

How do you share your brokenness to help others?

Share how your pain _____.

Sometimes it takes a painful experience to make us change our ways.
Proverbs 20:30 (GN)

God uses our pain for a lot of different reasons:

- God uses our pain to _____.

Celebrate Recovery

Coming to Christ Church

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Room 256

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God's Recycling Plan
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Summary of the first three weeks: "I CAN'T. GOD CAN. LET HIM."

Week One/Choice One: THE REALITY CHOICE (I CAN'T)

I realize that I am not God, and I admit that I need help. I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing, and my life is unmanageable.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Matthew 5:3 (NIV)

Week Two/Choice Two: THE HOPE CHOICE (GOD CAN)

I earnestly believe that God exists, I matter to Him, and God has the power to help me change.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
Matthew 5:4 (NIV)

Week Three/Choice Three: THE COMMITMENT CHOICE (LET HIM)

I consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
Matthew 5:5 (NIV)

Week Four/Choice Four: THE HOUSECLEANING CHOICE

I openly examine and confess my faults to myself, to God, and to someone I trust.

Happy are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
Matthew 5:8 (GN)

Week Five/Choice Five: THE TRANSFORMATION CHOICE

Voluntarily submit to every change that God wants to make in my life and humbly ask God to remove my character defects.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Matthew 5:6 (NRSV)

Week Six/Choice Six: THE RELATIONSHIP CHOICE

I choose to evaluate all of my relationships, offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me, and make amends for harm that I have done to others, except when to do so would harm them or others.

Happy are those who are merciful to others. Matthew 5:7 (TEV)
Blessed are the peacemakers. Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

Week Seven/Choice Seven: THE GROWTH CHOICE

I choose to reserve a daily time with God for Bible reading, self-examination and prayer in order to know God and His will for my life and to gain power to follow God’s will.

THIS WEEK

Because we live in a broken, sinful world, you will experience hurt and pain in life. No matter who or what is responsible for your pain, God says that if you give the pain to Him:

- I will use it for your _____.
- I will use it for my _____.
- I will use it to _____.

God never wastes a hurt!

Blessed are the peacemakers . . .

Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

Note: God wants you to be a *peacemaker*, not just a *peacekeeper*. A *peacemaker* brings peace to others who are hurting. You can’t be a *peacemaker* unless the peace of God is in you.

How do you know when you have recovered?

When you begin to _____ who are experiencing what you’ve been through.

God was in Christ, offering peace and forgiveness to the people of this world. And he has given us the work of sharing his message about peace.

2 Corinthians 5:19 (CEV)

Today/Choice Eight: THE SHARING CHOICE
I choose to yield myself to God to be used to bring God’s Good News to others, both by my example and my words.

I pray that God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ will be kind to you and will bless you with peace! . . . The Father is a merciful God, who always gives us comfort. He comforts us when we are in trouble, so that we can share that same comfort with others in trouble. We share in the terrible sufferings of Christ, but also in the wonderful comfort He gives.

2 Corinthians 1:2–5 (CEV)

Your greatest ministry comes through your pain, not your strength.