LIVE LIKE YOU'VE BEEN FORGIVEN
HOW TO FIX YOUR LIFE – PART #3
Pastor Kevin Cummings – November 22, 2026

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- After ruining his life, David shows us "How to fix your life".
  2 weeks ago: Repentance — Own Your Mess.
  Last week: Surrender — Give God the Pieces.
  This week: Gratitude — Live Like You've Been Forgiven.
- Never forget what God brought you out of.
- Forgiveness should change more than your eternal destination; it should change your daily direction. (Galatians 5:1, 13)

I. Don't get so used to God's goodness that you _____ how good He has been. (Psalm 51:1-13a)

A. Never forget the _____ of your forgiveness.
1. We have a heart that rebels, but our sin has been forgiven. (Psalm 32:1a)
2. We have a heart that shifts, but our sin has been covered. (Psalm 32:1b)
3. We have a heart that misses the mark, but our sin is not counted against us. (Psalm 32:2; Romans 4:4-8)

- Our faithfulness may _____, but God's faithfulness never does.

B. Stop trying _____ what God has already provided by grace.
- There are 2 fundamentally different approaches to forgiveness:
  1. Work hard enough to make yourself worthy. (Eph. 2:8)
  2. Recognize you cannot earn it and receive it by faith.

II. Your forgiveness can be a _____ to others. (Psalm 51:13b)

A. If you are thankful the right _____. (Psalm 103:1)

B. If you are thankful to the right _____. (Psalm 103: 2, 20-22)
- Don't become so focused on what God gives you that you forget who gave it. (James 1:17)

C. If you are thankful for the right _____. (Psalm 103:3-19)
1. The forgiveness God has given me. (I John 1:9)
2. The changes God is making in me. (II Corinthians 3:18)
3. The home God is preparing for me. (I Peter 2:11)
4. The blessings God has given me. (John 1:16; Eph. 1:3)
5. The plan God has for me. (Jeremiah 29:11; Rom. 12:2)

III. Gratitude _____. (Psalm 51:14-19)

A. Gratitude changes the _____ from "What else do I need?" to "What can I do with what God has already given me?"

B. Gratitude restores your _____.
- One of the greatest blessings of forgiveness isn't just that God removes your guilt; it's that He restores your relationship with Him.

C. Gratitude gives you a new _____. (Ps. 33:11; Pro. 19:21)
1. God's purpose is that we "Grow Together for the One".
2. God's purpose involves thanks and giving. (Deut. 16:10; Psalm 50:14; 100:4; Luke 6:38; I Thess. 5:18)

D. Gratitude turns worship from an obligation into a _____
1. We don't worship because everything is perfect; we worship because God is worthy.
2. Worship isn't determined by what's happening around us; it's determined by what God has done within us.

ACTION POINTS: 1.) Have _____ God's forgiveness?

2.) If you know where you're going, it should _____ until you get there.

3.) God wants us to remember our past enough to stay _____, remember His grace enough to stay _____ and remember our purpose enough to stay _____.

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