



LIFE'S HEALING CHOICES

Sermon Series Notes

Part Two: The Hope Choice [09.23.18]

RECAP:

- "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matt5:3
- The Reality Choice: I admit I am not God. I'm powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and my life is unmanageable.

THE HOPE CHOICE Matt 5:4

I EARNESTLY BELIEVE THAT GOD EXISTS, THAT I MATTER TO HIM, AND THAT HE HAS THE POWER TO HELP ME CHANGE.

1. SEE WHO _____

- "Who then will condemn us? Will Christ? No! For he is the one who died for us and came back to life again for us and is sitting at the place of highest honor next to God, pleading for us there in heaven."* Rom 8:34
- "But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness."* Ps 86:15
- "God is the Father who is full of mercy and all comfort."* 2 Cor. 1:3
- "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me."* Ps 23:4

2. SEE WHO _____

- "For all have sinned; all fall short of God's glorious standard."* Rom3:23
- "But there is nothing covered up that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known."* Luke 12:2
- "I love you with an everlasting love. So I will continue to show you my kindness."* Jer 31:3
- "God in his gracious kindness declares us not guilty. He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins."* Rom 3:24

3 SEE HOW _____

- "Have you never heard or understood? Don't you know that the Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth? He never grows faint or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding. He gives power to those who are tired and worn out.... But those who wait on the Lord will find new strength... They will walk and not faint. Isa. 40:28-31*
- "For it is God who is at work within you, giving you the will and the power to achieve his purpose."* Phil. 2:13

REMEMBER: Celebrate Recovery is happening every Friday night. This is a place of love and support where God will connect you with others and you will find help on the path to healing from your hurts, habits, and hang-ups



Group Discussion Week Two THE HOPE CHOICE

Review the Message Sunday

What did God whisper to you?

What challenged you?

What encouraged you?

GOD'S PATH TO COMFORT & HOPE

1| GOD IS A LOVING FATHER

Read Romans 8:34: Who does not condemn us and why not?

- ✓ Why do many people think God is condemning them?
- ✓ Describe a situation where a father may seem condemning to one person and seem loving to another.

How does Psalm 86:15 describe God?

- ✓ Why do we sometimes think we can do something so bad that God would stop loving us?
- ✓ At times, why do we think we have a limited number of mistakes before God would stop loving us?

2 Corinthians 1:3 also describes God. What kind of father is he?

- ✓ Why might it feel strange to find comfort from the one whom we wronged?
- ✓ Why would people whose earthly father hurt them think our heavenly father would also?

2| I AM BROKEN, I AM LOVED

According to Romans 3:23, who has fallen short and sinned?

- ✓ Are some sins worse than others? Why might people think someone else's sins are worse than their own?

What is the description of God's love in Jeremiah 31:3?

- ✓ What is the difference between God's love and human love?
- ✓ Why is it important to admit our brokenness?
- ✓ What are reasons some people might be reluctant to share their hurts and issues with their families? What are the consequences of reluctance?

3| GOD GIVES THE POWER

According to Philippians 2:13, what will God do within us?

- ✓ In what ways will God work within us? What are examples of getting worn out by trying to change with our own power?
- ✓ What would happen if we try to achieve God's purpose in our lives on our own?

*Remember that there is an OPEN Community Group every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00 here at Fusion. You can bring a snack to share if you want.
** Remember to use the daily devotional challenge on the back of the bulletin for daily Scripture readings, or use the corresponding plan from the YouVersion Bible App on a smartphone, tablet, or computer.