At The Movies

You're a Child of God

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Message Summary •••

You are not defined by your worst mistake. You are still a child of God.

Key Scriptures •••

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. James 1:2-4 (NIV)

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose Romans 8:28 (NIV)

²⁴ Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. John 12:24 (NIV)

¹⁸The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
Psalm 34:18 (NIV)

³He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Psalm 147:3 (NIV)

¹⁰ For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

Talk It Over

Start Talking •••

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- What's a silly mistake or embarrassing moment you can laugh about now—but felt like the end of the world at the time?
- Watch this week's Sermon Refresh: <u>Here</u> (Available Mondays)

Start Thinking •••

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Please read the Key Scriptures on the left.
- What do these verses reveal about God's heart toward us when we are hurting or broken by our choices?

Start Sharing •••

Choose a question(s) to create openness.

- Can you think of a time when a mistake or failure made you feel disqualified or like you didn't belong? How did you respond?
- How can we come alongside someone in our lives who feels crushed or defined by their past?
- Is there a specific step you can take this week to stop defining yourself by your past and start walking in the truth that you are God's handiwork (Ephesians 2:10)?

Start Praying •••

God, thank You that our identity is not in our failures but in You. Help us to see ourselves the way You see us—redeemed, loved, and called with purpose. Heal our broken places and give us courage to walk in the truth of who we are in You. Amen.

Start Doing •••

Write down one lie you've believed about yourself because of a past mistake—and then write a truth from Scripture that replaces that lie. Post the truth somewhere visible this week to remind you who you really are in Christ.