



Finding God's Healing in Our Brokenness
Philippians 3:12-14

³For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness of God our Savior and *His* love for mankind appeared, ⁵He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom He poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that being justified by His grace we would be made heirs according to *the* hope of eternal life. Titus 3:3-7

¹²Not that I have already obtained *it* or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. ¹³Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of *it* yet; but one thing *I do*: forgetting what *lies* behind and reaching forward to what *lies* ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Philippians 3:12-14

God's love and desire for you... created by God and for God for His purpose

A life-long process

"Not that I have already obtained *it* or have already become perfect..."

A pursuit of your heart

"...but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus."

God wants us to experience fulfillment, satisfaction and peace through living out His purpose

God wants to do more than just fix you

Regeneration... describes a complete change in one's way of life; hence "rebirth."

Brokenness... anything in our life that keeps us from becoming who God created us to be.

God's desire to heal you...He wants to build a deepening relationship with you

From the things of the past

"...forgetting what *lies* behind"

To pursue His goals for your life

"...reaching forward to what *lies* ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus."

How do you move forward as you pursue God's purpose for your life?

You admit: You admit you are powerless over your addictions, brokenness and sinful patterns... that in your own power your life is unmanageable.

Scriptural Foundation: "For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh; for the willing is present in me, but the doing of the good *is* not." Romans 7:18

We all have a disease... inherited a sinful nature

God pursues us... He is calling out to us to help and heal us

You believe: You come to believe that God is the One whose power can fully restore you.

Scriptural Foundation: “Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget none of His benefits; Who pardons all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases; Who redeems your life from the pit, Who satisfies your years with good things, *So that* your youth is renewed like the eagle.” Psalm 103:2-5

Our need... this life is a burden we can't carry

- We cannot manage the impossible weight of sin and the burden of life
- We were never intended to carry it
- We will find the weight of this world will be increasingly crushing without a relationship with God

The solution... God is the One whose power can fully restore us

- He alone has the power
- He alone can restore us

You trust: You trust God with your life and will by accepting His grace through Christ.

Scriptural Foundation: “But God, being rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), and raised us up with Him, and seated us with Him in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come He might show the surpassing riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.” Ephesians 2:4-7

God's choice... His nature demands that He deal with sin perfectly...man is sinful

God's solution... The perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ to satisfy God's perfect wrath

Why Christians struggle... We trusted Christ for eternal life, but fail to trust Him with this life

Conclusion:

Discussion Questions

1. How do you think God sees you? If God were to describe you, what would He say?
2. When you have sinned, what feelings did you experience? Did you try to cover up and hide?
3. How have you experienced God's grace and mercy in your life this week?
4. What messages have you received from family or influential people in your life about who you are?
5. On what do you base your standard of right and wrong?
6. What are some of the feelings you have toward trusting God with you plans, hopes and desires?
7. Since God is pursuing your heart, is there anything standing in the way of you giving your heart fully to Him?