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Embracing Hope Part 21 – A Father's Forgetfulness
June 21, 2020

*I open my heart to receive from the Word of God
God's promises are true
And they are true for me*

Isaiah 43:25

*25 "I, even I, am he who blots out
your transgressions, for my own sake,
and remembers your sins no more.*

God chooses to overlook our past when He looks at us.

Psalm 103:8-12

*8 The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
9 He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
12 as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.*

God's mercy is displayed when He chooses not to treat us as we deserve.

We draw hope from God's choice to forget our past.

God doesn't have a problem forgetting our past, but He knows we do at times.

Isaiah 54:4

You will forget the shame of your youth...

Isaiah 57:10

*10 You wearied by all your ways,
but you would not say, 'It is hopeless.'*

Matthew 12:43-45

43 "When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. 44 Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the



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house unoccupied, swept clean and put in order. 45 Then it goes and takes with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first..."

Ezekiel 36:25-28

25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. 26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. 28 Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

God does the redemptive work in us.

Ezekiel 36:25

25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.

Remove: impurities and idols

Replace: cleansing with clean water

Ezekiel 36:26

26 I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.

Remove: heart of stone

Replace: A new heart. A heart of flesh

Ezekiel 36:27

27 And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws

God wants to transform us and then give us the very strength we need to walk away from our past, follow Him, and do His will.

Ezekiel 36:28

28 Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

God is a God of resets.

