

# PEOPLE OF THE SECOND CHANCE



## People of the Second Chance April 10, 2022

**Speaker:** Pastor Joel Schmidgall

**Scripture:** Romans 8:1-2, Acts 12:5-17

### Sermon Overview

God has not, cannot, and will not give up on you. It's not in His nature. He is the God of second, third, and hundredth chances. We are never beyond the need of God's grace, and we are never beyond the reach of God's grace. When we extend God's grace to others, we become the People of the Second Chance.

### Sermon Series Questions:

1. In what area of your life have you been given a second chance?
2. In what area do you need to operate in the grace that has been given to you?

### Sermon Specific Questions:

1. Your second chance might come by you giving someone else a second chance. Is there someone to whom you need to extend forgiveness? Perhaps it's a person that you think you have forgiven, but every time you think about that person a twinge of bitterness comes up in your heart. Do not be held captive by fear but allow the peace of Christ to come upon you. How can you pray God's mercy over them? How can you pray with sincerity for that person, who may need a second chance?

2. What is your current reality? In what ways can you talk back to your current reality and declare the purposes and promises of God over it? How can you stand in the gap for someone else and declare God's promises over their reality?
3. The Lord inhabits the praises of His people (Psalm 22:3). Reflect on that verse. How do your praises transform your prayers? Lean into those prayers through the power of the Holy Spirit.
4. Faith and worship are our work. We don't worship because we feel good or because the circumstances are right; we worship because He is God and He is worthy. How do I approach my community and neighbor with faith and worship? Who do you need to show that God is *with* us by you being *with* them? How are you pouring out the Grace that God is pouring into you?

## Digging Deeper:

- In Matthew 18:21-22, Peter asked Jesus how many times he needed to forgive his brother. What was Jesus' reply? What does that mean for the people in your life who need forgiveness? God desires to bring a miracle from your mess. Imagine a miracle coming out of your mess. How does God want you to use forgiveness as a means for you to participate in the miracle? Journal through this.
- Go on a prayer walk this week. Perhaps ask a friend to join you. Ask the Lord to put people in your path who you can pray with and speak life into? Reflect on Colossians 2:6-7 in this context— "living your life in Him, being rooted, strengthened, and overflowing."
- Additional Reading: *The Powers that Be: Theology for a New Millenium*, Walter Wink

## Practical Application:

- Come celebrate Easter with us! Visit [ncc.re/now](http://ncc.re/now)
- Visit [ncc.re/secondchance](http://ncc.re/secondchance) for specific ways to engage with small groups and Prison Fellowship.
- Make a Bible reading plan a daily discipline and connect with NCC Daily. (Download the [NCC app](#) to find our plan).
- Commit to a weekly fast Sundown Wednesday - Sundown Thursday, throughout Lent. You can find fasting resources at [ncc.re/fast](http://ncc.re/fast).
- Join our Main Upper Zoom online prayer group on Wednesdays and our new Upper Zoom Prayer Pods on other days. Main Upper Zoom: Wednesday mornings, 7:14am ET [ncc.re/upperzoom](http://ncc.re/upperzoom). Upper Zoom Prayer Pods meet at different times and days during the week. Go to [ncc.re/prayerpods](http://ncc.re/prayerpods) to sign up.