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# **St. Josemaría: “We will fight all our lives to correct our flaws”**

In this video, St. Josemaría encourages us to live for love every day: “Don’t be ashamed to be a poor, flawed vessel. We will fight all our lives to correct our flaws, right to the end... This is love.”

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Overcome yourself every day.

We don't do things well,  
unfortunately, there's always a loose  
thread.

Tell the Mother of God that you didn't  
want that, that you would like to do  
things perfectly, but that we're  
creatures of clay, clay like a water  
jug, which breaks at the first blow;  
but it can be mended with staples (do  
you call them "staples" here? Those  
metal pieces...).

And you and I are full of staples, but  
have you seen pots mended with  
staples? They turn out quite elegant,  
almost as elegant as your tie.

My son, don't be ashamed to be a  
poor, flawed vessel.

But we will fight all our lives to  
correct our flaws, right to the end.

Isn't that right? This is love.

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