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

## Dear Mom & Dad

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You've probably heard about the letter that was written by a university freshman to her parents. It said:

Dear Mom and Dad, Just thought I'd drop you a note to let you know about my plans. I've fallen in love with a guy named Jim. He quit High School after his junior year to get married. About a year ago, he got a divorce. We've been dating two months now, and I plan to marry him in the fall. At any rate, I dropped out of school last week, but I do plan to finish sometime in the future.

*(On the second page, she continued...)*

Mom and Dad, I just want you to know that everything I've written thus far in this letter is false. None of it is true. However it is true that I got a "D" in Western Civilization. Hope to see you soon. Love, Your Daughter.

Well, it doesn't take a genius to figure out this girl's strategy, does it? Even bad news can sound pretty good if it's kept in perspective. There are times in my life when I've been tempted to wallow in self-pity, but it seems like every time I fall into this mood, people have crossed my path who force me to change my perspective and give thanks for the relatively few problems I have.

So, the next time you're tempted to feel sorry for yourself and complain about how bad you have it...*don't!* Just remember that there are many people who would trade places with you in a heartbeat!