



**FEARLESS SERIES - 3**  
***Fear of DISSAPPOINTING GOD***  
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**CAN OUR PAST REALLY BE FORGIVEN?**

**1. Strays**

*Take courage, son; your sins are forgiven* Matt 9:2

We are delivered from the power of darkness and conveyed...into the Kingdom of the Son.

Colossians 1:13

**2. The God Who Won't Abandon Us**

**18** *Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.*

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

*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

**3. Hitch Your Heart to His Promise**

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 and 15.

IF we confess our sins to him,, he is faithful and just to forgive our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. 1 John 1:9

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

**Questions for Study and Discussion**

**Open - Respond to one:** (1) What is your most Embarrassing moment, (2) How has forgiveness impacted your life, (3) Describe a major disappointment you have experienced

1. God keeps no record of wrongs. His love casts out fear because he casts out our sin.
  - (a) Why does God keep no list of wrongs? How does that help you deal with fear of disappointing him?
  - (b) When do you feel most loved by God? What happens to your fears?
  - (c) When you feel furthest from God, what happiness to your fears?
2. What have you done to overcome a pattern of dwelling on past failures?
3. You may know in your head that God says he'll always forgive you, but does your heart believe it? Why or why not?
4. What do you believe is the devil's role in our fear of disappointing God?
5. Why is hiding from God our first response?
6. What is the role that faith plays in accepting God's perfect love
7. How can you send doubt packing? Nothing fosters fear like an ignorance of mercy. Share stories from your lives when this has happened.

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For Next Week, March 7 read: *Fear of Life's Final Moments*, page 113ff in *FEARLESS*.

