

Volume 2, Day 27: What To Do About Sin

So what do we do with sin and brokenness? The first thing is to recognize it where it exists. Resist it. If you can't, you can just say, "You know what? I'm not going to go that way anymore." Often I'm reading scripture and Paul will talk about anger, or the Proverbs will talk about integrity. And something in my life will illuminate and I say again, "You know what? I'm not living there and I want to be." And now I simply confess it. I take it to God.

You don't confess so God will forgive you. It's already been forgiven. Every sin you ever have or ever will commit has been forgiven. We confess so that we can see it as God sees it. Once we admit it, we invite God into our struggle with it and let Him fill up in us what that sin seeks to fill up. And then knowing Him and that His love is truly unconditional, you feel free to engage with Him in restitution or reconciliation.

If I've hurt somebody by my anger or if I've hurt somebody by my impatience, I get to go to them and say, I'm sorry. Is there some way I can make it up to you? And then we're part of one of the most redemptive things in the world, watching God overcome sin in our relationships to each other because we're quick to offer forgiveness, ready to be reconciled where relationships are broken.

Here's what's important for you to know. You are not your failures and your failures don't diminish God's affection for you. You are his beloved son or daughter. Keep living there and as you live there, this transformation will be accomplished by God and sin will take care of itself. The best reaction to committed sin is to say, "Thank you Jesus that this sin has already been paid for."