



**Hello. Jesus here. I should begin with a disclaimer that I am in cartoon form. I'm not saying the artist did a bad job drawing me, just that it's not an exact thing. Also, in these sessions, she's going to do her best to represent me, as she understands me from scripture. So cut her some slack; she's trying. Her answers will be in the first person.**

### **Session 3: Maybe I've messed up too much for God to love me....**

I appreciate your inviting me to speak with you today. There are a lot of questions people have, a lot of feelings people have.

In this session, we will discuss the feeling: Maybe I've messed up too much for God to love me?

Some of you are thinking:

I'm in the wrong place. I don't need forgiveness. I haven't done anything wrong.

Others of your are thinking:

I'm in the wrong place, too. But I'm kinda on the other end of that.  
There is no way I could get forgiveness for some of the stuff I've done.  
And thought. Yikes, there's no hope if God is listening to my thoughts, too.

Or maybe this is you:

It's not about being sorry. I'm plenty sorry. It's about being able to change.  
I have tried and failed so many times. I don't think there's any hope for me.

Well, I came for sinners, not for the righteous. So if you are perfect, come back when you realize you aren't. I can't help you until then.

Romans 3:23 says that everybody has sinned and fallen short of God's glory. Short story: God is perfect. We aren't.

If you've recognized that you aren't good enough for Heaven, you are in the right spot.

Ephesians 2:8-9 says we are saved by grace, through faith, not because we do enough good things.

Some of you are thinking:

Yeah, but God is for church people. I have done a lot of things I'm really not proud of. I'm still doing stuff, because I can't seem to stop.

Actually, sometimes some church people really get on God's nerves. It's not that they are sinners; it's that they are sometimes better at noticing other people's sins than their own.

If you are stuck in sin, can't fix yourself, but you really, really want to, good news. God is our Deliverer. It's His name. So it's more about surrender, not about doing everything right. It's about letting God sit on the throne of our lives, instead of us. If we could save ourselves, I wouldn't have had to die.

**That would have been great. It just wasn't possible.**