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## Second Chances | What Do We Do With Them?

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The life of Samson and Paul's teaching in Galatians both teach us that God's grace gives us second chances, but those second chances aren't just about escaping consequences. Those second chances are opportunities to walk with God in a new way. God clearly lays out ways for us to sow smart and not take advantage of His grace by continuing down a road of destruction.

### Key Scripture | Galatians 5:22-25

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance (patience), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

### Related Scriptures

— Galatians 5:16-21; Galatians 6:7-8; Judges 13-16; James 1:14-15

### Icebreakers:

— Q: If your life had a warning label, what would it be?

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## Key Thoughts and Reflections: \_\_\_\_\_

### I. Second Chances are an opportunity to sow smart.

Q: When you hear "you reap what you sow," what emotions or thoughts come to mind?

Q: Have you ever mistaken God's grace for permission to continue an unhealthy pattern? What happened?

Q: What is one area of your life where God may be inviting you to start "sowing smart" today?

### II. Self Deception keeps us sowing stupid

Q: Why do you think small compromises can be so dangerous in our walk with God?

Q: What are some ways our culture relabels God's wisdom as foolishness?

Q: Who has permission to speak truth into your life when you may be deceiving yourself?

### III. Discipline today prevents regret tomorrow.

Q: Where do you currently feel the tension between immediate gratification and long-term wisdom?

Q: What area of life requires greater discipline from you right now—spiritually, financially, relationally, emotionally, or physically?

Q: If someone looked at the "fruit" in your life today, what would it reveal about the seeds you've been planting?

## Get Practical

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Second chances allow us to refocus on the importance of walking by the Spirit daily. They allow us to seek practical ways we can sow smart to sow into the kingdom and not into ourselves. This week, in prayer identify one area where you're tempted to seek immediate gratification and choose one specific act of obedience instead. Ask yourself the following questions: *What seeds am I planting? What fruit will this produce in six months or six years? Am I using God's grace to sow smart or excuse stupid?* If it's challenging to dig into these questions, reach out to your small group leader or a pastor at your campus to help walk you through next steps!