

It is true, we are all a product from our past. But with some conscious effort, we can affect who we will become tomorrow. If you know me (or at least THINK you know me) then consider this: I am not who I used to be. Nor will I continue to be who I am today.

Don't measure who I am today because of my failures from the past. They have disciplined me, humbled me, educated me and reminded me of my immense need for help from my Heavenly Father, every day. What my failures don't do is define who I am able to be. Many people judge, condemn, "pigeon hole," or just plain write someone off because of mistakes made, sometimes even YEARS ago.

Personally, I take my faults to my "Daddy" in heaven on a regular basis. I have repented many times for horrendous missteps of my youth even though I know they were forgiven the first time I asked. Intellectually, I know I am forgiven, but my human nature continues to feel the need to "be sure" YHWH heard me the first time. At the same time, I make every effort to "turn" from those sins and not be a repeat offender.

It sometimes seems the greatest motivation to not sin again is the people in your life who would take up the cross and then beat you with it for your error! But that is to their own dishonor for that office alone belongs to our Supreme Judge. It may be one of the grand mysteries in life how YaHuWaH can take your blunders and use them to form from you (a hunk of clay), a beautiful jar in the end. It is, in fact, those very stumbles and missteps that give you your unique place from which to blossom.

In looking back at the trail I've traveled, that it very distinctly led me to where I am and had it not been for those slips and stumblings, I would not be where I needed to be today. For even a butterfly cannot become the beautiful creature it's destined to be, if it first didn't crawl around the dirt and wind up in it's own captive web. It is through the captivity of it's own making, that it transforms into a thing of beauty, finally flying free and expressing the joy of creation simply by ...being. Flee your captivity from the past, and enjoy the freedom that only comes from the Creator. Knowing He has a purpose and plan for you. Blessings and Peace to you.