

A 14th century Italian stained-glass artist was summoned to design and create a huge portrait for the window of the cathedral in Chartres. A building well known for its stained-glass work. He laid out all of the pieces he was going to use on the floor of the cathedral. They were beautiful to behold; most of them were large and colourful. Some of the colours from that period cannot even be reproduced today. Among these awesome pieces of glass was a small, clear piece about as big as your fingernail. As the stained-glass portrait was assembled that little piece remained on the floor. Only the big, colourful pieces of glass were used.

On the day of the window's completion, the tiny piece of clear glass was still lying on the ground. The entire city gathered to witness the unveiling of the brilliant and beautiful stained-glass portrait. The artist stood in front of the crowd, made his speech and dramatically pulled down the cloth cover. The crowd gasped at the beauty of the colourful window glowing in the sunlight.

After a few seconds, however, the crowd grew silent. They sensed that something was missing, that the portrait was unfinished. The great artist then walked over to where the little clear piece of glass lay, picked it up and placed it on the portrait, right in the centre of Jesus' eye. As the sun hit that little piece, it gave off a dazzling sparkle.

Do you ever feel left out, untalented, left behind, a disappointment? You doubt you can ever do anything for God. Let this story remind you that each of us has a glorious place in the dancing patterns of the light in our world. You are an important part of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12).

Paul

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World Mental Health Day

Tuesday 10 October was recognised as World Mental Health Day. Good mental health is vital to our overall health and well-being. Yet one in eight people globally are living with mental health conditions which can impact their physical health, their well-being, how they connect with others, and their livelihoods. Mental health conditions are also affecting an increasing number of adolescents and young people. For information and support, please visit: -

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