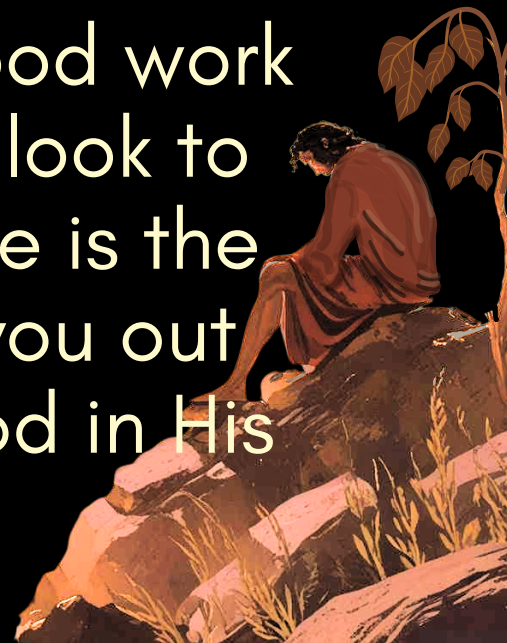


Hebrews 12:1-2 ESV

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

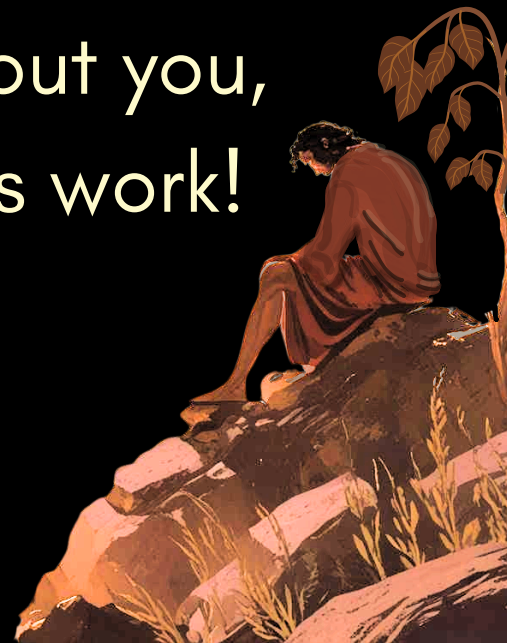
You are not alone nor are you abandoned. God gives you fitting examples of His good work and people in scripture whom He used to accomplish His good work. So, take off and set aside any sin that would weigh you down and cause you to struggle to join God in His good work that brings Him joy and brings you honor. As God restores you, look to Jesus as the notable example of obedience and faithfulness. He is the perfect example we strive for. Don't let shame and guilt take you out but confess and receive forgiveness and get back to joining God in His work to make Himself known and grow His kingdom!



Numbers 23:19 ESV

19 God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind.

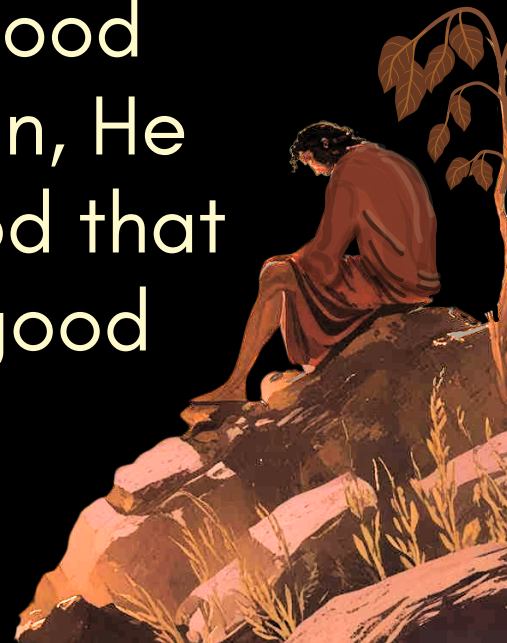
God has called you and made you His child. He is equipping you and including you in His glorious salvific work. We struggle to be faithful and loyal. He does not. When we have done something to eliminate us from His work, God works to restore you and keep you in Christ and continue making you a part of His work. God hasn't changed His mind about you, nor will He. He is a "Do Over" God who restores you to join in His work!



2 Timothy 2:21 ESV

21 Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work.

You belong to God and part of His household. He has created you to do honorable things that glorify Him and bring you honor. You will find your greatest joy in willingly participating in what God has created you for and called you to do. Sin disrupts your ability to do God's will willingly and joyfully. God is working to help you to be a "vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master..., ready for every good work." Praise God we are not put away, but as God's possession, He works to restore us and include us in His work. Give thanks to God that He is a "Do Over" God who works in you to include you in His good work!



Psalm 33:10-11 ESV

10 The Lord brings the counsel of the nations to nothing; he frustrates the plans of the peoples.

11 The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations.

God's plans and work are true and active for all generations. You may find that you ignored God's will and tried to do your own will, but God frustrated you and your plans. He didn't leave you in frustration but restored you to live according to His will and join in His works. Your heart and mind rejoice that His counsel is eternally right and that He desires to include past, present, and future generations in His work. You are part of that generational work. Praise God that He is a "Do Over" God who makes you part of His work!



Isaiah 6:6–8 ESV

6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: “Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.” 8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.”

This is a powerful vision of revelation and response. God brought you into His presence and you realized your sin. You thought you were done for, but God worked to change your situation from doom to joy. You confessed your sin, and He forgave you and restored you. In making you right to be in His presence, you desire to join God in His work and become a person, ready to go, accomplishing His will and proclaiming His gospel! Praise God that He is a “Do Over” God!

