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GODLY SORROW

The devil can keep you living in shame, keep you distant from God, and keep you from fulfilling your calling.

⁹ yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. ¹⁰ Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. **2 Corinthians 7:9-10 NIV**

Godly Sorrow → Repentance → Salvation

Worldly Sorrow → Remorse → Spiritual Death

We tend to accuse others and excuse ourselves.

^{20a} Woe to those who call evil good.... **Isaiah 4:20a NIV**

Changing the wording doesn't change the sin.

- What is sin?
 - Greek word: Hamarita — Archery term — Miss the mark.
³ For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard. **Romans 3:23 NLT**

- Until you see yourself as a sinner, you won't see your need for a Savior.

Remorse is not the same as repentance.

- Remorse: I feel bad — for getting caught — not much will change.
- Repentance: So broken — for what I did — turn from it and turn to God.

Rationalizing your sin is the first sign your heart is growing cold towards God.

So how do we turn from sin?

- Humble ourselves
- Confess quickly
- Repent wholeheartedly

⁹ But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. **1 John 1:9 NLT**

⁴ Don't you see how wonderfully kind, tolerant, and patient God is with you? Does this mean nothing to you? Can't you see that his kindness is intended to turn you from your sin? **Romans 2:4 NLT**