

# two|regrets

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those  
who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8

## **It is easy to believe the lie that...**

Your past defines you.  
Any lack of intentional living cannot be overcome.  
It is too late to start.

## **Instead, we can believe that:**

*1) Conviction is a gift from a good Father.*

As the Holy Spirit reveals any of your sin around mission, be encouraged that God cares about you to empower your growth.

*2) Shame is conquered by the empty tomb of Jesus.*

Our shame will never be more powerful than the resurrection of Jesus. Grace is sufficient enough to cover from 25 years to 25 minutes of self centered living. Receive his grace, and allow mission to flow from it...your neighbors are in desperate need of it too.

*3) Our neighbors will notice the change.*

Deep within us is a desire to be seen as genuine; to be known as authentic. It is possible that your neighbors will see and experience a 'brand new person' as you intentionally and lovingly engage them. We need not hesitate in fear of being disingenuous. As God convicts, we repent and the Holy Spirit grows us. The visual of our changed approach will be instrumental in our neighbors tasting the gospel.

## **Question to consider:**

What aspects of your past could be a deterrent for the mission moving forward?

## **Actions to take:**

> For neighbors that are included in your 7 that you do not know names for, develop a strategy of how to begin a relationship. Serving them in some way is a natural neighborly opportunity to both love and introduce yourself.

- > Take your unknown neighbor dessert and thank them for something you've seen or noticed that is personal to them.
- > Take advantage of times you see your neighbors outside of their residence to engage them in conversation.