

All Things New | Your Past | Pastor Steve Wells | 12.08.2019
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Memory Verse: John 8:36 (ESV)

“ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.”

This morning, Pastor Steve said “The Maker of Heaven and Earth can sweep up the fragments of our past & present and remake them into a future that brings Glory to Him and Joy to us.” Go Deeper into John Chapter 4 and read about the Samaritan Woman at the Well, to see how God did that for her and how He can do the same for us.

Read & Discuss **John 4:1-42** (NLT).

- What was her sin?
- How did Jesus respond to her?
- How did the disciples respond to her?
- What evidence do we have that she was forgiven?
- What happened after she was forgiven? (Verses 27-29 and Verses 39-42)

Pastor Steve taught us this week to Make Peace With Our Past. Discuss these steps with your group. If you feel comfortable, share about something in your past that you have made peace with.

- Acknowledge what happened.
 - What happened in your past that you need to make peace with?
 - Is there anything you feel comfortable sharing that you have already made peace with?
- Allow yourself to experience the pain & emotion associated with the past.
 - Do you have any pain or feelings associated with your past?
 - How have you dealt with these feelings towards your past?
- Take responsibility for your choices and actions.
 - Is there someone you need to contact in order to take responsibility?
 - Is there another way you can take responsibility for your choices and actions?
- Seek to understand “why you chose to do it.”
 - What led to this event or mistake? (Possibly multiple bad decisions leading to a bigger mistake?)
 - Did you want to do it at the time--or did you feel like you didn't have a choice?
- Recognize the cost & consequences of your sin.
 - What was the cost or consequence?
 - Was the cost and or consequence only for you? Did other people feel the burden or consequence?
- Confess & Repent.
 - Pray silently or out loud with your group for your specific past mistake(s)--confessing them and repenting. Add these prayers to your groups prayer list and continue to pray for each other.
- Evaluate & Learn from this mistake.
 - What did you learn from this mistake?
 - What could you have done to change the outcome?
- Release the Past (knowing you are forgiven).
 - How can you release the past?
- Help Others – be transparent.
 - What can you do to help someone who is struggling with the mistakes you have made in the past?
 - How can you help others to not make the mistakes you have made?

1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)

“Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.”