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THE STORY OF UNLIKELY REDEMPTION

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“So God gives us pictures of ourselves in stories like this. He allows his people to drift into these kinds of ungrateful and idolatrous seasons so that every mouth may be stopped and the whole world held accountable before God.”

- John Piper  
*Spectacular Sins*

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“Pride is, by definition, idolatrous and insurrectionist because it is rooted in ingratitude. It glorifies the creature over against the Creator and claims the inheritance rights of image-bearers without acknowledging that we have these things because we reflect an image, not because we are ultimate.

“It is the primal sin because no other sin is possible without believing that some good gift of God is mine and mine alone to use for my purposes, for my own kingdom and glory.”

- Russell Moore  
*Tempted and Tried*

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“It is a sad and dark truth about us that the tree of vices, rooted in pride, continues to live and grow and thrive in human nature in all of its malignant forms. The more we understand the dynamics of sin and the deep network of its combined forces in us, however, the more amazing we will find the grace and power promised to us to help us change.”

- Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung  
*Glittering Vices*



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1. The consequences of sin often reach farther than we can imagine; the justice, grace and mercy of God reaches farther still.

“[The gospel] takes guilt seriously,  
because it takes man seriously, and it provides  
a Savior who gives us a new humanity, and who  
begins to clear away the fog on the image that we  
bear - cleaning it up, erasing the defects, reshaping  
it to bring us into conformity to Christ, so that  
in looking at us, people can begin to see a likeness  
of the character of God.

“In His mercy, God has made a way to be reconciled to Him and to have the obscured image of God restored in those who trust in Christ alone for salvation - so that we may bring Him glory and show forth His holiness to creation once more.”

- R. C. Sproul

*Are People Basically Good?*

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2. The presence of God is promised to us, even in a valley of our own construction.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor  
to shake,  
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

- John Rippon  
*How Firm a Foundation*