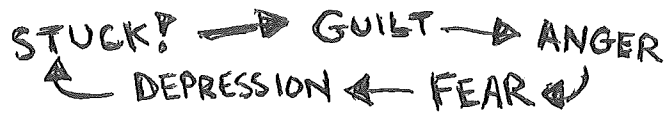


Letting Go

(The Road to Recovery - Part 3)

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Realize I'm not God; I admit I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and I cannot manage my life successfully on my own.

Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him, and that he has the power to help me recover.

Consciously _____ to commit all of my life and will to Christ's _____ and _____.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and overburdened and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me ... for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."
Matthew 11:28-29 (Ph)

If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.
Romans 10:9 (ESV)

I. WHAT COULD KEEP ME FROM TAKING THIS STEP?

1. _____; I don't want to admit I need help.

"... arrogant people are on the way to ruin." Proverbs 18:12 (TEV)

2. _____; I'm ashamed to ask God for help.

"Problems far too big for me to solve are piled higher than my head. Meanwhile my sins, too many to count, have all caught up with me, and I am ashamed to look up. My heart quails within me."

Psalm 40:12 (LB)

3. _____; I'm afraid of what I'd have to give up.

"We need have no fear of someone who loves us perfectly; his perfect love for us eliminates all dread of what he might do to us. If we are afraid, it is for fear of what he might do to us and shows that we are not fully convinced that he really loves us." 1 John 4:18 (LB)

We know that our old sinful selves were crucified with Christ so that sin might lose its power in our lives. We are no longer slaves to sin.
Romans 6:6 (NLT)

4. _____; I confuse the decision phase with the problem-solving phase.

"Cast your anxiety on him because he cares for you." 1 Peter 5:7 (NIV)

And I am sure that God who began the good work within you will keep right on helping you grow in his grace until his task within you is finally finished on that day when Jesus Christ returns. Philipians 1:6 (LB)

5. _____; My faith seems so small.

"The father instantly cried out, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief!" Mark 9:24 (NLT)

"I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed ... nothing will be impossible for you." Matthew 17:20 (NIV)

II. How Do I Take This Step:

1. I accept God's _____ as my Savior.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus and you will be saved."

Acts 16:31 (NLT)

2. I accept God's _____ as my Standard.

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching the faith and correcting error, for resetting the direction of man's life, and training him in good living."

2 Timothy 3:16 (Ph)

3. I accept God's _____ as my Strategy.

"I desire to do your will, O my God ..."

Psalm 40:8 (NIV)

4. I accept God's _____ as my Strength.

"For I can do everything God ask me to with the help of Christ who gives me the strength and power." Philipians 4:13 (LB)

"I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and fellowship with him."

Revelation 3:20 (LB)