

# mercEmail

*"He delights in mercy" (Micah 7:18)*

## That Has To Be A Mistake

**H**ave you ever seen the artist on TV with the fuzzy hair? You know, the guy who stands in front of a canvas with his color palette and paints? I understand he died a year or so ago, but they air his television show, teaching people how to paint.

While I could do without his comments about "happy clouds" and "happy trees," I have been amazed at his abilities. In a period of 20 minutes, this man could transform a blank piece of canvas into a beautiful work of art. On many occasions, I would see him make a stroke with his brush and think, "Aw, he's really made a mess with that stroke" only to be proven wrong. What seems to be mistaken strokes, eventually blend into something beautiful.

Don't you think it would help us if we could remember this when it comes to the working of God in our lives? At times, God allows things to happen to us that appear to us as though no possible good can come from it. Sometimes events may even make us feel that God has blundered with our lives. But as a skillful artist, He eventually brings first one and then another influence to bear upon it until something purposeful begins to emerge.

When life is difficult and a bit ugly, hang in there. Don't change the channel on God too soon. If you do, you may miss something beautiful.