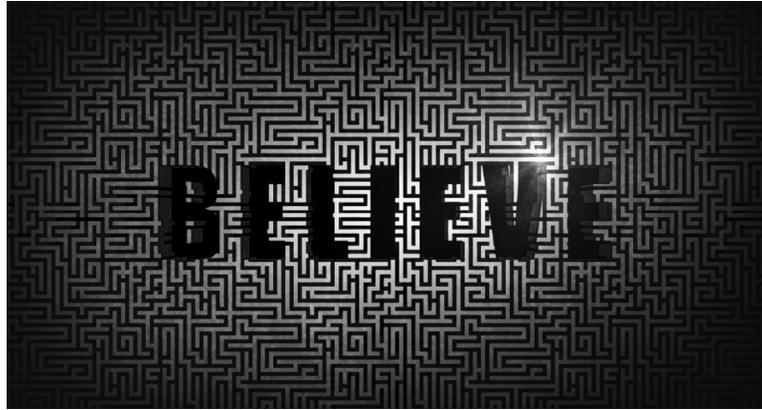


# appnotes



## DAY 1

### READ GENESIS 27

Jacob was an instrumental player in God's plan for redemption, but at times he was also a schemer, liar, and manipulator. One of his greatest cons was the time he and his mother hatched a plan to steal his older brother's birthrights. All of his life Jacob struggled with God because of the poor choices that he had made. After an all-night wrestling match with God, Jacob learned to lean into God's forgiveness and begin submitting to God's plan for his life. Jacob's story teaches us that an imperfect person can be greatly blessed by God—not because of who he or she is, but because of who God is. Don't let your past mistakes rob you of an amazing future!

## DAY 2

### READ EXODUS 2:11-17

We remember David for his victories like killing a giant with just a sling and a stone. But David's record was far from squeaky clean. In his darkest moments, David had an affair with a married woman, got her pregnant, tried to cover it up and committed murder when his attempts were unsuccessful. David wasn't a man after God's own heart because he was perfect. He was a man after God's own heart because he owned up to his mistakes and asked God for forgiveness. Don't carry around the baggage of your shame and regret. You are not beyond forgiveness, but it starts with coming clean before God.

## DAY 3

### READ PSALM 51:1-17

We remember David for his victories like killing a giant with just a sling and a stone. But David's record was far from squeaky clean. In his darkest moments, David had an affair with a married woman, got her pregnant, tried to cover it up and committed murder when his attempts were unsuccessful. But that wasn't the end of the story. David owned up to his mistakes and responded to God's judgement with repentance and worship (2 Samuel 12: 1-25). Don't carry around the baggage of your shame and regret. You are not beyond forgiveness, but it starts with coming clean before God.

## DAY 4

### READ JOHN 4

This Samaritan woman knew what it meant to feel like a failure. She was a social outcast because of a string of failed relationships. As she interacted with Jesus at the well she tried as hard as she could to cover her shame and regret; that was until He called her out on the truth. After she believed in Jesus as the Messiah she was no longer ashamed of her past. This former outcast was now inviting people to meet Jesus and experience the transformation that comes with being forgiven and loved. You don't have to hide your failure from Jesus. He is waiting to give you a second chance.

## DAY 5

### READ 1 CORINTHIANS 15:9-11

The Apostle Paul considered himself to be the worst of all sinners because of the way he persecuted the Church prior to meeting Jesus. Yet despite his past Paul goes on to be a key leader in the early church and perhaps the most influential Christ-follower who ever lived. So what was his secret? "But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect." God's grace is what makes all the difference in our lives and it never goes without effect!

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