

Failing Forward

Is It Ever Too Late?

Who would you say is the most evil leader in human history?

1. Manasseh's backstory—2 Chronicles 33:1-10.

What did you want to be when you were twelve years old?

"When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not imitate the detestable customs of those nations. No one among you is to sacrifice his son or daughter in the fire, practice divination, tell fortunes, interpret omens, practice sorcery, cast spells, consult a medium or a spiritist, or inquire of the dead. Everyone who does these acts is detestable to the Lord, and the Lord your God is driving out the nations before you because of these detestable acts."

Deuteronomy 18:9-13 CSB

"Manasseh also shed so much innocent blood that he filled Jerusalem with it from one end to another."

2 Kings 21:16a CSB

2. Manasseh's "Come to Jesus" moment—2 Chronicles 33:11-13a.

"Who is a God like you, forgiving iniquity and passing over rebellion for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not hold on to his anger forever because he delights in faithful love. He will again have compassion on us; he will vanquish our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea."

Micah 7:18 CSB

3. Manasseh's proof of repentance—2 Chronicles 33:13b-20.

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has come!"

2 Corinthians 5:17 CSB

"It is appointed for people to die once—and after this, judgment."

Hebrews 9:27 CSB

Memory verse—2 Chronicles 33:13