

Fear of Disappointing God
To introduce and remind you of the
following realities:

- Our sin cannot separate us from God’s love once we are his.
- Forgiveness is ours if we accept it.

Supporting Scripture

- “Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven.” (Matthew 9:2 nasb)
- “[We are] delivered from the power of darkness and conveyed . . . into the kingdom of the Son.” (Colossians 1:13)
- “He who believes in Him is not condemned.” (John 3:18)
- “Everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up in the last day.” (John 6:40 niv)
- “These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.” (1 John 5:13)
- “Perfect love expels all fear.” (1 John 4:18 nlt)
- “If our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and knows all things.” (1 John 3:20)
- “God’s readiness to give and forgive is now public. Salvation’s available for everyone! . . . Tell them all this. Build up their courage.” (Titus 2:11, 15 msg)
- “If we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” (1 John 1:9 nlt)

Question: Can your past really be forgiven?

I. Strays

A. Just like stray animals, we too are prone to wander far from home.

B. Jesus will search for us.

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II. The God Who Does Not Abandon Us

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III. Tether Your Heart to His Promise

A. Nothing fosters courage like a clear grasp of grace.

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B. If you haven’t accepted God’s forgiveness, you’re doomed to fear.

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