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- **But I'm too tired so I can't exercise**
- **But I'm too busy so I can't visit my parents**
- **But I have too many bills so I can't give to God's work**
- **But I'm always messing up so I can't serve God**

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BUT I CAN'T
CAUSE I'M HURTING

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How to shrink your But

Remember that our pain is never in vain

Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways.

Proverbs 20:30 GNB

It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees.

Psalms 119:71

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How to shrink your But

**“God whispers to us in our pleasures,
speaks in our consciences, but
shouts in our pains. It is God’s
megaphone to rouse a deaf world.”**

C.S. Lewis

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How?

Our pain is a gift from God

for it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him... Philipians 1:29

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But to keep me from being puffed up with pride because of the many wonderful things I saw, *I was given* a painful physical ailment, which acts as Satan's messenger to beat me and keep me from being proud.

2 Corinthians 12:7 GNB

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How to shrink your But

Our response to pain is a gift to others

But Joseph said to them, “Don’t be afraid. Am I in the place of God? You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Genesis 50:19-20

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How?

All praise to God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful father and the source of all comfort. He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

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Attitudes

"The longer I live, the more I realize the impact of attitude on life. Attitude, to me, is more important than facts. It is more important than the past, than education, than money, than circumstances, than failures, than successes, than what other people think or say or do. It is more important than appearance, giftedness, or skill. It will make or break a company ... a church ... a home.

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The remarkable thing is we have a choice every day regarding the attitude we will embrace for that day. We cannot change the inevitable. The only thing we can do is play on the one string we have, and that is our attitude ... I am convinced that life is 10% what happens to me, and 90% how I react to it. And so it is with you ... we are in charge of our Attitudes.”

Charles Swindoll

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We must be persuaded

- **Our pain is never in vain**
- **Our pain is a gift from God**
- **Our response to pain is a gift to others**