

Mission Impossible
Full Send Message Series Week 2
Acts 2:1-41
Pastor Jeff Burkholder
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A. Oh no! I am a sinner. What should I do?

- 1. Respond with a heart of submission and surrender.**
(Acts 2:37)

“What shall we do?”

- 2. Repent.** (Acts 2:38)

“*Metanoēō* (repent) is a rich New Testament term. It speaks of a change of purpose, of turning from sin to God (1 Thess. 1:9). It is an essential component of a genuine conversion.”

John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Acts 1-12*, Moody Publishers, Chicago, IL, 1994, p. 73.

- 3. Be baptized.** (Acts 2:38)

“The order is clear. Repentance is for forgiveness. Baptism follows that forgiveness; it does not cause it...It is the public sign or symbol of what has taken place on the inside. It is an important step of obedience for all believers, and should closely follow conversion.”

John MacArthur, *The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: Acts 1-12*, Moody Publishers, Chicago, IL, 1994, p. 75.

- To be baptized, email Aimee Conley in the Church Office at aconley@cbcpa.org.

B. Oh no! I am a Christ-follower and I am sinning. What should I do?

1. Respond with a heart of submission and surrender.

2. Repent. This is ongoing, not once and done.

“Turning from sinful paths that you have walked for years is difficult. Most likely, you have built your home, life, career, and relationships among them. Your mind and body have worn deep ruts of sinful behavior that are easy to slip into but hard to get out of. To escape these old ruts means changing what you love, seek, and rely upon.

You will need to retrain your mind and body to know God’s path, hear his voice, and respond to it first. You will have to allow God’s destination for you to be your own. You will have to remove things in your path that cause you to stumble and change relationships that pull you in wrong directions. The death of your old nature can be painful—like losing a part of yourself or someone you love.”

re:generation recovery, *re:generation Steps 4-6 Version 1.6*,
Watermark Community Church, Dallas, TX, 2021, p. 95.