

Drop The Stones

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Two extremes when it comes to God's Grace:

**Those who feel they need none at all.
Those who feel that His Grace not enough.**

If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. – 1 John 1:8-9 (NLT)

“Stop Beating Yourself Up!”

When we throw stones at ourselves:

We fail to live by what we say we believe.
We feed the shame cycle.
We play into the Enemy's hands.
We excuse ourselves from being used by God.

Stop treating your sin as “special.”

“For **EVERYONE** has sinned; we **ALL** fall short of God's glorious standard. Yet God, in his grace, freely makes us right in his sight. **He did this through Christ Jesus...**”
– Romans 3:23-24 (NLT)

**Punishing ourselves for our sin is saying
that Jesus' death was not enough!**

**Embrace the reality that you will need a
continual work of God's grace in your life!**

“And I am sure that God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in his grace until his task within you is finally finished on that day when Jesus Christ returns.”

– Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

**Don't let your failures torment you,
but do let them teach you!**

**Grace is a wonderful gift from God.
Wisdom is an even MORE wonderful gift from God!**

Claim Christ's work as a “finished” work.

When Jesus had tasted it, he said, “**It is finished!**” Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.
– John 19:30 (NLT)

**If you haven't admitted your sin to God, confess it.
If you have admitted your sin to God, CLAIM it!**