



## Introduction

Making this year better can be easy when life is going pretty well, but what do we do when life is a mess?

## Discussion Questions

1. On a scale of 1-10, how was this past week? Was there a time when you trusted God in your weakness?
2. Is there a resolution that you already feel like giving up on for 2019? Is there an area of life that you feel like has already become a mess?

### Quickview Questions

3. When you think of the people in the Bible, what type of people come to your mind? Do you picture people with neat or messy lives?
4. Read **Luke 22:54-62**. What stands out to you in Peter's response to Jesus? Has there ever been a time where you felt it was tough to live out your faith?
5. Have you ever felt like you were too far gone to be accepted by God? Has there ever been an area of your life that you felt was too messy for God to do anything with?
6. The lyrics to *Death was Arrested* say, "Alone in my sorrow and dead in my sin. Lost without hope with no place to begin." Are there lyrics to certain songs that resonate with your emotions when you think of Jesus?

### Dive In Questions

3. Read **Matthew 26:31-35**. What stands out to you in Peter's response to Jesus? Have you ever felt like Peter in these moments?
4. Read the story of **John 21:15-17**. Jesus was not forgiving Peter, as he had already done that. At this moment, Jesus helped Peter know that he was forgiven. How do you think Peter felt at the end of this interaction with Jesus?
5. How do you think Peter's experiences with Jesus - both the highs and the lows - impacted how he led in the church later in his life? Has a messy situation in your past impacted how you view your relationship with God now?

## Moving Forward

It can be easy to think that God is only interested in the neat areas of our lives. But God believes you are worth loving - **all of you**. Nothing in your past has excluded you from God's grace. Nothing you've done is too big for God to forgive. We can trust that better is possible for everyone because grace is available to everyone.

## Focus

*"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you...'"*

**2 Corinthians 12:9**