

Where Are You?
Cornerstone Church of Poway
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“He **heals** the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds.” **Psalm 147:3 (NLT)**

Big Idea: Through God’s healing, He can take our broken pieces and make us more valuable than before.

Where are you?

1. Are you drawing closer to God or further away?

The LORD God placed the man in the Garden of Eden to tend and watch over it. But the LORD God warned him, “You may freely eat the fruit of every tree in the garden— except the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If you eat its fruit, you are sure to die.” **Genesis 2:15-17 (NLT2)**

So the LORD God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep. While the man slept, the LORD God took out one of the man’s ribs and closed up the opening. Then the LORD God made a woman from the rib, and he brought her to the man. **“At last!”** the man exclaimed. “This one is bone from my bone, and flesh from my flesh! She will be called ‘woman,’ because she was taken from ‘man.’” This explains why a man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one. Now the man and his wife were both naked, but they felt no shame. **Genesis 2:21-25 (NLT2)**

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, “Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?” “Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,” the woman replied. “It’s only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, ‘You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.’” “You won’t die!” the serpent replied to the woman. “God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil.” **Genesis 3:1-5 (NLT2)**

The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. When the cool evening breezes were blowing, the man and his wife heard the LORD God walking about in the garden. So they hid from the LORD God among the trees. Then the LORD God called to the man, “Where are you?” He replied, “I heard you walking in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid because I was naked.”

Genesis 3:6-10 (NLT2)

2. What Voice Are You Listening To?

“Who told you that you were naked?” the LORD God asked. “Have you eaten from the tree whose fruit I commanded you not to eat?” The man replied, “It was the woman you gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it.” Then the LORD God asked the woman, “What have you done?” “The serpent deceived me,” she replied. “That’s why I ate it.” **Genesis 3:11-13 (NLT2)**

Jesus said, “The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.” **John 10:10 (NLT)**

For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son, who purchased our freedom and forgave our sins.
Colossians 1:13-14 (NLT2)

Notes: _____

3. Are You Allowing His Healing To Bring Beauty Out Of Your Brokenness?

Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

Isaiah 53:4-5 (NLT2)

For God in all his fullness was pleased to live in Christ, and through him God **reconciled** everything to himself. He made **peace** with everything in heaven and on earth by means of Christ’s blood on the cross. **This includes you** who were once far away from God. You **were** his enemies, separated from him by your evil thoughts and actions. Yet now he has **reconciled** you to himself through the death of Christ in his physical body. As a result, he has brought you into his own presence, and **you are holy and blameless** as you stand before him **without a single fault**. **Colossians 1:19-22 (NLT2)**

“Come now, let’s settle this,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool.”

Isaiah 1:18 (NLT2)

➤ Are you drawing closer to God or further away?

My next right step, I will draw closer to God by:

- Coming out of hiding and admitting my sin to God
- Accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior
- Attending a small group in October

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[This is only a guide – select the points you want to discuss]

Begin with prayer:

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Open: Where are you in your relationship with God?
Moving toward healing or hiding?

➤ Jehovah Rapha = "I am the God who heals"

"He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds."

Psalm 147:3 (NLT)

Where Are You?

1. Are You Drawing Closer To God Or Further Away?

Read Genesis 2:15-25

What was the world like for Adam and Eve?

Why would God give us a choice if He knew we would blow it?

If we know the consequences of sin, why do we still choose to do wrong at times?

Read Genesis 3:1-10

What makes us want to hide when we sin?

Are you drawing closer to God or further away?

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2. What Voice Are You Listening To?

Read Genesis 3:11

Are you listening to a voice that leads to isolation or intimacy?

Read John 10:10

What does the devil desire for you?

What does Jesus desire for you?

Read Colossians 1:13-14

What has Jesus done for you?

Read Romans 8:1-2

Who are you in Christ?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17

Who are you in Christ?

How do these verses help you draw closer to God?

3. Where Will You Find Healing?

Read Isaiah 53:3-5

What did God have to do in order to bring healing into our lives?

Read Colossians 1:19-22

What has God done for you?

How does God see you?

Read Isaiah 1:18

If God already knows all about you and is willing to forgive you, what is holding you back?

- Are you drawing closer to God or further away?
- What steps will you take to draw you closer to God?

Close in Prayer: Start praying. Be bold and pray specifically.
