTING PLEASING

My people-pleasing skills (or lack thereof) are manifested in many different ways. When I am at work, I think I have to do everything just perfectly – be the perfect employee – and everyone will like me just fine. Well, that's not happening and when I realized that it wasn't working – it was not a pretty site. For starters I wasn't doing everything perfectly (obviously), a point that one person in particular was more than happy to let me know. Lucky for me, the Lord let that happen on one of the worst days I had ever had at work. I wasn't feeling well physically or emotionally and my sensitivity level was at an all time high. Needless to say, I didn't take the comments that were made well. Painful as it was, I am very glad it happened in such a drastic way so I could see it and give it to the Lord for His healing.

ULTIMATE DISPLEASURE

Another way I abuse people-pleasing is the one that convicts me most and from which I most want freed. I'm not as bold as I would like to be with my family, friends and acquaintances when it comes to sharing the gospel. Not sharing the message of Christ with people because they might think I'm weird, crazy, a fanatic, etc. is people-pleasing at its worst. If I could have one wish it would be that the people who I love the most would come to know the Lord and have a personal relationship with Him. So when I don't share the Lord and what He's done for me, I'm not really pleasing them anyway.

So, if you ever pray for me, this is something you can always be sure I will need prayer for, even if I haven't asked for it at the time. It is the desire of my heart to please Jesus first whatever that may cost me in human approval.

-Darlene Saunders