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"Drop the Rock" Study Guide

Text: John 8:3-11

This series is about finding a new beginning in life, taking advantage of the second chance that God offers his people.

We serve the God of the second c_____ -- that's what this series is all about.

God's grace is available to you -- as much as you need it, as often as you need it, as long as you need it. You can never exhaust God's g_____. Ref: Lamentations 3:22-23

It is my hope and prayer that you become an enthusiastic and devoted "second-c_____."

In order to live in the newness of God's grace and mercy every day of your life, you have to let go of the all-too-human tendency to judge others.

It's as simple as this. You can't be successful in your new life if you're casting j_____ on others.

You can't judge others and walk in the newness of life. The spirit of condemnation will eat at your soul like a cancer until it destroys every good thing that you have tried to create for yourself.

1. Second chancers never forget that they received the second chance.

"You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" (Matthew 18:32-33)

Never forget that you have been forgiven a tremendous debt. Others deserve the same m_____ that God has shown you.

When I finally fathom the extent of God's love in Jesus Christ, forgiveness of others will follow.

Anytime you're tempted to judge someone else, flip through your own back pages and remind yourself of the grace has already extended you.

2. Second chancers never build themselves up by putting others down.

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God." (Luke 18:14)

Fair warning: If your spiritual defense is "*At least I'm not as bad as some people...*" you're probably not going to have a great deal of success in your Christian walk.

God doesn't grade by the curve, he grades by the c_____."

Second chancers don't trust in their own righteousness, and they never try to inflate their own righteousness by comparing themselves to others.

Second chancers put their hope in the cross, not in their own feeble attempts at goodness.