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***“Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame”. (Psalm 34:5 N.I.V)***

Ever since she lost her business, her life never was the same  
Someone accused her of fraud, and she had to fight to save her name  
Friends and Family don't stand by her, I guess they were ashamed  
It didn't even occur to them, she might not be the one to blame  
Even though she went to court, and cleared her name things were not the same  
The never said that they were sorry, that they misjudged her so  
and misery filled her heart, and her self loathing would not go  
Financial problems started it was, hard to hold a job  
panic attacks soon followed, and her self-confidence was gone  
Constant illness followed and, for a long time, she just wished that she would die  
Nobody ever really knew how close she came, to following through with suicide  
For it was on that very night when, she planned to take her life  
Jesus Christ was waiting to end her, pain and strive  
He talked to her very soul, and filled her heart with his sweet peace  
He told her that he would be there, for her and his love would never cease  
It would be many years later, after seeking high and low  
that she would start to really, understand him and how he loves her so  
But now when something happens and, things they don' t work out the way she planned  
she knows the failure is but a moment and she, can place it in Jesus hands  
Knowing that she is forgiven forever, She can finally forgive herself this day

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She has already forgiven the others, who helped to make her feel this way  
From now on it doesn't matter, what other people think or say  
the only person she seeks to please, is Jesus Christ this day.

*"...in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace,  
expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace you have been saved, through  
faith  
and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God"*  
(  
*Ephesians 2:7-8*)

Jesus knew we could never live our life's as the perfect image of his Son that's why we were saved by grace through our faith in Jesus Christ. We as Christians are in Jesus eyes exempt from that label of failure. When we try and fall short and we confess it to Him we are immediately forgiven and He instantly restores us to Himself and wraps us in His unconditional love.

It is only in the flesh that we give others the power to hold past failures over us and if this is done be someone we hold in high esteem that one failed event can become a life sentence; where sorrow, self contempt, and self loathing eventually can derail a person into a life sentence of regret, remorse bitterness and sometimes total destruction.

When we really start to read and understand the scriptures that tell us about the Lord's character we really start to understand how much the Lord loves us. We can drop our guard and when we turn our faces up to him we can be radiant with joy because we know that we finally have a father that will never leave us or forsake us or be ashamed of us.

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***"If you live for any joy on earth, you may be forsaken; but, oh, live for Jesus, and he will never forsake you!" Matthew Simpson***

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