

SATURDAY & SUNDAY Discipleship Guide

Message Title: **"God of the Second Chance!"**

For the week of July 2 - 8, 2017

Main Thought:

The love of Jesus Christ draws us to come to Him just as we are. Whatever phase or situation of life we are in, He accepts and loves us. However, God doesn't leave us in that state, but transforms us by the empowerment of His grace working in our lives. In the process of transformation, we will encounter moments of discouragement, frustration, and failure in our lives. Our reactions internally and externally in these moments are crucial to the development of our faith in Jesus Christ. We must realize that failure is not final. God's plans will come to pass and it may only take one step of faith to unlock His promises in our lives.

Main Passages:

"Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all." (Psalm 34:19 ESV)

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

"Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. ²⁸God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things—and the things that are not—to nullify the things that are, ²⁹so that no one may boast before him. ³⁰It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God—that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written: 'Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.'" (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)

"And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose." (Romans 8:28 ESV)

Reflection:

- What stands out to you from the main thought and scripture passages?

Application:

- Share about an experience when you faced a moment of failure in your life. Were you able to overcome it? If so, how were you able to overcome it?
- What did you learn and what can you share from that experience that would encourage the lives of people around you?

Group Prayer:

- Pray for each other and our Pearlside Ohana to continue to move forward in their love and faith in Jesus Christ.
- Pray specifically by name for a loved one or friend to be receptive to the love of Jesus Christ as you continue to share and extend the good news of the gospel.

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