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The word we avoid - _____

The word we prefer - _____

- Definition: An error in action, calculation, opinion, or judgement caused by poor reasoning, carelessness, or insufficient knowledge.
- Sometimes we:
 - make “mistakes” on _____
 - _____ our “mistakes”
 - make the same “mistakes” _____ and _____
- What do you do with a “mistake” - you _____ it
- Why can’t you just _____ making these “mistakes”?
 - because you are a _____.
 - Definition - Somebody who knows better but does it anyway.

Jesus’ purpose in talking about sin was _____, not _____

- Jesus knew that as long as you just think you’re making mistakes you won’t seek the thing that you need the most to bring restoration.
- _____ that you are a sinner is a means to a very important end.

“But I warn you—unless your **righteousness** is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven! ²¹“You have heard that our ancestors were told, ‘You must not murder...’ ²² But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment!”

Matthew 5:20-21a, 22a (NLT)

Jesus raised the _____ bar.

²⁷“You have heard the commandment that says, ‘You must not commit adultery.’ ²⁸ But I say, anyone who even looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

Matthew 5:27-28 (NLT)

- You will _____ be restored to God until you acknowledge that you need to be restored.

²¹ ... ‘Father, I have **sinned** against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your **son**.’ ²²“But his father said to the servants ‘Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. ... for this son of mine was **dead** and has now returned to life. He was **lost**, but now he is found.’ So the **party** began.

Luke 15:21-22, 24 (NLT)

Recognition of sin _____ the _____ to restoration and redemption.

Jesus gives you what “mistakers” will never get - _____.

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Read & meditate on Luke 15:11-32. Focus especially on verses 21-22.
- Recognize that, as a follower of Jesus, I have a tendency to resist saying “I have sinned.”, preferring to present myself as a “mistaker”. So today I am coming clean with Jesus.
- Admit that the pattern of my life has been to make excuses for my sin by saying I am a “mistaker”. But today, for the first time, I come to Jesus confessing to him that I am a sinner. Believing that he will proclaim me, who was dead and lost, found.