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Get Up and Start Again

You've done it again. You promised yourself you wouldn't. You told your spouse you were over it. You swore to your kids it was the last time. You looked into the eyes of your concerned parent and said never again. You wonder if God hasn't given up on you. You thought things were going to be different. You were going to be stronger. You were going to overcome. You were starting fresh. Then it came—the familiar temptation.

Maybe it was subtle—the idea that you could handle one glass of wine or visit just one disturbing website. All you needed was one tiny pill to get by or one embrace from your lover. But before you know it, you're tangled up in sin again, and the Enemy pounces. His words are cruel and cutting: "Don't you see? You'll never be free," he says. "You'll always be bound to this. What makes you think anybody could forgive you? You've disappointed God. You let Him down. You had your chance and you blew it."

You fear there's too much truth to his words. Can God really forgive you again? Aren't you just another lost cause? A failure He's tired of putting up with? You feel that familiar rush of shame and despair. You worry what God sees when He looks at you now. You imagine He shakes his head in disgust or throws up His hands in frustration.

If these questions and thoughts are tormenting you, consider this verse from Psalm 145:8, *"The LORD is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love."* Consider also the questions that Micah, the prophet, asked about God: *"Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy."* (Micah 7:18)

One of God's wonderful attributes is His mercy. In Psalm 103:10, David proclaims: *"He (God) does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities."* God's nature is so merciful and so loving toward you that He views each new day as a wonderful opportunity to show you compassion and grace again.

Even if you weren't your best self yesterday, even if you went back to the same old sins, God still loves you! He extends His mercies to you again today. So, when you fall down, get up and start again. *"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."* (Lamentations 3:22-23)

- T. Krause (edited)

GATHERING TIMES

Sunday Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY

GREENBANK FOOD PANTRY

Thursday Evenings—Doors are open 6:00-7:00 PM

Volunteer Schedule:

Wednesdays 10:00 AM
Thursdays 9:30 AM & 5:30 PM
Fridays 9:00 AM

To volunteer contact: Ed or Sue Maynard
302-994-3800

Order of Worship

Praise Him, Praise Him—R169

Welcome

When We All Get to Heaven—R669

Sing to Me of Heaven—R672

Scripture Reading & Prayer

O For a Faith That Will Not Shrink—
R505

Lamb of God—G152

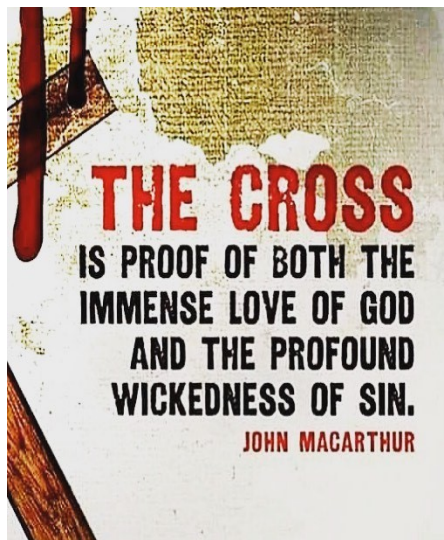
Communion & Offering

Love Lifted Me—TPH

"Delivered By Forgiveness"

Victory in Jesus—R517

Closing Remarks & Prayer



Help keep our prayer list current
by providing regular updates
on family and friends.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

John Gaynor: hip replacement recovery; **Keisha Smith:** medical issues; **Gwen Byrd & family:** her grandson passed away; **Sharon King:** healing for her hand; **Jonathan Mitchell Jr:** G.I. issues; **Angela Mitchell:** please pray for me; **Carolyn Pinder:** healing for family; **Moe & Lorraine Martin:** pray for children to be more Christ-focused; **Frances West:** surgery was successful; **Monica Green:** medical problems; **Lucas Kirkland:** clinical trials for Duchenne's; **Jamie Jones:** heart health; **Chelsea Brasefield:** healthy pregnancy; **Marc Brasefield:** training in TX until November; **Marion Ward:** in hospice care; **Joanne Pagano:** early stage renal failure; **Betty Canter:** fractured sacrum

SHUT-INS: Connie Dowds; Agnes Ignudo; Joan Gaynor; George Adair

LONG-TERM ILLNESS/RECOVERY: Ed Maynard; Joyce Gamble; Miriam Castro; Marie Difilippo; Dustin Lackford; Michael Mugrage; Felicity Ray; Gwendolyn Brady; Harry Schaeffer; Melissa Griffiths; Janette McGowan; Mike Saylor; Peggy Wetzel; Nadine Henderson; John Arnold; Dave Malone; Bud Polk; Evelyn Kline; Emma Green

COLLEGE STUDENTS: Rachel Johnson; Kyle Cox; Heather Abosch; Brent Tucker; Tatiana Vargas; Kristal Moreta; Mackenzie Naseery; Ethan Reed; Prissila Sanichar; Antonio Sanichar; Adriana Moreta

MISSIONS/MINISTRIES: Ghana Bible College; Samuel Agbeta (Nkwanta, Ghana); Delaware Christian Campus Ministry Foundation; Camp Manatawny; Chad & Amy Westerholm (Mozambique); GriefShare

OUR COUNTRY: Leaders, Military, Law Enforcement, Firefighters

OUR ELDERS, DEACONS, & MINISTRY LEADERS

GREENBANK NEWS

LADIES NIGHT AT LONGWOOD GARDENS—SEPT 27

Speak with Rebecca Tucker or Lisa Reed today to let them know you will be attending this event and the time you will be able to enter the gardens. Passes will be purchased this week, and attendees will be notified of your cost. You can pay for them on Friday when we meet (cash preferred.)

DAY TRIP TO STRASBURG—OCTOBER 5

Bring the family to beautiful Lancaster County for a day in Strasburg, PA. A sign up sheet is posted on the large bulletin board for those interested in joining the fun. There are also information sheets that describe all the activities available in the area. Those interested in carpooling will meet at the church building, and be ready to leave no later than 8:30 a.m. Otherwise, meet us at 10:30 a.m. in the parking lot at the Strasburg Rail Road, 301 Gap Road, Ronks, PA. For more information, see Mike Barker.

AREA EVENTS

Please check the large bulletin board in the lobby for information on events being held at churches throughout our area. There are gospel meetings, ladies days, and more. We encourage you to support our sister congregations by attending their hosted events.

FOOD PANTRY—SEPT 19

We provided 3,150 meals to 350 people in 138 families; 21 were new. There is one more busy pantry week in the month of September. We continue to need extra hands during the day and on Thursday evening. Any amount of help you can give will be greatly appreciated!

| | | 09/22/19 | In His Service | 09/29/19 |
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| Last Week | | W. Johnson | Worship Leader | R. Mickowski |
| Sunday AM: 131 | | D. Regester | Scripture & Prayer | E. Greenwood |
| Contribution: \$3,801 | | S. Willis | Usher | B. Davis |
| Year to Date: \$4,903 | | R. Stafford | Communion | T. Tucker |
| Budget: \$4500/week | | C. Blue | Offering | G. Kirkland |
| Wednesday PM: 10 | | B. Pennington | Pass | T. DeShields |
| 2019 Baptisms : 8 | | C. Mason | " | D. Bower |
| | | A. Gallegos | " | M. Galeano |
| | | B. Reed | " | R. Lewis |
| | | C. Mason | Greeters | B/B Davis |
| | | Maynard | " | R. Lewis |
| | | D. Mattis | Shepherd's Prayer | J. Freiderichsen |