

Review

- God is our Promise Maker and a Promise Keeper
- Our part – He is my Shepherd; I have all I need (2 Peter 1:3-4)
- Though we struggle –AS THOSE IN CHRIST –nothing can separate us from God’s love (Romans 8:38-39)

Jesus is able to save every one of us – even the worst of sinners

- People and their pedigree

1 Timothy 1:12–16 (NIV) ¹² I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who **has given me strength**, that he **considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service.** ¹³ Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in **ignorance and unbelief.** ¹⁴ The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world **to save sinners**—of whom I am the worst. ¹⁶ But for that very reason **I was shown mercy so that** in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life.

1. **The hero of the story is Jesus – He wants to save us and adopt us**

- God pours out His mercy on the ignorant and sinful
- He saves broken people – examples: prostitute, adulterous, thief, tax collector, demon possessed
- Even a person who has been saved makes mistakes!
- How do you see yourself? How do you see others?

Ephesians 2:1–5

- Adopts us into His family –He reclaims us
- He appoints us to proclaim His love and ability to use us in eternally significant ways – we have a purpose
- God uses those He has saved
- It is an honor to be saved –and appointed
- God considered Paul trustworthy
- What was Paul chosen for? Chosen to be the King’s servant

John 1:12 ESV, Romans 8:15 NIV, Galatians 4:5 NLT

2. **God adopts us into His service -He appoints us and strengthens us to serve**

- Our role is to serve God who asks us to serve others
- God’s mission

Mark 9:35 (NLT)

3. **Our brokenness becomes a testimony to others**

- Who He saves
- What He can do with those He saves

- a. Our past becomes our testimony to what God can do with a broken person
- b. Our current struggle is an example of the strength God gives in the midst of a broken world
- c. Our sin Battle is still real but it becomes a struggle not a slave master
- d. Our struggle with sin keeps us humble and relatable

Ephesians 2:8–10 (NLT)

4. **The enemy seeks to undermine us by challenging our redemption and role**

- “I am ruined” – “I have ruined others” – “I am unworthy”
- “I am struggling so I have no right”
- The fact that you are struggling with your sin rather than giving into it means the Holy Spirit is working
- God gives us strength to win the battle that service leads us into

Galatians 5:16–18 (ESV)

5. **What does a maturing person look like?**

- We stand on the promises of God in our lives
- We become a servant of God and others
- We stand on our Jesus-earned status/identity despite opposition
- We help others do the same

Romans 8:1-2 NLT, Philippians 1:6 NLT



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