



21 Day Challenge Day 5

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

Ephesians 1:7

Ok, so last night I indulged myself and instead of reading the Word, praying and listening to uplifting messages, I watched Blue Bloods. I bumped upon a marathon and for 4 hours I sat captivated. Knowing that I had a devotional to write for this morning wasn't enough to make me turn off the television and get busy. So quite naturally, this morning I am feeling flustered because I didn't manage my time wisely. I am feeling that God won't speak a word through me because I didn't do what I was supposed to do. But God! While I was channel surfing I stumbled upon a mind changing Word from God. Forgiveness. See, if I stay where I am, upset with myself because I didn't manage things right, this is going to ruin my entire day. The enemy will be able to tell me all day long that God is disappointed in me so He won't use me today...this is a lie!!! What's the big deal about forgiveness...

How do I become a better me? By Forgiving!

You may be thinking that the situation that I described above is a little thing. Forgiveness is such a big deal that sometimes we don't pay attention to the little instances that will taint our everyday lives. I needed to forgive myself so that God will be able to use me this day. I needed to stop focusing on what I failed to do last night and turn my attention to the task that lies before me for today. The enemy will use any measure of condemnation to keep us from being used by God.

When we make little mistakes, and we will because we are human, don't wallow in that failure. Realize that God's grace is sufficient. Now don't get it twisted, just because we know that grace abounds, this is not a ticket to just go out and do whatever we want to do. We are called to live a life that emulates the life of Jesus. Everyday we should do our very level best to be that vessel that God can use. So, when we mess up, don't dwell there. Brush yourself off and go on, determining to keep striving to be your best. Forgive yourself and go on!