



Moments Before Stumbling

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Questions to consider, discuss or journal.

1. Respond to this definition of sin: “It always manages to separate me from God, from myself, or from you.” What is your definition of sin? How does your definition compare?
2. Sin is crouching at the door. Can you identify the qualities and actions of sin in your own life? How is sin present in your life? Ideas? Forces? Inclinations?
3. The author compares the accounts of Cain and Abel with the parable of the prodigal son. What similarities and differences can you identify?
4. There is an opportunity for repentance and change before sin is enacted. How can you pay better attention to identify and take action? Can you identify times in your life when you have (or could have) repented before acting in sin?
5. The Author pulls lessons from Jeremiah: Ask for help. Talk to someone. Reason things out. Read the Bible. Read other books. Find out what has worked for people in the past. Watch a TED Talk. Reach out. Ask for help. What have you found to be helpful in your struggle against sin? What could you do today that could help shift your perspective?
6. How has God shown you options when you are feeling stuck and in the midst of stumbling?
7. The Author identifies obstacles that prevent us from asking for help and seeking help in our time of needs. What prevents you from asking for help? What are your obstacles?
8. Response to the Authors question: What is it like for God to watch us, to witness our struggles and endure our failure?
9. What role does Jesus play in your struggle against sin?
10. We need the soothing connection of community when we are struggling with sin. Does your faith community foster connection? How could it provide reassuring comfort while we struggle with sin?