

Humility Precedes Trusting

God, I need you!

*Please, God, no more yelling,
no more trips to the woodshed.
Treat me nice for a change;
I'm so starved for affection.
Can't you see I'm black-and-
blue,
beat up badly in bones and
soul?
God, how long will it take
for you to let up?
Break in, GOD, and break up
this fight;
if you love me at all, get me
out of here.
I'm no good to you dead, am
I?
I can't sing in your choir if
I'm buried in some tomb!
I'm tired of all this—so tired.
My bed
has been floating forty days
and nights
On the flood of my tears.
My mattress is soaked,
soggy with tears.
The sockets of my eyes are
black holes;
nearly blind, I squint and
grope.
Get out of here, you Devil's
crew:
at last God has heard my
sobs.
My requests have all been
granted,
my prayers are answered.
Cowards, my enemies
disappear.
Disgraced, they turn tail and
run. Psalm 6, The Message*

Famous Failures

"I know you inside and out, and find little to my liking. You're not cold, you're not hot—far better to be either cold or hot! You're stale. You're stagnant. You make me want to vomit. You brag, 'I'm rich, I've got it made, I need nothing from anyone,' oblivious that in fact you're a pitiful, blind beggar, threadbare and homeless." Revelation 3:15-17

Cain and Abel – Genesis 4

Moses – Numbers 14

David and Bathsheba – 2 Samuel 11

1. What is the nature of each offense?
2. Why must humility precede trust in this situation?
3. How can I relate? What is the nature of my offensiveness? Why must humility precede trust in my situation? (Can you see why there is a step 1 and 2 before getting to step 3? Is there something you need to go back and revisit from those steps?)
4. What if I have under-estimated by sin, shame and need for God?

**TrueFaced principles are extrapolated from TrueFaced, by Bill Thrall, Bruce McNicol and John Lynch – read about them in more detail by purchasing their materials at the back table of NSC.*

March - Trust

Book of the month: Stepping Out On Nothing by Brian Pitt

The interpretation of grace as having only to do with guilt is utterly false to biblical teaching and renders spiritual life in Christ unintelligible.

Dallas Willard

TF Principle: Humility is trusting God and others with me.* (TrueFaced Principle 3 from TF12 Road Map)

Step 3 We made a decision to turn our life and will over to the care of God.