

# Father's Love for Us Outweighs Our Mistakes and Ineptitude

Father's unconditional love, mercy, forgiveness and compassion are paramount in the way he deals with each of us. More than paramount, they are the only ways he operates – and that's with every human being who ever existed. He can't operate any other way because that's his character. More to the point, it's who he is.

That means that every idea that we have about him that is different to that, is a lie. It's lie from the enemy and an error perpetrated by those who don't really know him. And, behaviours belong with King Jesus and Holy Spirit – they have identical characters.

Even when we make mistakes, he doesn't change his attitude towards us or his dealings with us.

If that is a foreign idea to you, check out what he has said about that recently:

*“Be kind to yourself. Replace harshness with mercy in that place in your soul where condemnation often rules. I have not condemned you,” says the Lord. “My love for you outweighs your mistakes and awkwardness. Receive forgiveness.”*<sup>1</sup>

Here's the points from that message, so it can sink in:

1. His love is so great and undiminishing that it outstrips all our failures and covers them all.
2. Because he's loving towards us, we should be kind and un-condemning towards ourselves.
3. When we condemn ourselves, we should let his great mercy dissolve that away.
4. In every failure that we see ourselves doing, we should immediately receive his forgiveness, because we've already been forgiven through the work of the Cross.

The same goes for what we call sin, which is actually not coming up to his level of thinking, doing or saying.<sup>2</sup> We ‘miss the mark’<sup>3</sup> of his righteousness and perfection in **everything** we do and say, so we constantly ‘sin’, from the point of view of not meeting his standards.<sup>4</sup> That, of course, is very different to what people think of sin, which is evil and ungodly behaviour, but that's just what religion has taught us.

Even our immaturity, our idiosyncrasies, and our failures to operate the way sons are meant to, all belong to the category of ‘unrighteous’ (i.e. not right for us) or ‘sin’<sup>5</sup>, because we're not operating at his standard when we do those things.

**But, the GOOD NEWS is:** All of us are forgiven, and that's for everything we do, think and say. Condemning ourselves is therefore an unrighteous action, because Father doesn't condemn us, either now or in the future, so we shouldn't do it to ourselves.

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1 – Marsha Burns “Small Straws in the Soft Wind” (Apr. 1, 2024) [ft111.com/smallstraws.htm](http://ft111.com/smallstraws.htm) [ARCHIVE: [ft111.com/straws2024.htm](http://ft111.com/straws2024.htm)]

2 – “Really Understanding What Sin is from a Spiritual Perspective” (6-7-2020)  
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3 – The Greek term used for ‘sin’ used in the Apostle’s letters to the 1<sup>st</sup> century believers is an archery term which means, ‘missing the mark’. That is, you shoot for something and you miss it – Your don't reach Father's standard of perfection.

4 – “What Gradients of Sin?” (29-10-2017)  
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