

Life's Healing Choices: 8 of 8
"The Sharing Choice"
Cornerstone Church of Poway
Pastor Ed Turley
December 4, 2022

- ³ "Blessed are the **poor in spirit**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who **mourn**, for they will be comforted.
- ⁵ Blessed are the **meek**, for they will inherit the earth.
- ⁶ Blessed are those who **hunger and thirst for righteousness**, for they will be filled.
- ⁷ Blessed are the **merciful**, for they will be shown mercy.
- ⁸ Blessed are the **pure in heart**, for they will see God.
- ⁹ Blessed are the **peacemakers**, for they will be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are **persecuted because of righteousness**, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹ Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you **because of me**.
- ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."
Matthew 5:3-12 (NIV)

THE SHARING CHOICE: I choose to **yield** myself to God to **be used** to bring the Good News to others, by both my **example** and by my **words**.

Often, My Greatest Ministry Will Flow Out Of My Pain:

1. When I Share How Pain Got My Attention.

Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, 'Father, **give me my share of the estate**.' So he divided his property between them. "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a **distant country** and there **squandered his wealth in wild living**. After he had **spent everything**, there was a **severe famine** in that whole country, and he began to **be in need**. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to **feed pigs**. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but **no one gave him anything**.

Luke 15:11-16 (NIV)

Notes: _____

2. When I Share What I Learned In The Process.

"When he **came to his senses**, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, **I have sinned against heaven and against you**. I

am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' So he got up and went to his father. "**But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him** and was filled with **compassion** for him; he **ran to his son**, threw his arms around him and kissed him." **Luke 15:17-20 (NIV)**

For it is **by grace** you have been saved, **through faith**--and this not from yourselves, it is the **gift of God-- not by works**, so that no one can boast. For we are **God's workmanship**, created in Christ Jesus **to do good works**, which God prepared in advance for us to do. **Ephesians 2:8-10 (NIV)**

- **God Can Bring Good Out Of Bad**

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. **Romans 8:28 (NIV)**

- **I Need Other People**

"**Confess** your sins to each other and **pray** for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results." **James 5:16 (NLT)**

Notes: _____

3. When I Share How Jesus Gives Me Hope To Change.

"The son said to him, 'Father, **I have sinned** against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' "But the father said to his servants, 'Quick! **Bring the best robe** and put it on him. **Put a ring on his finger** and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and **celebrate**. For this son of mine was **dead** and is **alive** again; he was **lost and is found**.' So they began to celebrate. **Luke 15:21-24 (NIV)**

"But in your hearts **set apart** Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an **answer** to everyone who asks you to give the **reason for the hope** that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect." **1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)**

"Many Samaritans from the village believed in Jesus because the woman had said, "He told me **everything** I ever did!" When they came out to see him, they begged him to stay in their village. So he stayed for two days." **John 4:39-40 (NLT)**

Notes: _____

➤ **What Healing Choice is God asking you to share?**

My next right step, I will:

- Choose to share my story with someone this week
- Invite someone to church
- Host a small group in 2023
- Lead a small group in 2023

Life's Healing Choices: 8 of 8
"The Sharing Choice"
Cornerstone Church of Poway
Pastor Ed Turley
December 4, 2022



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

Open in Prayer.

Icebreaker: When did you place your trust in Jesus as your Savior and Lord?

Have you ever had a prodigal experience in your walk with God? Share.

Read and reflect on the 8 healing choices in Matthew 5:3-12

How do these verses help you have a better relationship with Jesus?

THE SHARING CHOICE: I choose to **yield** myself to God to **be used** to bring the Good News to others, by both my **example** and by my **words**.

Often, My Greatest Ministry Will Flow Out Of My Pain When:

1. I Share How Pain Got My Attention.

Read Luke 15:11-16

What was so offensive about this man's behavior?

What got his attention to turn back to his father?

What has caused you to turn back to God?

2. I Share What I Learned In The Process.

Read Luke 15:17-20

What did he learn through this process?

What was the Father's response when he saw his son returning home?

What have you learned through your process of turning back to God?

Read Ephesians 2:8-10

What saves us?

What is our action step?

How does good works fit into this?

- **God Can Bring Good Out Of Bad**

How has God brought good out of bad in your life?

What are you hoping that God will bring good out of?

- **I Need Other People**

Read James 5:16

Who are your friends that you can count on to pray and encourage you to walk closer with God?

Write a thank you note or text to your friends who encourage your walk with Jesus.

3. I Share How Jesus Gives Me Hope To Change.

Read Luke 15:21-24

How does the father treat the son?

What is the significance of the robe?

The ring?

The celebration?

Is this how you see God the Father acting towards you? Why or why not?

Read 1 Peter 3:15

Describe your hope in Jesus.

Read John 4:39-40

What was this woman's testimony?

How does being fully known and loved by God make a difference in your life?

➤ **What Healing Choice is God asking you to share?**

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