

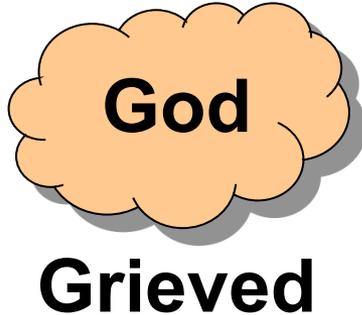
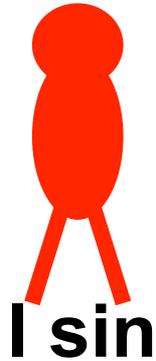
## Grace to Recover from Failure

- **Moral failure: disobeying God's commandments**
- **Failure to follow God's guidance**
- **Being very unwise**
- **False or uncertain sense of failure**

***If our hearts condemn us, we know that God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything (1 John 3:20).***

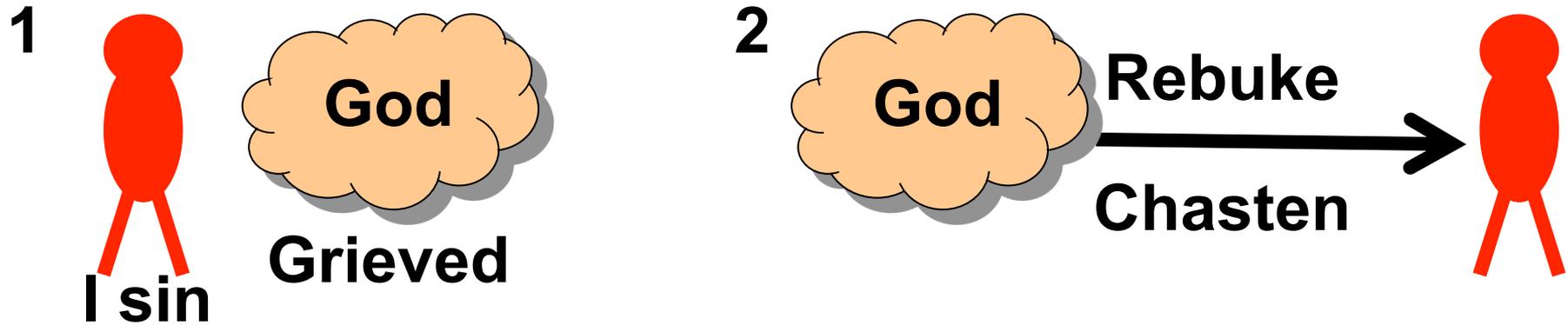
# Ways in which God helps us recover from failure

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***And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God,  
with whom you were sealed for the day of  
redemption. (Eph 4:30)***

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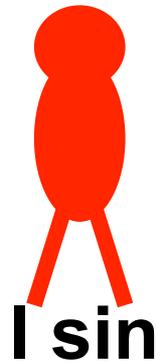


***Those whom I love I rebuke and chasten.  
So be earnest and repent. (Rev 3:19).***

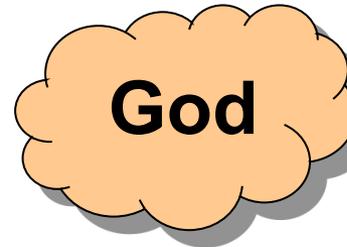
***No chastening seems pleasant at the time,  
but painful. Later on, however, it produces a  
harvest of righteousness and peace (Heb 12: 11)***

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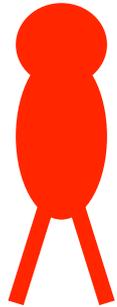


Rebuke

Chasten



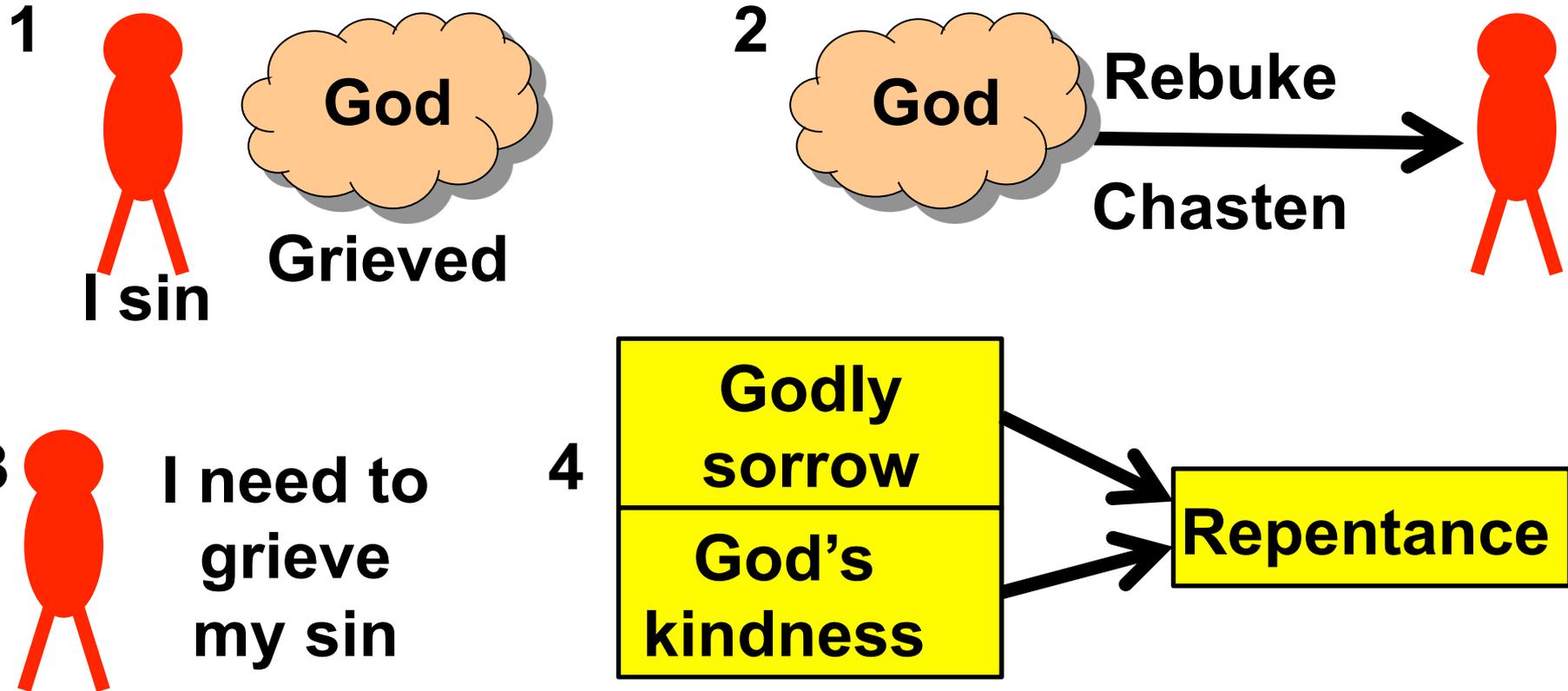
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I need to  
grieve  
my sin

*Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. (James 4: 8-10)*

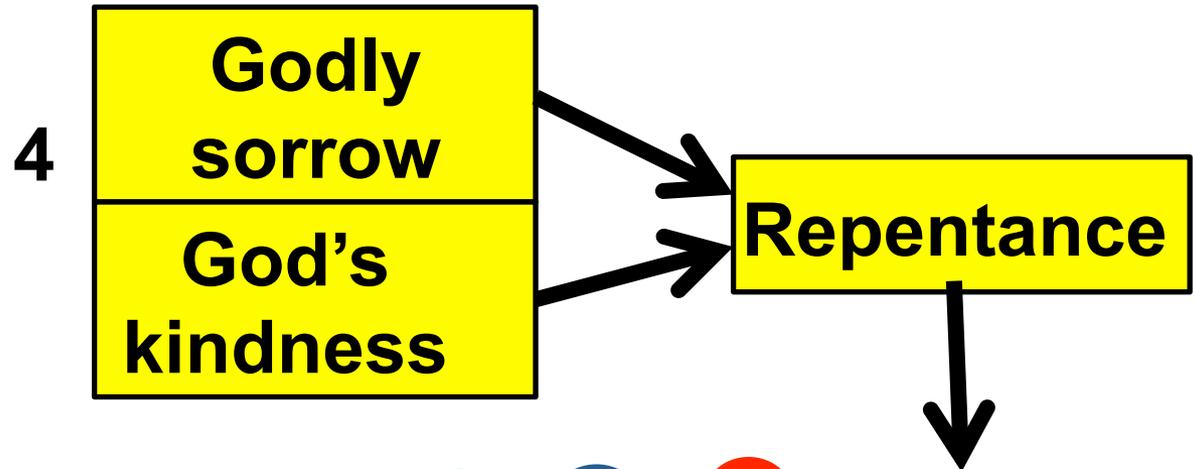
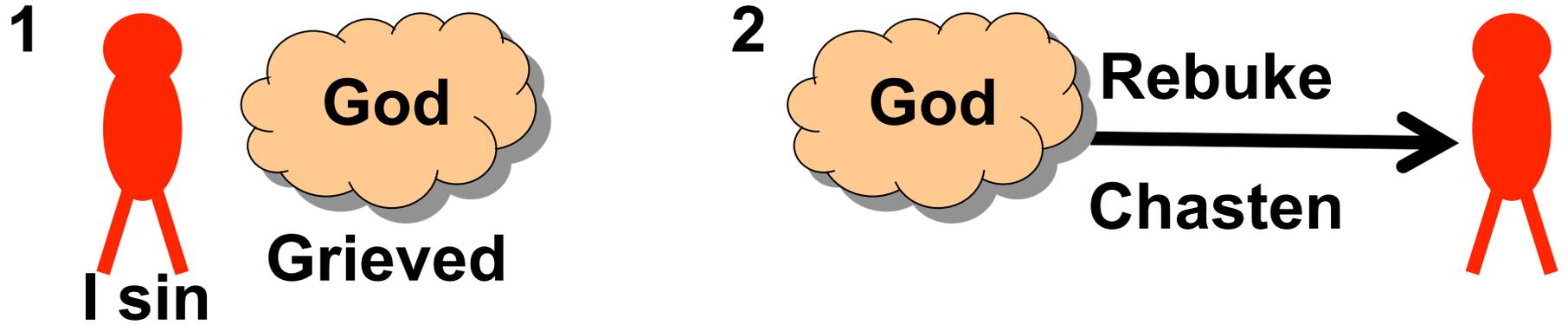
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***Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret (2 Cor 7:10).***

***God's kindness is intended to lead you to repentance (Rom 2:4)***

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*If someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently (Gal 6:1)*

# Grace to work through the Consequences of Failure

*Then David said to Nathan “I have sinned against the LORD.” Nathan replied, “The LORD has taken away your sin ...*

***BUT: The sword will never depart from your house, because you despised me (2 Sam 12: 13, 10)***

***Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. (Heb 4: 16).***



**God's grace helps the person who has failed to:**

**Overcome the temptation to do it again:**

- ***We will not be tempted beyond our strength***
- ***God will give us a way of escape (1 Cor 10: 13)***

**Overcome the temptation to try to cover up the failure**

**Make amends for what they did, if possible**

**Cope with the chastening God may bring**

**Cope with people not trusting them (at least for a while).**

- ***We need to learn to become trustworthy***

**Work through to reconciliation with those they hurt**

**Live with any ongoing shame of knowing what they did**

**God's grace to others affected by the failure helps to:**

**Deal with the hurt inflicted on them, or others they love**

**Forgive the person who hurt them**

**Work through to reconciliation with that person**

**Work through issues of trust with that person**

**but be careful: can that person be trusted next time?**

**Deal appropriately with a person who will not repent**

**their failure might be a bad influence on others**

**Deal appropriately with issues of reputation of the person who failed**

## Rebuilding Trust

*Some time later Paul said to Barnabas, “Let us go back and visit the believers in all the towns where we preached the word of the Lord and see how they are doing.”*

*Barnabas wanted to take John, also called Mark, with them, but Paul did not think it wise to take him, because he had deserted them in Pamphylia and had not continued with them in the work.*

*They had such a sharp disagreement that they parted company. Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus,*

*but Paul chose Silas and left, commended by the believers to the grace of the Lord. (Acts 15: 36-40).*