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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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Mistakes, We Have All Made Them!

JOHN 8:10-11 NKJV – (10) When Jesus had raised Himself up and saw no one but the woman, He said to her, "Woman, where are those accusers of yours? Has no one condemned you?" ¹¹ She said, "No one, Lord." And Jesus said to her, "Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more."

One of the benefits of watching the years go past in your life is the ability to look back and see where you screwed up. If you look back often enough, with a discerning eye and an open heart, you can often self-correct along the way. Or at the very least, you can learn from your screw-ups and become a bit wiser and stronger in other areas of your life. You probably know from your own life experiences that mistakes are painful but very useful ways of learning. However, there are some life mistakes that if avoided in the first place, will save you a whole load of heartache and misdirection.

These are the mistakes that stem from a lack of knowledge, infrequent self-reflection, or little solid emotional guidance as you grow and enter adulthood, such as, "Selecting a mate that God has not chosen for you, telling falsehoods to make it seem you're always right when you know you are in the wrong or simply taking God's word for granted." These are the mistakes that can stick with you for a lifetime if someone or something doesn't gently (or often abruptly) help you self-correct. Although I share these mistakes with you, along with how to learn from them on how to fix them, I am no way immune.....I do not have a "mistake free" life. In fact, I have made every single one of these mistakes, and I can proudly claim that, now in my mid-life, I am beginning to make a dent in a few of them!

By no means think that we (personally), nor God can determine what is a mistake and what is intentional. When you made a mistake, make every effort to correct it. God does not condemn you and neither should we.

SCRIPTURE READING

1 JOHN 1:9

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Anyone who has never made a mistake has never tried anything new."