

THE **BIG** IDEA

Receive forgiveness and move on.

Monday: *John 3:16-17*

This time of year we all remember that God sent us His Son, but at times we forget why. I love that God wanted to remind us every time we say His name—Jesus means “the LORD saves.” Jesus came to save, *not to condemn*. So I think we need to ask ourselves if we are following Christ’s example. Are you condemning anyone? A friend? A family member? A coworker or classmate? Or maybe yourself? Be honest and ask God to reveal any condemnation in your heart.

Tuesday: *2 Corinthians 7:10*

Things get us down, especially our own sins and mistakes. But if we wallow in worldly sorrow, nothing changes. Check your heart—are you upset because you disobeyed God, or are you upset at your own loss? Ask Him to help you shift your sorrows to focus on Him.

Wednesday: *2 Samuel 12:22-23*

What do you need to accept? What are you holding onto, replaying in your head? It’s time to let go. Every time you’re reminded of these circumstances, tell yourself, “I can’t change it, so I accept it.”

Thursday: *2 Samuel 12:20; Isaiah 6:1*

The pain of life lingers if we don’t give it to God. The world teaches us that we can shove things under the carpet of our souls or overcome them with other things. Just take your pain to Jesus. He will be there! His presence will be the best present you need.

Friday: *Isaiah 43:18-19; Matthew 1:22*

Behold—God is doing something new! Whatever sin marks your past, God wants to use those circumstances to do something new and righteous in your life. Will you let Him? Will you embrace His forgiveness in your life and take this second chance He’s offering you?