

Broken: How God Can Redeem My Failures

Reflect

1. Think about a time when you made a mistake.
2. Reflect on a time when a mistake changed how you saw yourself.
3. How have past mistakes messed with your present or your future?

Read Your Bible

- 2 Corinthians 7:5-12
- John 4:4-26

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. Describe a time when you made a mistake that you thought couldn't be forgiven.
2. How have you seen God work to redeem that mistake?
3. Do you have trouble forgiving yourself for mistakes? Why? Or why not?
4. Discuss a time when God worked through a moment of failure to restore a broken relationship.
5. Discuss a time when God worked through a moment of failure to shape who you are today.
6. How should we respond knowing that God offers us living water even when we have made mistakes?

Conclusion

God is in the business of redemption and restoration. When Jesus was talking to the Samaritan woman at the well, He knew her failure. He knew her failure, and He offered her living water anyway. It could be argued that it was because of her failures she came to the well at that time and had the opportunity to talk to Jesus alone. Jesus came to free us from worldly sorrow and shame that brings death. Instead, He asks us to embrace the godly sorrow that brings repentance, leaves no regrets and leads to salvation. Even when we think we have messed up beyond repair or worthiness, Jesus shows up to offer love and forgiveness when we feel we least deserve it. We all make mistakes. Our past regrets can haunt us. However, our moments of failure can be precisely the place God uses to not only shape us into who He wants us to be, but also restore and even strengthen what is broken.

Pray

Heavenly Father, thank You for finding us, meeting us, and forgiving us in the midst of our mistakes. Thank You for the living water that You provide to cleanse us of our failures and nourish us when we need replenishment and restoration. Lord, help us to come to You when we feel like we have made unforgivable mistakes. Help us to accept Your grace and forgiveness and look for ways You are working redemption in the mess. In Jesus' name. Amen.