

Come As You Are, And “Turn Your Will And Your Life Over To The Care Of God”

3rd Step - Lesson 4

Does this sound familiar?

“I can’t go to God for help because...”

- *“I’ve backslid”*
- *“I’m still sinning”*
- *“I don’t have strong faith”*
- *“I’m not 100% committed to him”*
- *“I’m angry with him”*
- *“I don’t think I’ll be able to hold up my end of the deal”*

What does the Bible have to say about those fears and excuses?

- Matthew 11:28 – “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”
- Romans 5:6-8 – You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
- Isaiah 55:1 – “Come, all you who are thirsty, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without cost.”
- Mark 9:22-24 – “...if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us.” “If you can?” said Jesus. “Everything is possible for him who believes.” Immediately the boy’s father exclaimed, “I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!”
- Isaiah 65:1-2 – “I revealed myself to those who did not ask for me; I was found by those who did not seek me. To a nation that did not call on my name, I said, ‘Here am I, here am I.’ All day long I have held out my hands to an obstinate people, who walk in ways not good, pursuing their own imaginations...”
- Isaiah 1:18 – “Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

How are you holding back from God? What is God saying to you about it?