

# PEOPLE OF THE SECOND CHANCE



## People of the Second Chance April 3, 2022

**Speaker:** Pastor Mark Batterson

**Scripture:** Romans 8:1-2, Luke 22:31-34, 60-61

### Sermon Overview

God has not, cannot, and will not give up on you. It's not in His nature. He is the God of second, third, and hundredth chances. We are never beyond the need of God's grace and we are never beyond the reach of God's grace. When we extend God's grace to others, we become People of the Second Chance.

### Sermon Series Questions:

1. In what area of your life have you been given a second chance?
2. In what area do you need to operate in the grace that has been given to you?

### Sermon Specific Questions:

1. In the past week, think about a scenario where you made assumptions based on just one piece of the puzzle. How did you judge someone or something based on one piece of information? What are some ways you can train your reflexes to assume the best?
2. The enemy comes for you when you are: HALT– Hungry, Angry, Lonely, Tired, (and Successful). Spend some time reflecting on where you might be open to an attack from the enemy. How can you pay more attention to your overreactions and defenses? What

contributed to you feeling any of the symptoms listed above? What piece of the armor of God do you need to put on (Ephesians 6:10-18)?

3. How is the Sermon on the Mount about reconditioning your reflexes? Love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you, bless those who curse you, etc... In what area of your life is your reflex to react or operate defensively?
4. The premise of this weekend's message was that we are all given a second, third, hundredth chance in Christ, and we all have regrets. What are some regrets you have in your life? How can you leverage your regrets?

### **Digging Deeper:**

- Ask the Lord for whom you can stand in the gap and how you can (with wisdom) show them the love of the God of a Second Chance.
- Corrie Ten Boom says, "Forgiveness is setting the prisoner free only to find out the prisoner was me." Talk to the Lord about something in your past that, when you think about it, it causes a feeling of bitterness. Is it possible that that scenario has imprisoned you? Ask the Lord how to pray grace and forgiveness into that situation so that you can be free and the other people in the scenario can have the opportunity to know God's love. How does Romans 8:1-2 speak to you in this context?
- Ask the Lord to guide you to two people with whom you can make conscious eye-contact this week. Spend some time journaling on how eye-contact changes the situation between you and those two people.
- Additional Reading: *The Power of Regret*, by Daniel Pink; *Thinking, Fast and Slow* by Daniel Kahneman

### **Practical Application:**

- Visit [ncc.re/secondchance](http://ncc.re/secondchance) for specific ways to engage with Prison Fellowship. There are a few additional small groups we've listed here as well.
- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).
- Commit to a weekly fast Sundown Wednesday - Sundown Thursday, throughout Lent. You can find fasting resources at [ncc.re/fast](http://ncc.re/fast).
- Join our Main Upper Zoom online prayer group on Wednesdays and our new Upper Zoom Prayer Pods on other days. Main Upper Zoom: Wednesday mornings, 7:14am ET [ncc.re/upperzoom](http://ncc.re/upperzoom). Upper Zoom Prayer Pods meet at different times and days during the week. Go to [ncc.re/prayerpods](http://ncc.re/prayerpods) to sign up.