

MARK 2:3,4

Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on.

SURVIVE MODE

Survive says "I'm Getting By"
Victim by My Problem
Depends on Self Reliance

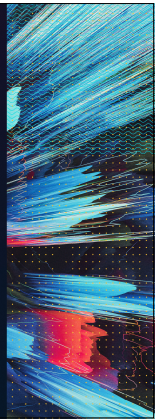
THRIVE MODE

Thrive says "I'm Getting From"
Victor by God's Power
Depends on Spiritual Resilience

**PARADIGM #1
YOUR TRIAL IS NOT
GOD'S DENIAL.**

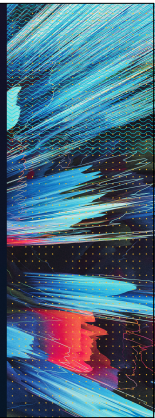
**PARADIGM #2
DON'T WASTE YOUR DELAY
WAITING FOR YOUR
DELIVERANCE.**

Delays are the curing process for the cement of our faith foundation.

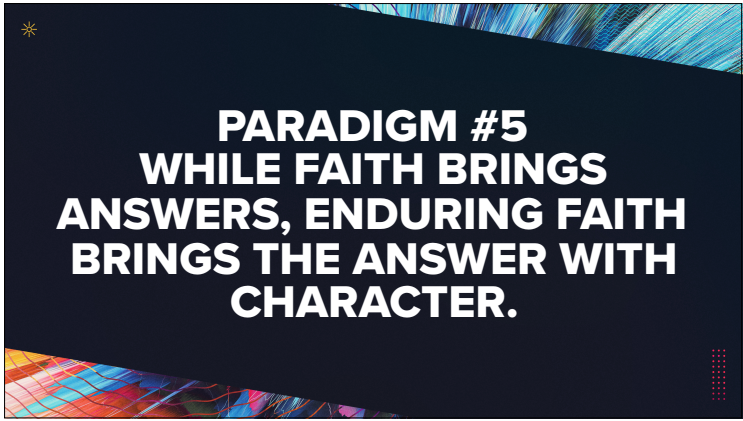


**PARADIGM #3
DON'T MISTAKE GODS
HIDDENNESS WITH HIS
FORBIDDENNESS.**

Comparison is fruit porn.
You lust after the fruit in another's life.



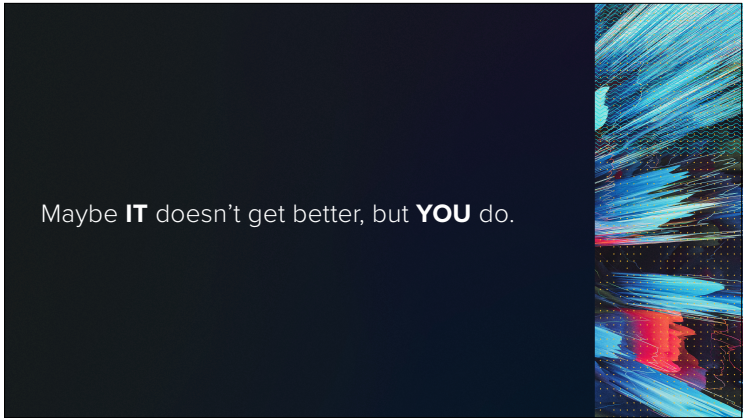
**PARADIGM #4
DON'T REPLACE HOPING
WITH COPING.**



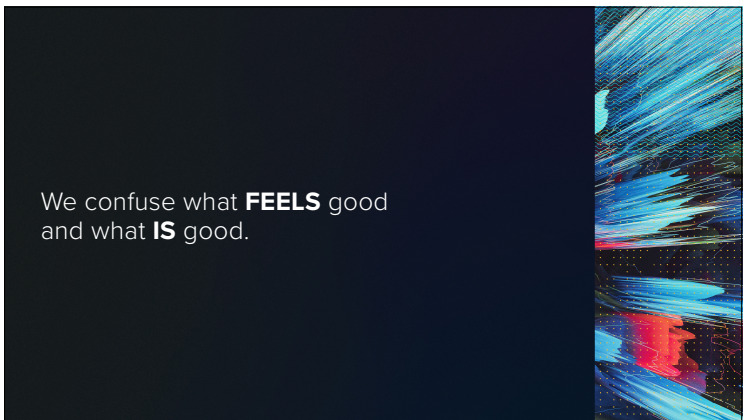
**PARADIGM #5
WHILE FAITH BRINGS
ANSWERS, ENDURING FAITH
BRINGS THE ANSWER WITH
CHARACTER.**



**PARADIGM #6
WHAT YOU CALL
A HARDSHIP, HEAVEN
CALLS A HARVEST.**



Maybe **IT** doesn't get better, but **YOU** do.



We confuse what **FEELS** good
and what **IS** good.

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PARADIGM #7
YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH PAIN IS YOUR APPOINTMENT WITH POWER.

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Power to **TAKE AWAY**
and power to **TAKE THROUGH.**

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MARK 2:5
When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

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MARK 2:10,11
But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."



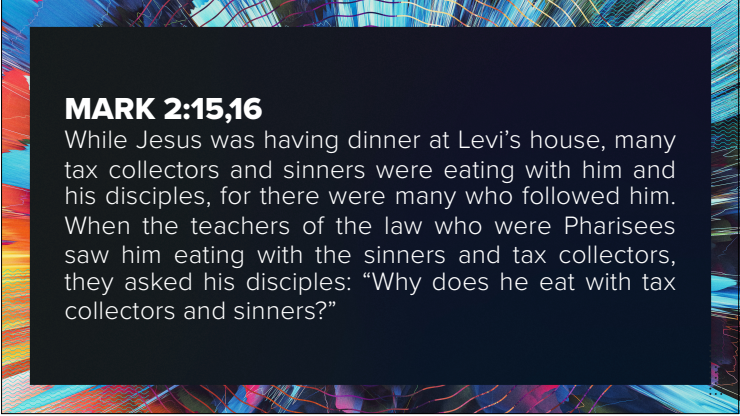
MARK 2:12

He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"



MARK 2:14

As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him.



MARK 2:15,16

While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

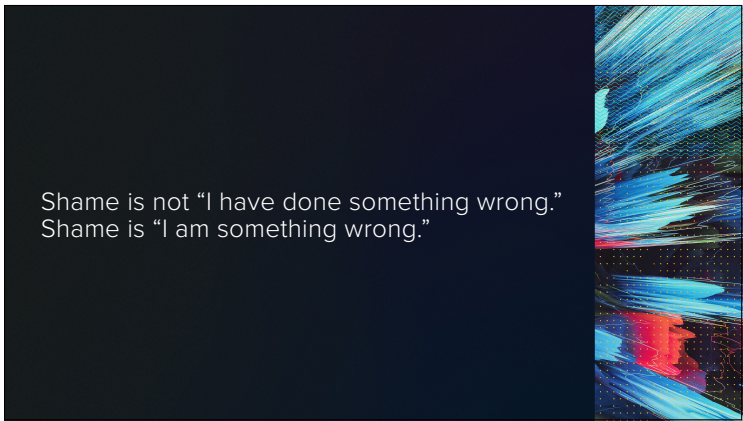


MARK 2:17

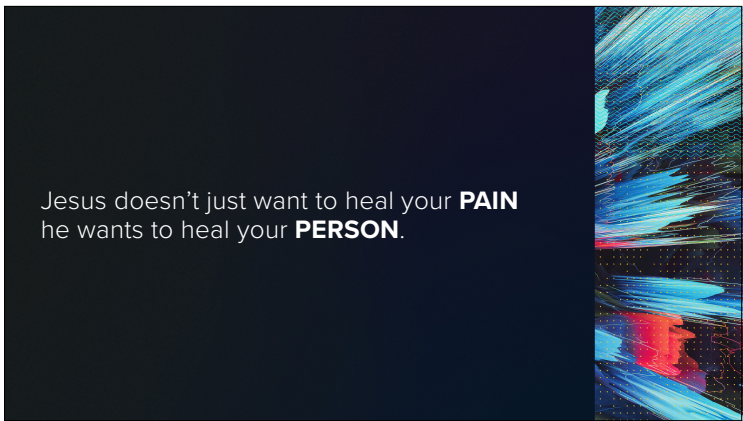
On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."



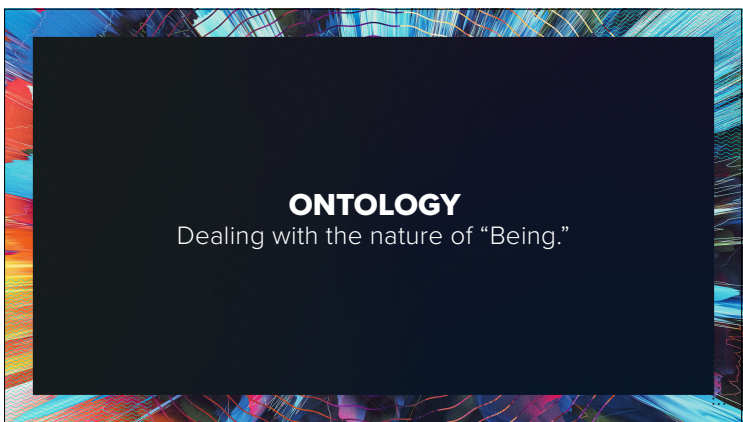
WHAT IS SHAME?



Shame is not "I have done something wrong."
Shame is "I am something wrong."



Jesus doesn't just want to heal your **PAIN**
he wants to heal your **PERSON.**



ONTOLOGY
Dealing with the nature of "Being."

The words "heal" and "healing" mean to make solid or whole. In the Bible it means the restoration of health, the making whole or well whether physically, mentally or spiritually.



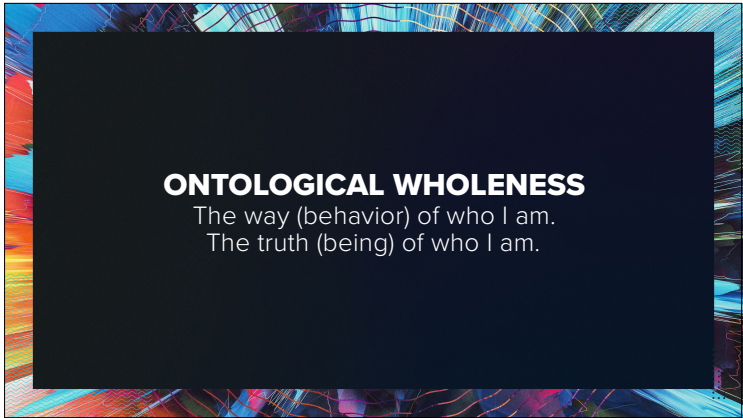
WHOLENESS

The way of your being matches the truth of your being.

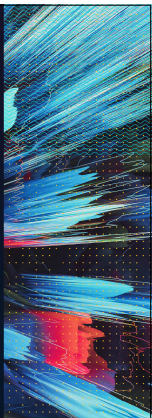


ONTOLOGICAL WHOLENESS

The way (behavior) of who I am.
The truth (being) of who I am.



When our behavior is wrong we either celebrate it (pride), manage it (religion), or hide it (shame).



Lord, your Word speaks promises of healing and restoration, and I thank you for the miracles you still perform today.

I give you this hurt, pain, weakness, and sorrow in exchange for your comfort and healing. May you heal and make whole in the name of Jesus. Amen!

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1) What are you willing to do to be a friend (example: lowering them through the roof) to someone else ?
- 2) Do I lust after the fruit in another person's life? What do I covet?
- 3) Mike stated that when our behavior is wrong we either celebrate it (pride), manage it (religion), or hide it (shame). Which of these do I tend to go to?
- 4) Where do I need healing in my Being?

THE GOSPEL

According to Mark