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I thought of this really funny metaphor for what it's like to be God trying to guide me through life. I imagine that everytime I freak out or get caught up on things that don't matter, it's a little something like this: me standing in a pool and then suddenly I'm drowning. And I'm screaming and spazzing out and thinking this is it. This is the end. And I'm like "God! Where are you? You were supposed to be here!" and I can't tell that he's saying anything cause I'm too busy making noise while I drown. And then suddenly, when things seem to be at their worst, I hear him say, "Sydni, just stand up." And then I do. And then I realize I was "drowning" in 3 feet of water. And if I had just stayed calm, I would've heard him say "stand up" the first time. That's what I imagine it's like in my relationship with God. Everything in my life would be so much simpler and better off if I didn't always resort to freaking out over everything. Especially when it comes to letting things and people go. Because I'm not used to people staying around for long. Because I always end up leaving and moving away. But now I'm starting to see that God removing these people from my life that I so heavily rely on is

the best thing he could do for me. Because then there's one less person holding me back from my future blessings and my relationship with him. So instead of freaking out, a proper thank you would do better. Also I shouldn't be so worried about the messes that are left behind. I always have an issue with ending things or situations on a "bad note" when in reality, it's not going to matter in the future. If it did matter, things wouldn't have ended that way. So don't worry about the mess that's left. Maybe it's not as bad as it seems. And even if it is, where you're headed after that mess is made won't mind it. Your future blessings won't look back on your past disappointments and say "sorry, you need to clean that up first." That's not how God works. He's going to watch you make mistakes or be disappointed, teach you how to deal with it, and then guide you in the opposite direction toward your new blessings. He doesn't want you looking back or stopping to worry about that mess you left. Because he already cleaned it up for you. And there's nothing left to fret over. He wants to grow by faith and trust that he'll always work it out. You don't have to try to fix everything by yourself, ya know? And sometimes, that thing you think is broken, isn't broken. It's just outdated and it's time to move on.