

It's Never Too Late!
God's Grace and Mercy – Part 2
2nd Chronicles 33:1-2 (AMP)
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33:1 Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned for fifty-five years in Jerusalem. ² But he did evil in the sight of the LORD, like the repulsive acts of the [pagan] nations whom the LORD dispossessed before the sons (descendants) of Israel. 2nd Chronicles 33:1-2 (AMP)

If you're still breathing, God is still reaching.

It's never too late for God to write a new chapter in your life because:

1. Grace Pursues the Worst Sinner

The Lord does not delay [as though He were unable to act] and is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is [extraordinarily] patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance. 2 Peter 3:9 (AMP)

⁶ Seek the LORD while He may be found; call on Him [for salvation] while He is near. ⁷ Let the wicked leave (behind) his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return to the LORD, and He will have compassion (mercy) on him, and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon. Isaiah 55:6-7 (AMP)

2. Grace Meets Us at Our Lowest Point

¹⁰ Now the LORD spoke to Manasseh and to his people, but they paid no attention.

¹¹ So the LORD brought the commanders of the army of the king of Assyria against them, and they captured Manasseh with hooks [through his nose or cheeks] and bound him with bronze [chains] and took him to Babylon.

¹² But when he was in distress, he sought the LORD his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers.

Before I was afflicted, I went astray, But now I keep and honor Your word [with loving obedience].

Psalm 119:67

3. Grace Restores What Sin Destroyed

¹³ When he prayed to Him, He was moved by his entreaty and heard his pleading, and brought him back to Jerusalem to his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the LORD is God.

⁸ For it is by grace [God's remarkable compassion and favor drawing you to Christ] that you have been saved [actually delivered from judgment and given eternal life] through faith. And this [salvation] is not of yourselves [not through your own effort], but it is the [undeserved, gracious] gift of God; ⁹ not as a result of [your] works [nor your attempts to keep the Law], so that no one will [be able to] boast or take credit in any way [for his salvation]. Ephesians 2:8-9 (AMP)

...for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost. Luke 19:10 (AMP)

"God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way." Max Lucado