

Question to Esther



Ask A Question WITH Esther

Question:

Dear Esther,

My wife and I have been married for 12 years. I had an affair about 2 years ago. It was a stupid one-night stand. I was at a company event and met a lady on the golf course, we hit it off and one thing led to another. The very next morning I was DEVASTATED and angry at myself for being so stupid. I told my wife a few weeks after the affair happened. I feel like my wife is always angry at me and she is constantly reminding me of that mistake.

My question? Is there any hope she can heal us from this? Is this going to be my life forever? I don't know what more I can do. Any advice? I would GREATLY appreciate it. Also, this magazine has brought me closer to God and I think we are going to start attending a local church. What local church would you recommend?

Signed , Scared Husband

Answer:

Dear Scared Husband,

It thrills me to hear how much these writings are impacting your own life, and your desire to become closer to God. I am sure that the Holy Spirit is guiding this decision.

First of all, there is always hope for you. However, you have to be patient, and understand that your wife has the right to feel betrayed, because the marriage vow is sacred and is a lifelong promise. She lost her trust in you, because you broke your vow to her and God. Marriage is an institution established by God since the beginning of His Creation.

Getting your wife to trust and forgive you may not be possible on your own, because you must also ask God for His forgiveness. He is the only One capable to help you mend your relationship again. "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26.

You must understand and recognize that your wife needs time to heal. Love her and be kind to her. A broken heart needs time to heal. For now, work on yourself with God. Ask God to help guide you into becoming the loving and trustworthy husband and father that you want to be. Show your wife that you will do whatever it takes to gain her trust back.

If you understand your weakness, do not give up, we humans are not perfect. But God is more than capable to bring happiness back to you and your loved wife. In the darkest days of your life, keep your faith in God. He is working on His own time, to do all things well on your behalf. "But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar like the eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31.

I recommend that you start reading your Bible daily. Do it first thing in the morning when you wake up, and pray to God. He is your best friend. Open your heart to Jesus and tell Him your sorrows. Now that you have decided to get closer to God, keep in mind that the Christian life is a life of total surrender to God. Your wife may complain about your mistake for a long time, but keep on praying and asking her for forgiveness. Let God help.

You mentioned that you want to start going to church and that is great! Be careful! Some churches do not follow the Bible, and pollute the Bible's message and teach wrong human interpretations. Just follow the Bible. Before you start reading, pray to God and His Holy Spirit to help you understand. I will be praying for your wife to forgive you.

Sincerely,
Esther