



PART 2: Swinging for the Fences

INTRODUCTION

Have you ever felt behind in your relationship with God? Do you ever feel like everyone else has it together, but you aren't good enough? No matter what you do, you can never make it right. You may feel like you are behind, but it's not too late to take a chance and swing for the fence.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What is one of the silliest, craziest things you did as a kid?
2. In what ways do you think people see God like Santa Claus? What are some of the costs of viewing God in that manner?
3. Read Ephesians 6:10-12. How might shame be a "scheme of the devil"?
4. In the message, Jeff said, "*Don't confuse God's discipline of you with thinking that God is disappointed in you.*" Why is this important? In what ways do we tend confuse them?
5. What keeps you from being transparent about what's going on in your life?
6. How might you take a chance and swing for the fence? What is one step you could take? How can the group support you in this decision?

MOVING FORWARD

Shame and darkness are not what God has for you. He wants you to live out of who you really are as His child. You are not condemned. It is time to move out from under the lies and shame and take a chance. Swing for the fence.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:1