

## WHEN SOMEONE FAILS YOU

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“Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.”

**Matthew 5:7**

“Do to others as you would have them do to you.” **Luke**

**6:31**

*When you sin or fail, how do you want to be treated?*

**BIG IDEA: We are people who handle other’s sins, mistakes & failures with grace, patience, wisdom & understanding. We treat them the way we want to be treated.**

“Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other’s burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.” **Galatians 6:1-2**

**Transgress**

**Spiritual** (Gal. 5:25)

**Restore**

**Gentle spirit** (5:23; Phil. 4:5; 2 Tim 2:25).

**Watch yourself.**

## TAKING THIS HOME—WHEN SOMEONE FAILS YOU

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**1 Jesus calls us to \_\_\_\_\_ and walking in sync with his Spirit.** (John 8:3-6)

God is in the business of restoring sinners (1 Tim 1:15)

**2 Look for ways to bring God’s \_\_\_\_\_ to them.**

“Jesus straightened up and asked her, “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” “No one, sir,” she said. “Then neither do I condemn you,” Jesus declared. “Go now and leave your life of sin.”

**John 8:7-11**

## The Master’s template for handling sinners

- **Sin is a serious reality**—everyone sins
- **Slow it down** to check in with Spirit
- She should **rightfully be condemned**, but he doesn’t
- He **engages her with mercy**, grace and warmth
- **He lovingly calls her to turn around** (Jn. 1:14, 17)
- **He doesn’t** finger point or judge.

**3 \_\_\_\_\_ them back to God, to us, to themselves.**

“Healthy correction is always an invitation to return to our true identity and start acting like ourselves again. We are reminding someone who forgot, “This is not you. You forgot who you are. Let me remind you who we are.” **Jim Wilder**

**4 Be \_\_\_\_\_.** (5:23; Phil. 4:5; 2 Tim 2:25)

**5 Take sin \_\_\_\_\_ but handle with care & patience.**