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3. What are some examples of things we mistakenly attempt to paint with, that lead only to mess and muck in our lives?
4. In spite of our mistakes, muck, and mess; hope remains! Our past does not define us. No one is capable of seeing their masterpiece restored and revealed apart from God. Read Hebrews 12:2.
5. Read Philippians 1:6 and Romans 8:28. What are some ways we can be encouraging to one another?

Action Step:

Our beliefs impact our actions. This week ask God to show you areas where you are painting with the wrong brush—areas of unbelief, self-centeredness or distrust. Pray for help in identifying small steps to counter that impulse. Remember God's truth. This can be as simple as selecting a verse that encourages you to recall God's love for you, or a lyric from a song that can be a refrain to repeat when the temptation comes. If you are willing, share with your group next week. These examples can be so encouraging for others. When we don't have the words or the connection, God often moves through other people to meet a need—sometimes a need we didn't even know we had.



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