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# What if I feel like I don't measure up?



*Don't give up.  
With the Atonement  
of Jesus Christ,  
we can repent and  
improve.*

*Jesus Christ  
blesses those who  
want to improve and  
who try to keep the  
commandments. We  
always get credit  
for trying.*

*Everyone  
stumbles, but the  
Savior will help you get  
back up. He will help  
you repent, fix whatever  
you have to fix, and  
keep going.*

*So keep loving.  
Keep trying. Keep  
trusting. Keep believing.  
Keep growing. Heaven  
is cheering you on  
today, tomorrow,  
and forever.*

*From "Tomorrow the  
Lord Will Do Wonders  
among You," Ensign,  
May 2016, 124–127.*

A story from Elder Holland's life.

## Patricia's Courage



When Elder Jeffrey R. Holland was in college, he and his wife, Patricia, were very busy. One day when they were walking to class, Jeffrey felt overwhelmed, like he had too many things to do. He felt worried about the future. He stopped walking and asked Patricia, “Should we give up?” He thought maybe they should just give up on college and go home.

But Patricia wasn't ready to give up. She looked at Jeffrey and said, “We are not going back. The future holds everything for us.”

Jeffrey and Patricia chose to keep going. They worked hard and had faith.

Years later Jeffrey became the president of Brigham Young University, the same college where he and Patricia had spent so much time and worked so hard. Sometimes he thought about the day he had wanted to give up on college. When he remembered that day, he was always grateful for Patricia's courage. He was glad that he and Patricia chose to have faith. They kept thinking about the future with faith and courage and never gave up. ♦

*Adapted from “Remember Lot's Wife: Faith Is for the Future,” speeches.byu.edu.*