ASHLAND COMMUNITY CHURCH

Ashland Community Church
55 Main St
Ashland, NH 03217

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"FINDING HOPE"

"Life's Healing Choices: Finding Freedom Through the Beatitudes" — Part 2

November 15, 2026

Today's Bottom Line

Your past doesn't have to determine your future.

Last Week's Bottom Line

You can't begin to change what you refuse to acknowledge.

Matthew 5:4 God blesses those who mourn, for they will be comforted. (NLT)

II Samuel 12:7 Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! (NIV)

3 Ways to Keep Your Past from Determining Your Future

1. **Don't make excuses for what you've done.**

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Psalm 51:1-3 Have mercy on me, O God, because of your unfailing love.

Because of your great compassion, blot out the stain of my sins.

Wash me clean from my guilt. Purify me from my sin.

For I recognize my rebellion; it haunts me day and night. (NLT)

2. Don't let guilt keep you from God's forgiveness.

Psalm 51:7-10 **7** **Purify me from my sins, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.**

8 **Oh, give me back my joy again;**
you have broken me—
now let me rejoice.

9 **Don't keep looking at my sins.**
Remove the stain of my guilt.

[10] Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me. (NLT)

3. Don't let <u>regret</u> keep you from <u>moving forward</u>

Psalm 51:12-13 [12] Your help made me so happy. Give me that joy again. Make my spirit strong and ready to obey you.

[13] I will teach the guilty how you want them to live, and the sinners will come back to you. (ERV)

Psalm 51:17 The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.

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<u>Next Week's Message</u>

"Letting Go: Learning to trust God with the things we can't control."