

“There are only 3 things you should ever do about a mistake:
admit it, learn from it, and don't repeat it.”

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Cancel culture is the worst thing that has come out of our digital world. It leaves no room for forgiveness and growth, in turn, leaving no opportunity for individuals who have made mistakes to learn from them. If you make a mistake or do something stupid then apologize, correct your mistake, and learn through personal growth.

The world we live in thrives off drama and bringing others down. I refuse to be a part of that. If my family or my friends make a mistake and apologize, I'm going to listen, accept it, and expect them to learn from their mistake.

Someone who is truly sorry should be forgiven — not continuously bashed. Your past mistakes do not define you; it is how you choose to move forward that does.

While our digital world connects us in a wonderful way, it also does the opposite. It gives many a platform to spew hate at others, even those they don't know personally. It is easy to say something behind the safety of a screen — anyone can do it. But, those receiving the comments are people, too.

I know my brother. He is my best friend, and although what he said was completely unacceptable, I know in my heart that it did not come from a place of hate or malicious intent.

Should he have said it? No.

But should he be given the opportunity to correct his mistake and learn from it? Yes.

Morgan has one of the biggest hearts of anyone I have ever met. It doesn't matter who you are or where you are from, he will welcome you with open arms and show you kindness. He is not the kind of person who would ever want to hurt anyone, but contrary to popular belief, he's also human. And sometimes, humans make big mistakes.

The word he used should not be in anyone's vocabulary. I believe that everyone is well aware of this, and now, especially my brother. While derogatory language is unacceptable and ignorant in any situation, I do not believe the pure hate he has received is beneficial to the situation in anyway.

There is criticism he is receiving that is positive and educational — this should continue to happen, as it will help him grow and learn from his mistake. But, making a comment out of pure hatred about someone that you do not personally know, based on a short clip of him at a low point in his personal life, is unwarranted.

I have seen firsthand how the repercussions of his actions have affected him, and while it is important that he understands the gravity of what he said, the comments from the media and many people on social media are getting out of control.

There are false statements, accusations, and abominable comments being made towards him. Please remember that he is a human being capable of doing good and bad, just like everyone else on this Earth.

Believe me, he is well aware of his wrongdoing and will be making changes in his life to rectify his actions in any way that he can. But the way he is being portrayed at the moment is simply not who he is as a human being. I can say this as someone who knows him better than anyone.

The worst part is those silent are put in a difficult place because of how people may turn comments of support towards his growth into something else.

The world is so fragile right now. There is more hate and division than we can bare for much longer. Let's come together in love and move toward a world of kindness and forgiveness.

Let's not forget that we are all human, and while you might not make the same mistake one person did, you will make one in the future or have definitely made one in the past.

What would you want in this case? Forgiveness and a chance to grow, learn from it, and support? Or a snowball effect of hate that leaves no room for grace or for growth?

If you choose to walk away from someone who has made a mistake, that is your choice. But, while you're kicking them when they're down, please don't come back when they are up again.

If you don't have anything kind to say, please say nothing at all.
The only thing our world needs more of is love.