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Blessed: *Sharing in the fullness of life God originally intended.*

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Psalm 119:136

"Streams of tears flow from my eyes, for your law is not obeyed."

Ezra 9

“He tore his garments, pulled hair from his beard and his head, got down on his hand and knees before God and said, “I am too ashamed and disgraced, my God, to lift up my face to you, because our sins are higher than our heads and our guilt has reached to the heavens.”

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Romans 7 (MSG)

What I don't understand about myself is that I decide one way, but I act another, doing things I absolutely despise. I need something more! For if I know the law but still can't keep it, and if the power of sin within me keeps sabotaging my best intentions, I obviously need help!

Romans 7 (MSG)

I realize that I don't have what it takes. I can will it, but I can't do it. I decide to do good, but I don't really do it; I decide not to do bad, but then I do it anyway. My decisions, such as they are, don't result in actions. Something has gone wrong deep within me and gets the better of me every time. I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope.

We're not just 'mistakers," we are SINNERS

John 1:9 *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness."*

Revelation 21

And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Now God's presence is with people, and he will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them and will be their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death, sadness, crying, or pain, because all the old ways are gone." The One who was sitting on the throne said, "Look! I am making everything new!"

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The image features the word "NARKED" in a white, serif font against a black background. A dark red, splattered graphic, resembling a handprint or a large 'X', is centered over the word. The splatter is most prominent over the letter 'R', which is partially obscured by it. The overall effect is one of a mark or a stain.