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Is there still a place for me?

One page for when your past says you don't belong

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"I prayed for you, that your faith wouldn't fail. You, when once you have turned again, establish your brothers."

Luke 22:32 · WEB

Jesus said this hours before Peter denied Him three times. After the resurrection He came to Peter, gave him work to do, and said, "Follow me" (John 21:15–19). Peter didn't earn his way back.

Mercy for real pasts

Paul called himself the worst of sinners, and said he received mercy so Jesus could "display all his patience" through him (1 Timothy 1:16). Never trusted Jesus with your past? Tell Him the truth and ask Him for mercy.

Grief isn't a verdict

"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1), that is, those who belong to Jesus by trusting Him. Ongoing regret isn't proof that God turned you away.

Forgiven isn't reinstated

Consequences can remain, and some roles may stay closed (1 Timothy 3:2). No one you hurt has to trust you again. Make things right where it's welcome, and respect distance where it's asked.

Read John 21:15–19

Who starts the conversation?

Tell Jesus plainly

"The thing I think rules me out is…"

Read verse 19 again

"Follow me." He says it to everyone who belongs to Him.

That's all for tonight. Any repair still yours to make waits until you're ready, and only where it's welcome. If you harmed someone vulnerable, let a pastor, counselor, or the authorities guide any contact.

FOR THE NIGHTSTAND

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief."

1 Timothy 1:15 · WEB

If the same voice needs quieting every night, that may be scrupulosity; a counselor experienced with OCD can help. If someone is still being hurt, stopping it comes first: call 911 or your local authorities.

If the weight ever feels like more than you can safely carry, the **988** Suicide & Crisis Lifeline (call or text 988, any hour, in the U.S.) is there for exactly that moment. In immediate danger, call 911. Elsewhere, call local emergency services.

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