

Healing the Soul of a Woman • Lesson 1

#### **Psalm 147:3 NLT**

"He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds."

#### Have you ever been broken hearted?

- Everything in your inner being hurts; an intense ache
- Overwhelming grief, or disappointment

Our LITERAL HEART is not broken, but we can be broken our mind, our will our emotions [SOUL].

**Psalm 23:1-3 (NKJV)** "The LORD *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He *restores* my *soul*;"

#### TWO TERMS WE WANT TO PULL OUT OF THIS SCRIPTURE:

- **1. SOUL** the seat of <u>emotions</u> and passions, the activity of the <u>mind</u>, the activity of the <u>will</u>, has been translated HEART in specific scriptures.
  - Simple Definition: MIND WILL EMOTIONS / PERSONALITY
- **2. RESTORE** to turn back, to bring back, to return or to reverse
  - Example A home, car or piece of furniture that is restored to its original state.
  - You can be RESTORED IN YOUR SOUL.

YOU MAY HAVE NEVER THOUGHT ABOUT YOUR SOUL NEEDING HEALED: Just as our bodies can be injured, sick or hurting, so can our souls.

**ENCOURAGEMENT:** Whether your soul injury was inflicted by someone else or self-inflicted, you don't have to carry this grief forever!

- I. WHERE IT ALL BEGAN (Back to the Garden)A. THERE WAS ONE THING GOD TOLD ADAM & EVE NOT TO DO.
  - Eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil



They could eat from the tree of life because God wanted them to know and have abundant life; he wanted them to know GOOD but it wasn't his plan for us to know evil.

# B. THE DEVIL IN THE FORM OF A SERPENT DECEIVED ADAM & EVE AND THEY ATE OF THE FORBIDDEN FRUIT.

That one wrong action opened the door for all the pain and dysfunction that exists on our planet today.

# C. GOD KNEW FROM THE BEGINNING MAN WOULD FALL – BUT HE HAD A PLAN FOR RESTORATION FROM THE BEGINNING OF THE WORLD – JESUS

- 1. Jesus came to save us to RESTORE us to God-given life.
- 2. This LIFE is so powerful that no matter what has happened that has damaged our souls, we can be healed & RESTORED!

#### II. HOW THE ENEMY'S DECEPTION AFFECTED WOMEN

Gen 3:14-15 "The LORD God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, You are cursed more than all the cattle, And more than any animal of the field; On your belly you shall go, And dust you shall eat All the days of your life. And I will put enmity (open hostility) Between you and the woman, And between your seed (offspring) and her Seed; He shall [fatally] bruise your head, And you shall [only] bruise His heel.'"

- **A. SATAN HATES WOMEN Hostility** (opposition, resentment, anger, aggression)
  - 1. ABUSE OF WOMEN
    - i. Some national studies show that abuse of women can be as high as 70 percent of women have experienced some form of physical or sexual violence in their lifetime.



#### 2. HUMAN TRAFFICKING

 Adult women account for almost half of all human trafficking victims detected globally. Women and girls together account for about 70 percent.

#### 3. GENDERCIDE OR FEMICIDE

i. Every year, we lose 2 million baby girls to sex-selective abortion and infanticide. That's four girls per minute. In China alone, 62 million women are missing.

#### B. Hostility between your seed and her Seed.

God was letting Satan know that Eve's Offspring would bruise his head, or take his authority away from him and defeat him.

- 1. Satan bruised his heel, but Jesus crushed his head!
- 2. Satan is DEFEATED but if we don't know that we will continue to let him rule in our lives.
- 3. Victory is ours!

#### III. LIVING THE BEST LIFE AVAILABLE.

1 John 1:4 NKJV "In Him was Life, and that Life was the Light of men."

1 John 5:12 NKJV "He who has the Son has life..."

Acts 17:28 ERV "It is through him that we are able to live, to do what we do, and to be who we are."

#### WE ALL WANT TO LIVE THE GOOD LIFE!

**John 10:10 AMP** "The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have *and* enjoy life, and have it in abundance [to the full, till it overflows]."

The pages of God's Word are filled with LIFE and they are filled with HEALING.

Proverbs 4:20-22 NKJV "My son, give attention to my words; Incline your ear to my sayings. Do not let them depart from your eyes; Keep them in the midst of your heart; For they *are* life to those who find them, And health to all their flesh."



Our entire being is healed through the life-giving power of God's word – it is more than a book with words on pages – it is Medicine for the wounded soul.

#### A. THE PATH TO LIVING THE GOOD LIFE

EPH 2:20 AMP "For we are His workmanship [His own master work, a work of art], created in Christ Jesus [reborn from above—spiritually transformed, renewed, ready to be used] for good works, which God prepared [for us] beforehand [taking paths which He set], so that we would walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us]."

**Book:** Why not make a commitment right now to spend the rest of your life learning how to enjoy the best life God has available to you through Jesus Christ?

Book: Joyce Meyer, "I had a mistaken idea about what it meant to be a Christian. We often reduce it to church attendance, perhaps putting a little money in the offering basket, saying a prayer when we are desperate, maybe reading a little Scripture occasionally, and trying to be good. But that kind of life is never fulfilling; all it does is leave us frustrated. We become confused because we think we are doing what we should be doing, but our lives are still quite miserable. But as I studied God's Word and applied what I was learning, amazing changes began to happen in me—in my soul."

#### **B. NEW WAY OF LIVING**

John 14:6 "Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

1. God's plan for you and me includes a way to live that will lead us to everything good that He offers.



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