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PEELING THE ONION

Most of us can relate to failing the Lord at one time or another. Either in our actions, words, or deeds we miss the mark. The beautiful thing with our Lord is that when we fail and repent, he gives us another chance to pass the same test.

I see our lives like an onion. Like an onion, there are many layers that make up who we are. The outer layer may be very protective and hard to get through. The inner layers may cause one's eyes to burn if it is cut into. Tears flow easily when that layer is cut. Some onions are sweet to the taste, and others can burn the toughest tongue.

God has shown me that instead of cutting into us (like one would cut an onion) when we fail, he gently peels one layer back at a time, exposing the spot that needs to be removed. He does not cut us open because it brings too much pain. Now, if we continue in our sin he may have to go deeper and cut things away, but that is not his initial plan. He wants to remove one layer at a time so we can bear the process.

Do you have layers that need to be removed to expose things? What about the layer of offense? What about unforgiveness? What about deep hurts? How about that hidden sin that you do not think anyone sees?

When we bring ourselves (our onion) to God and allow him to work on us, it will not be to destroy us. It will be to bring out the best in us and get rid of those things (layers) that "smell" and need to go.

Does your onion need a little peeling today? If so, let God do it. You will not regret it.