

LIFE AFTER CHURCH HURT

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"In my twenty-five years as a musical artist and speaker, I've visited over 2,500 churches. Most Christians I've met love people, feed the hungry, give to the poor, care for the needy, pray for the sick, befriend the lonely, and so much more. The amount of good things that churches do far outweigh the bad. Yet, we continue to hear of devastating church fractures and leadership failures. Those stories spread like wildfire and leave unresolved pain in their wake."

JOHN 21:15-17 When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed my sheep."

SATAN WILL FEED YOUR IMAGINATION WITH LIES AT EVERY TURN.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5, NIV For though we live in the world, we do not wage as the world does. The weapons we fight with are the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

WHO HURT YOU?

It's important for each of us to define the "church" in our church hurt story.

JESUS FELT IT FIRST

HEBREWS 4:15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin.

HOW MANY OF THE DISCIPLES LEFT JESUS BECAUSE OF JUDAS?

JESUS LOVES IMPERFECT PEOPLE

HEBREWS 4:14-16 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

MATTHEW 6:14 For if you forgive others their trespasses, your Heavenly Father will also forgive you.

JESUS WANTS TO HEAL HIS CHURCH

JESUS WANTS TO HEAL YOU

You are an IMPORTANT PART of His church.

*"You felt that church hurt when your blood and tears hit the earth
when You were stranded, abandoned all just to hand us heaven on earth
and i know Your heart hurts and i know that You felt it first
but You love imperfect people under a steeple and
You did the work to heal this church hurt. Lord, heal your hurt church."*

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