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Question: How can I believe that God would ever forgive me?

Answer: You think that since God knows all about you, He couldn't possible forgive you? Well, that's why the gospel is good news because God is willing to forgive us when we turn from our sins and obey Him.

In *John 4*, we read about a woman who had been married five times and was currently living in a sinful relationship. Yet, by the end of the encounter, she discovered that she too could have the "*living water*" of God's love and forgiveness.

In *Luke 19*, we read about Zacchaeus, a short man who collected taxes for the Roman government. This made him a hated outcast in Jericho for most tax collectors got rich by extracting more money than was required. Yet, when Zacchaeus showed that he was willing to repent of his sins, Jesus showed that He was willing to forgive him, (*Lk. 19:9*).

In *1st Timothy 1:15*, Paul wrote, "*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.*" Paul never forgot how much God had forgiven him. After all, he'd persecuted Christians "*to their death*" (*Acts 22:4*). Yet, Paul heard the gospel, obeyed it, and was forgiven. Thus, if God was willing to forgive these, He will surely forgive you too when you surrender to His will.

--Steve McCaslin