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- **Your “mess” is part of your story but it is not your identity . (2 Corinthians 5:17)**
- **Avoid the trap of wishing for a better past . (Philippians 3:13-14)**
- **Address the “mess”. (2 Corinthians 12:9)**
- **Don’t fight alone . (Proverbs 18:1)**
- **Act differently . (Romans 12:2)**