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SAY SORRY

Scripture: Hebrews 12:16 - See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son.

Observation: The writer is giving counsel regarding our attitude towards our behavior because there are consequences.

Application/Analysis: This one is very important because it is foundational to our Christian walk and therefore it is relevant to how successful our walk will really be. I am focused on the words about not being sexually immoral or godless and that none of us should be that way. It really means that in order to be godless, we are not right with God and the only way to not be right with God once we are a Christian is to not be repentant. You see, repentance comes first even before you can become a Christian. Mark 1:15 makes this point exactly as Jesus himself says, "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" Notice the order in which Jesus speaks, 'repent' is before 'believe' and to believe is to have faith and without faith we cannot accept salvation or please God (Heb 11:6). I urge you, therefore, with all that I have to not participate in unrepentant or the regular practice of sin like sexual immorality, gossiping, lying, stealing or anything that frustrates the Lord and when you or I do recognize that we have offended God, we immediately go to Him and admit it, admit our mindset at the time, admit our humanity and self-centeredness and ask Him to forgive us so that we can be right with Him again (1 John 1:9). That is the expectation. Now because there are expectations and a process back to righteousness, realize that there are consequences if we ignore the process. V:17 speaks about God rejecting even though the request came with heart and tears. V:6 speaks of God chastening His people as required to get them moving in the right direction. I say these things not to scare or threaten but to help you be intentional about your behavior before the Lord.

Prayer: Father, thank you for a process to righteousness with you. Help us to use it daily. In Jesus name - AMEN!

Takeaway: Just like the title, say sorry. Keep it real with God and allow Him to restore you when you fall.