

## Rear View-Personal Failures

We've all done things we're not proud of.

Sexual past, Recurring sin—promised won't—I do.  
Said something you shouldn't have said...Regret it.  
Bad decisions—catching up with you.

Fear someone finding out.  
Bankruptcy—or you are flirting with it... if I do, I'll fail.  
Committed adultery—can't get over it.

Divorced—if I had only tried a little harder.  
Kids didn't turn out like you'd hoped—second-guessing yourself.  
Didn't measure up... Failure.

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**Ps 38:4**

**4 For my iniquities have gone over my head;  
like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.**

Want to mentor—feel so unworthy.  
Want a good marriage—don't deserve it.  
Love to make a difference—after what I've done!

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## MOVING PAST A FAILURE

**YOUR BIGGEST SINS ARE NOT TOO BIG FOR  
GOD'S GRACE.**

Feel so guilty

**1 John 1:9**

**9If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Since God forgives you—you should forgive yourself. Let it go!

**YOU ARE NOT WHAT YOU HAVE DONE. YOU ARE WHO GOD SAYS YOU ARE.**

Satan tries to get you to personalize a failure.

I am bad. I'm unlovable. I'm used goods. I'm a failure. I'm unworthy.

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**2 Cor 5:17**

**17Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.**

Failure is an event—never a person.

Just because you failed at something—doesn't mean you are a failure.

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You're a divorcee, You're a financial failure, You're an addict.

I'm a child of God. I'm forgiven. I've been made new. I'm overcomer.

**YOU CAN'T CHANGE YOUR PAST, BUT CHRIST CAN CHANGE YOUR FUTURE!**

Marriage is over, Child you aborted is in heaven, Molested

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**Phil 3:12-15**

**12Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13Brothers, I**

**do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you**

### **Forgetting**

To treat w/thoughtless inattention.      To banish from one's thoughts.  
To willfully neglect.                      To disregard on purpose.  
To leave behind intentionally.      To cease remembering

### **Prov 24:16**

**16 for the righteous falls seven times and rises again,  
but the wicked stumble in times of calamity.**

Moses—murdered a man  
David—committed adultery  
Peter—I denied Christ

## **If we allow personal failures to Rule our Life.**

**It will cost us Relationships**

God  
Others

**Let Grace Flow.**

**Let in Flow IN.**

**Let in Flow Out.**

**When you truly receive God's grace and see yourself as forgiven. You will naturally begin to forgive others.**