

Christ In Us, Pt 2 - "Course Corrections"

Do you think that God is more concerned about His people walking the path of faith in PERFECTION, or that as we walk we refuse to give up no matter how bad we mess up?

Below there is a list of five processes. Take a scenario from your past where someone hurt you. Write out, to the best of your ability how these five processes manifested in your own life? When you get to #5 ask yourself an additional question: Did I accept the truth, or settle for less than the truth about who I am, and who I can be?

1 - In the beginning we don't believe we are being effected in any serious way, because we are strong and can handle it. _____

2 - Then, we begin to get weighed down with guilt, anger, and we can't seem to understand why we are having so much trouble getting past, whatever it is. _____

3 - Then we begin to either justify our actions, because people just don't understand what we were going through. Or, we begin to assign meaning to the actions or thoughts of others because we know exactly why they did what they did. _____

4 - Then, we start to mourn the reality of our situation, where we are, and who we have become. _____

5 - We accept the reality of our situation. _____

How do the scriptures below help you identify more closely with Paul? _____

Paul was kinda slow to forgive... Acts 15:37-40 ³⁶ After some time Paul said to Barnabas, "Let's go back and visit each city where we previously preached the word of the Lord, to see how the new believers are doing." ³⁷ Barnabas agreed and wanted to take along John Mark. ³⁸ But Paul disagreed strongly, since John Mark had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in their work. ³⁹ Their disagreement was so sharp that they separated. Barnabas took John Mark with him and sailed for Cyprus. ⁴⁰ Paul chose Silas, and as he left, the believers entrusted him to the Lord's gracious care. (NLT)

Paul had a slight temper... Galatians 2:11-12 ¹¹ But when Peter came to Antioch, I had to oppose him to his face, for what he did was very wrong. ¹² When he first arrived, he ate with the Gentile believers, who were not circumcised. But afterward, when some friends of James came, Peter wouldn't eat with the Gentiles anymore. He was afraid of criticism from these people who insisted on the necessity of circumcision. (NLT)

And... he had a tendency to be more than a little prideful... 2 Corinthians 12:1 & 6-7 ¹ This boasting will do no good, but I must go on...

If that's not enough... move to verse 6

⁶ If I wanted to boast, I would be no fool in doing so, because I would be telling the truth. But I won't do it, because I don't want anyone to give me credit beyond what they can see in my life or hear in my message, ⁷ even though I have received such wonderful revelations from God. So to keep me from becoming proud, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger from Satan to torment me and keep me from becoming proud. (NLT)

The challenge we have is to either:

Accept the reality of our current situation, and choose to embrace it. Or, we accept the reality of our current situation, and choose to change. _____

In order to make these kinds of corrections in your life you need to know two things.

1: Where you are 2: Where you are going _____

Matthew 6:11-14 ¹¹ Give us today the food we need, ¹² and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us. ¹³ And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one. ¹⁴ "If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins. (NLT)