

New Life Christian Fellowship

Often in this world if you make mistakes you are written off; your captain's arm band's removed, you are publicly disgraced. Does God also say "One wrong move and your 'off'"?

The answer is NO! The Bible is full of ordinary people who made miserable mistakes. Adulterous murderer: King David; murderer: Moses; former prostitute: Mary "the immoral woman"; denier of Jesus, Peter.

Despite their flaws, God loved and used these people. There are always consequences for wrong actions, but God saw their potential. King David defeated the giant, Moses freed the Israelites, "the immoral woman" was forgiven and worshipped Jesus, Peter walked on water, performed miracles, speaking out boldly for Jesus; successful failures.

How could God Almighty let them get away with everything?! He didn't. God is pure justice, he despises sin. God and sin can not mix. Someone had to be punished for sins that God despises. That someone was Jesus. He took the wrap for our wrongs, or should I say WRATH! He was "sent off" for us.

It is only because of Jesus, we are allowed in God's perfect presence. He paid for our purity, we look clean in God's eyes, because Jesus washes away our wrongs with his blood.

Jesus said "Follow me". He saw potential in ordinary people. Not because of their extraordinary status in society, but because of their willingness to follow. He saw a potential reflection of himself in them. When they followed Jesus they were forgiven, reborn and filled with God's Holy Spirit. What Jesus could do, they could do, as they faithfully followed God's way. They were far from perfect, they made many mistakes and had to be constantly re-washed by Jesus to stay on God's track.

God will not write you off, no matter what you have done. God is love. To get close to God you need to be washed by Jesus. He is still saying "Follow me". God knows we will fail, but he is patient and forgiving with his followers. It is better to be a follower who fails, than one who fails to follow God at all.

New Life Christian Fellowship meet at Kilgetty Community Centre, 10.45am on Sundays.

Give us a call if you want someone to talk to or would like us to pray for you: 01834 831533/07827 293781.