My dearest child,

I was about your age, and everything seemed to be going pretty smoothly. I was staying at a hotel with my family while we were on vacation. After a fun day with my family I decided I wanted some alone time and that I wanted to go swimming in the pool. I put on my suit, grabbed a towel and was on my way. I pushed the down button for the elevator and waited. The doors opened and I stepped in, just as the doors were about to close a mom and her little girl came in. I smiled to the little girl and then watched the doors close in front of me. The little girl continued to stare at me. So to make things less awkward, I asked for the little girl’s name. The mother replied with “Emily.” I asked Emily some questions about herself, just trying to make small talk. The elevator then came to a complete stop. As I looked up, I saw complete horror on the mother’s face. Fear caught up with Emily and she started to cry. I just stared forwards trying not to worry. We sat there in complete silence for a while. I looked on the button panel for the emergency call button. I made eye contact with the mother and pushed the button. I then sat on the floor for I knew we would be in there for a while. When Emily saw I was sitting, she joined me on the floor. I started to talk with her and make jokes. The mother joined us on the floor after about 5 minutes. We all were telling stories and laughing together and making the most of the situation when the elevator started to move again. We all jumped to our feet and I could feel the excitement we all had. When the doors opened again, we said our goodbyes and went our separate ways. I glanced at the clock and realized that we had been stuck in there for a good hour. I took the stairs back up to our room, and told my family about the adventure that had just happened. They asked if I was okay and then chuckled at the misfortune.

So my advice to you my child is to make the best of all situations. Sometimes if you make any situation seem easier, it makes the people around you feel more comfortable. I hope you keep this in mind.