

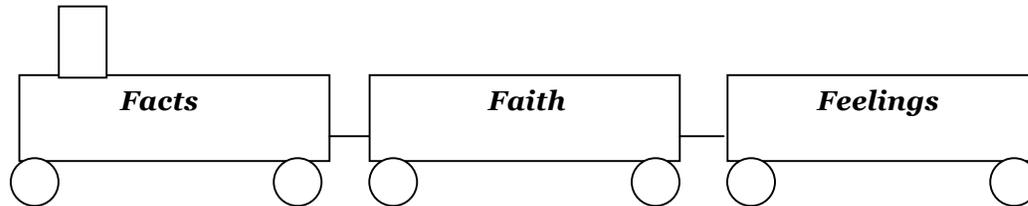


Ever Need Forgiveness?

Walking In Forgiveness Based On Truth

When you sin what is your usual response to God? I feel guilty. I don't want to ask forgiveness again. I find that I distance myself from God. I feel like a loser...When we sin, Satan likes to discourage us. He attacks our self-esteem, our security in Christ, and our hope of living a better life. We may feel frustrated, down on our self, hopeless, or out of control. We may even feel that God doesn't like us.

But...



In the same way that the caboose of a steam engine train cannot power the engine, nor should we allow our feelings to run our lives. You have to put the coal into the engine for the engine to run. The caboose then follows the engine and the coal car. **Similarly, we need to put our faith in the facts and let our feelings follow.**

The truth (the facts) may sometimes be quite different from our feelings, but the truth is that God always loves us. And, the greatest statement of His love is the cross.

Read Romans 5:8 (the truth/the facts)

1. What does it say?
2. What does it mean?
3. What does it mean for me?

Read 1 John 1:8-10 (the truth/the facts)

4. What two things do we learn about sin in v. 8?
5. List all the things you learn about sin and confession in v. 9.

Read Psalms 103:8-14 (the truth/the facts)

6. How is God described?
7. Sin is not an easy topic to think about. What do our sins deserve? Why?
8. What relationship will our sins have to us in the future? Why?

Read Hebrews 10:11-18 (the truth/the facts)

9. Who is the priest spoken of in v. 12?
10. Contrast his sacrifice with the daily sacrifices of the priest
11. List several benefits of Christ's sacrifice for us.
12. What does v. 17 mean?

Talk about these 3 things as a group:

Renew your thinking daily by studying God's Word.

Pray and submit daily to follow God and His Word.

Repent quickly/receive forgiveness/get back on track obeying God & His Word.

How to work through sin and receive God's forgiveness:

- Confess and ask God to forgive you.
- Give Jesus permission to work on this part of your life.
- Give Jesus permission to do what ever it takes to free you.
- Tell the Lord you will do whatever it takes to get free.
- Confess to someone and ask for prayer and help.

