



Personal Failures

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Introduction:

- Putting the past behind
- The weight of personal failure

My guilt is like a heavy burden. I am sinking beneath its weight. **Psalm 38:4 ERV**

Moving past your failures

1. Your _____ are not too big for God's _____

But God is faithful and fair. If we admit that we have sinned, he will forgive us our sins. He will forgive every wrong thing we have done. He will make us pure. **1 John 1:9 NIRV**

This message is from the LORD. "I will forgive them for the evil things they did. I will not remember their sins." **Jeremiah 31:34 ERV**

2. Your _____ don't define you, God does

This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun! **2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT**

3. You can't _____, but God can _____

I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Philippians 3:12-14 NLT

Even if godly people fall down seven times, they always get up.

Proverbs 24:16 NIRV

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Jeremiah 29:11 NIV

Next Steps:

- I will accept God's forgiveness for my past failures and move past my past
- I will not let my past failures define me. I am whoever God says that I am
- I will cooperate with God as I learn from my past and move into the future
- I will invite a friend to attend "At the Movies"
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