



## **“The Smell of Old Spice”**

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You and I are not very different from a flower. All of us have something special that makes just as beautiful. Do you know why you are special? Now the answer to that can be hard, especially if you are grieving.

Grief can have a powerful way of picking out your petals. Sadness, loneliness, despair it physically makes us sick. It can literally break you and throw you away. When you are grieving, how can you feel special?

I lost my father to a horrible car accident in 1993 he was 61. I had not seen him in a long time before he died, and I was devastated. Growing up he was my hero, he built highways and drove a giant earthmover with tires 6 feet high. To a young boy those tires were as big as a house.

There is a saying – where there is a crack the light gets in. One way the light got in through a crack for me is with the scent of Old Spice cologne. My dad always wore Old Spice cologne. Whenever I get a whiff of Old Spice it brings back the memories of a man who could move the earth with one swipe in a vehicle with tires as big as a house.

Old Spice cologne is still around today; it has withstood the test of time.

My grief for my dad is still around today; it has withstood the test of time.

But through God’s unfailing quality of his unconditional love, in my grief, he gives me strength. In my grief, he helps me seek out the light

We are special because God loves us and God’s love never fails. No matter how much you are grieving and no matter how broken you are God will reach into the trashcan and make you whole again.

Grief never ends and that is ok for grief is the price of love.

