


Serving the Broken-Hearted
In the Midst of a Broken World and a Broken Church



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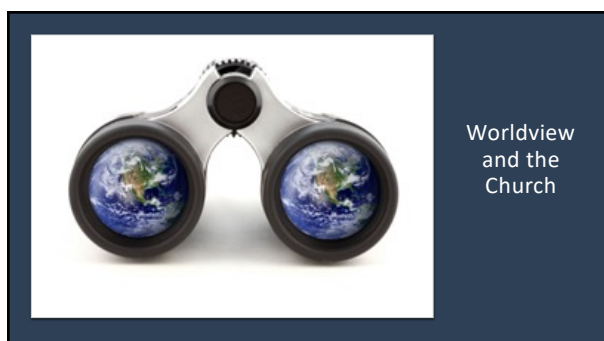
The Simple Way
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We are the Broken Seeking a Life Changing God Together

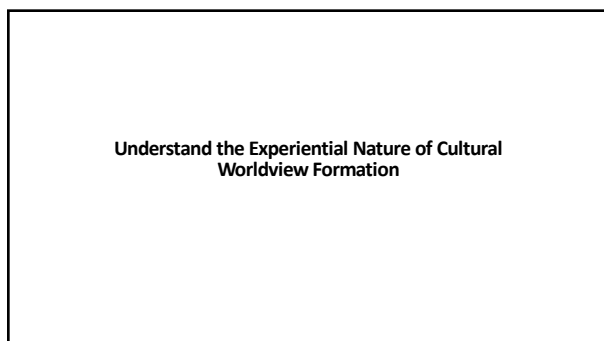
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"Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God-- this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not **conform** any longer to the pattern of this world but be **transformed** by the **renewing** of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-- his good, pleasing and perfect will.

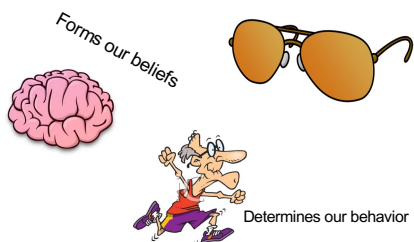
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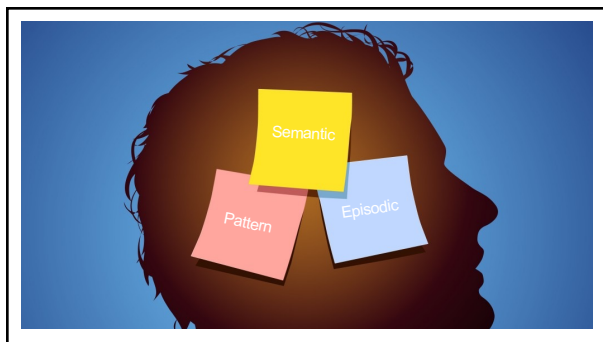


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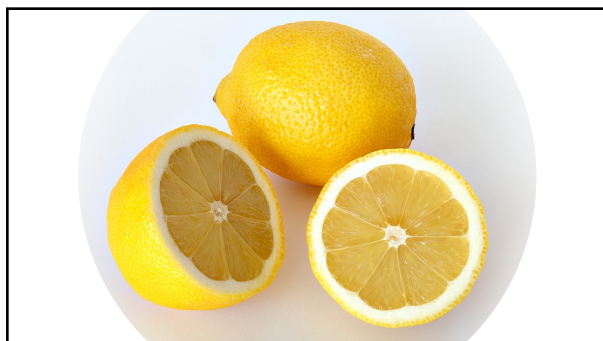
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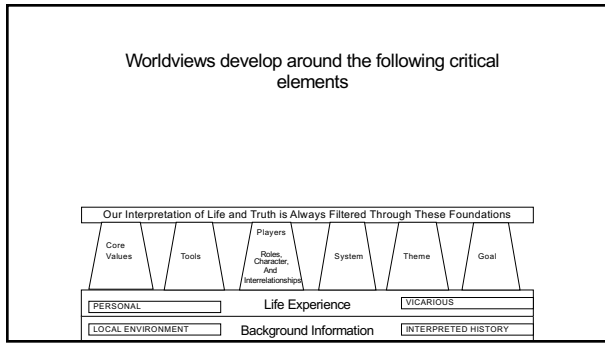
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Create a Western Worldview Breakdown

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Core Values

- To be core values **life** and **business** must be wrapped around them.
- These could be **persons, objects, activities**, or states of being that our **time, energy**, and resources, are consumed with.
- Brainstorm and List Western and New Testament Core Values

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Worldview?**

Complete a Western Worldview Breakdown

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Create a New Testament Worldview Breakdown

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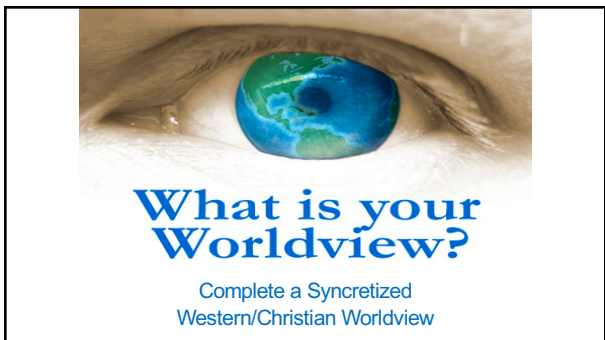
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Syncretism:
Combining the **behaviors** of one system of belief with the **unchanged** core values of another.

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Small Group Questions

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The Gospel


“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. (John 3:16-17)



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The Gospel

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. (2 Corinthians 5:17-20)



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Our Mission

“Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit (John 20:21-22 NIV).”



“Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son (John 14:12-14).”

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The Reality of Brokenness

“If you do not transform your pain, you will most assuredly transmit it.” (R. Rohr)



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The Healing Mission of Christ

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor (Isaiah 61:1-3).”



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My Story



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My Story Debrief

What are you thinking? Feeling? What questions do you have?

What was the Good News for me in my story?

Why was this Good News?

What was the Good News for you in my story?

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The Gospel of the Kingdom

“The Kingdom of God is here” (Matthew 4:17).

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The Gospel of the Kingdom

“And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.”

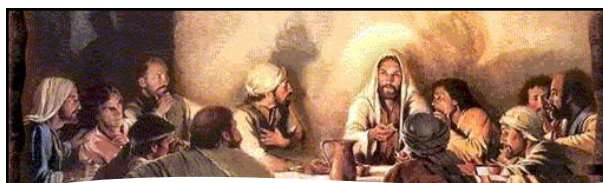
(Matthew 4:23-25)

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Read Matthew 9:9-12

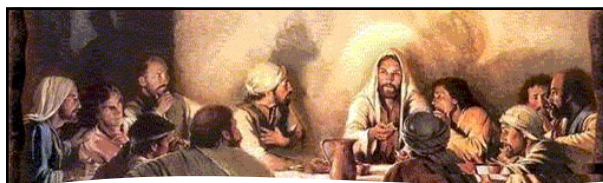
- ⁹ As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.
- ¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew’s house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”
- ¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

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This is not just any dinner. It is a dinner of the **despised** and it becomes the defining image of the upside-down kingdom of Jesus. **Everyone** is included in the kingdom of God.

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Read Matthew 9:9-12

- What happens here?
- Why does Jesus invite Matthew?
- How does Matthew respond?
- What happens next (v10)?
- What was Jesus trying to communicate through His words and actions?

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Jewish System of Exclusion

Holy Land	Holy Place
Holy City	Most Holy Place
Holy Temple	
Gentile Court	
Women's Court	
Men's Court	

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A Table with Bread and Wine

You are **included**, no matter who you are, or what you have done, you are **in**. Jesus' kingdom **is** for the despised, the broken, the lost, the hurting.

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A Table with Bread and Wine

Who are the despised, oppressed, and marginalized today?

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A Table with Bread and Wine

How would the Anawim and Matthew define salvation?



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A Table with Bread and Wine

Salvation is to belong and to be healed.




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The Gospel in Chairs




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God is always **toward** you. If you are ever to have an effective ministry to the broken, you must believe this core truth.




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“If God is for us, who can be against us?” (Romans 8:31)



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You never look eyes with someone who doesn't matter to God.




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Two Powerful Principles:

God is always toward you!

You are a treasure in the eyes of a King!



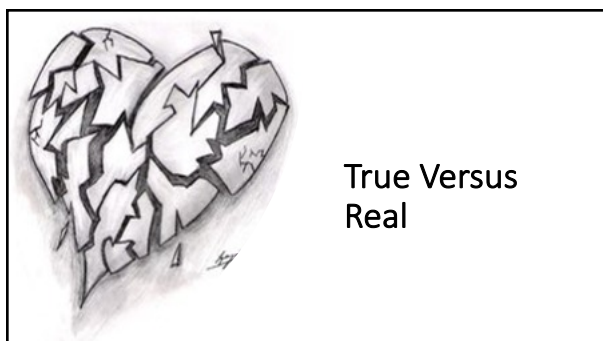
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In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Mark 1:9-11)

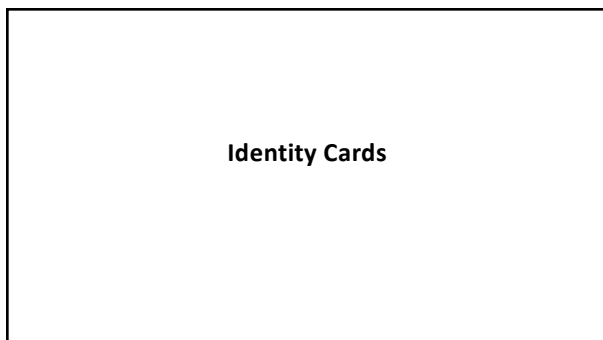
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"Jesus is thirty years old when his baptism happens. According to Mark's Gospel, he hasn't said a single thing up to now. Until we know we're a beloved son or beloved daughter or even just beloved, we don't have anything to say. We're so filled with self-doubt that we have no good news for the world."
(R. Rohr)

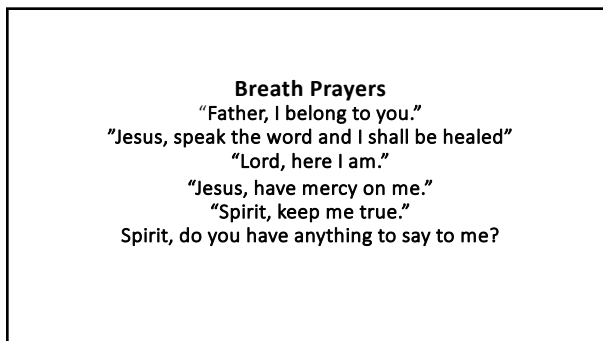
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“We can say that the deepest question of my life, really, is not what my father . . . or my mother thought of me, or what my husband or wife thinks of me, or what my pastor or my boss thinks of me. Really, the deepest issue isn’t what I think of me, but *can I join God in knowing who God knows me to be?* Can I join God in seeing who God sees me to be when God sees me? This is salvation. (James Findley)

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“Sin is not the primary thing that is true about us. Before we are anything else, we are made in God’s image, and we are made to reflect that image in the way we live. Before scripture tells us anything else about ourselves, it tells us we are good. I think that’s because that’s the way God intended it. When we ground ourselves in the fact that God created us good, we are capable of confronting all the other things that are true about us, even the difficult things. Love is tremendously healing. (Danielle Shroyer)

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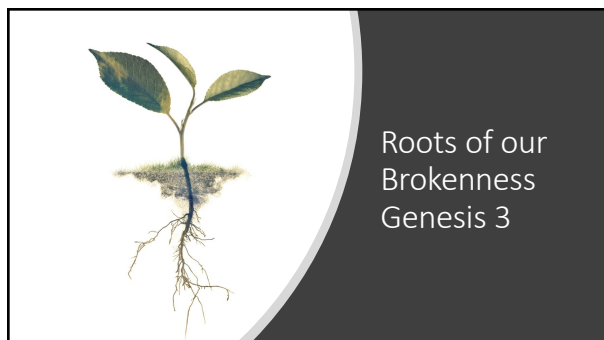
“There is a Jewish proverb, “Before every person there marches an angel proclaiming, ‘Behold, the image of God.’” Many people are familiar with a part of Jesus’s summary of the law of Moses: You shall love your neighbor as you love yourself. *Yourself*. Loving the self is a required balance. If we fail in that, we fail our neighbor, too. To love your neighbor is to relate to them as someone made in the image of the God. And it is to relate to *yourself* as someone made in the image of the God. It’s God, up, down, and all around, and God is love.” (Rohr)

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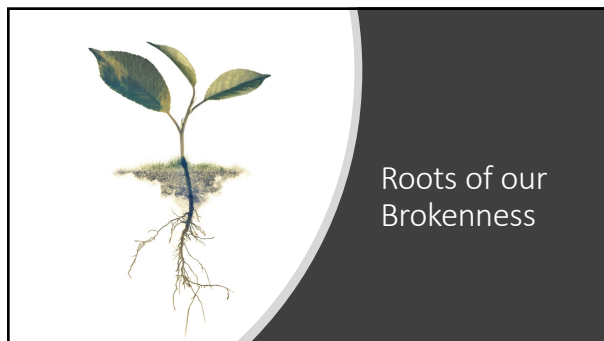
James Findlay imagines God saying to each of us, in the midst of our struggles:

“You know what? . . . I’m in love with you. I’m so in love with you that I’m utterly giving myself away to you as invincibly precious in my eyes, in the midst of the unresolved matters of your heart. I find in these unresolved matters no obstacle to how infinitely precious you are to me as I pour out and give myself to you as life of my life.”

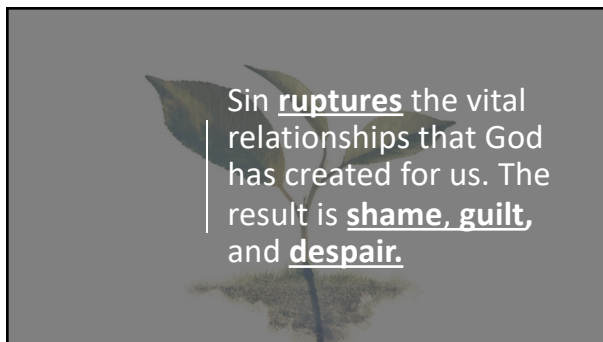
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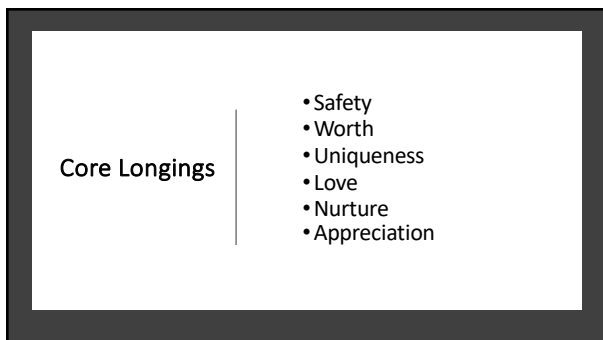
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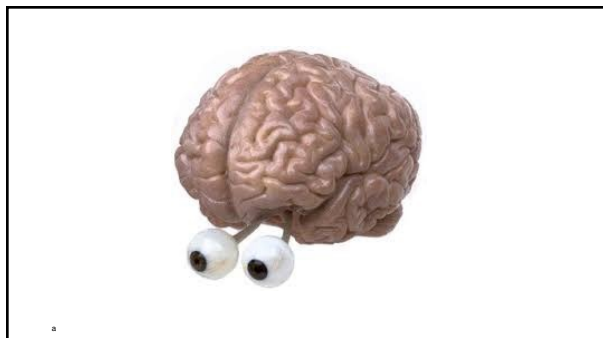
Two Types of Trauma

Type A: When we don't get what we do deserve.

Type B: When we do get what we don't deserve.



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The Average Brain Has:

- 10 billion neurons communicating with each other through more than 100 trillion synaptic connections.
- Every second your brain is being impacted by 100 million bits of information.
- 98 million bits of this information are deleted by the reticular part of the brain,
- 2 million bits are actively being processed.
- From this the brain brings to your conscious awareness 5-9 bits of information that is most relevant to you at any moment.

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Hebbian Principle

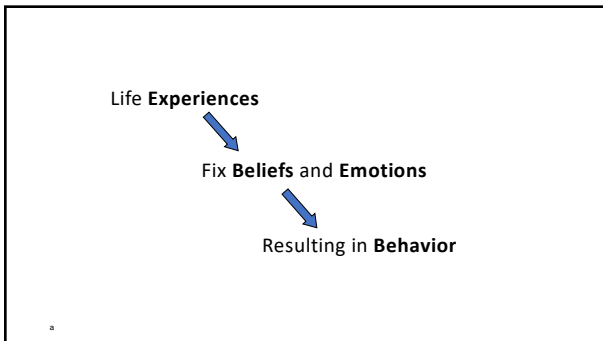
“Neurons that **fire** together **wire** together (Dr. Donald Hebb, Neuropsychologist).”

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Hebbian Principle

Every experience, thought, feeling, and physical sensation triggers millions of neurons, which form a neural **network**. When you repeat an experience over and over, the brain learns to **trigger** the same neurons each time.

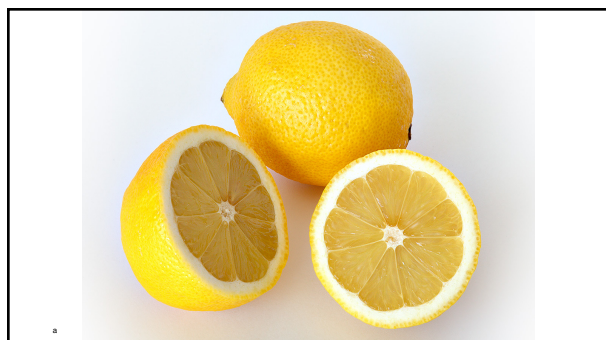
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The Critical Truth

- Whoever controls the **neurons** controls the **life!**
- The brain processes and installs **falsehoods** with the same efficiency with which it processes **truth.**

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THE STRUCTURES OF HEALING



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Ministry Foundations

God speaks and He Wants to Speak to You and Through You



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His Promise

“Thus says the LORD who made the earth, the LORD who formed it to establish it—the LORD is his name: Call to me and I will answer you and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.”

(Jeremiah 33:2-3)



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He Spoke to Jesus

• Mark 1:10-13; Mark 1:29-39

• John 5:19-20a,30, 36; 6:38, 57, 8:26, 28, 38; 12:49-50; 14:10-11, 24, 31; 17:4-7

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Examples of this Real-Time Relationship

- John 1:48 – Nathaniel under the fig tree
- John 4:15-19 – Woman at the well
- John 5:6 – Lame man at the Pool of Bethesda
- John 8:8 – Sins of the Pharisees
- John 11:4, 14 – Lazarus
- Mark 14:30 – Prediction of Peter’s betrayal

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Are These Things for Us?

- John: 10:1-5, 27; John 14:11-20; John 17:18-23
- Rom 8:9-11; 1 Cor 3:16; 6:19; Col 1:27; Gal 2:20; 1 John 4:4

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Ministry Principles 1 - Foundations

- The best healer is **Jesus!**
- All of us have had our hearts **broken**.
- The heart broke in **response** to something that happened in the **past**.
- Our **reaction** to events – not the events themselves – place us in **bondage**.
- Present difficulties/experiences trigger **past** pain.
- Life changing truth can be known and **experienced** when God communicates it in a **supernatural** way.
- Our responsibility is to **position** people to experience the power of Jesus to heal.



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Ministry Principles 2 – Personal Posture

- Be their friend. Spend time with them on their turf.
- Listen for the place of their heart's brokenness.
- Love them in the place where their core longings have not been met.
- Position them to have an encounter with the living Christ.



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Ministry Principles 3: Exercises

The Blessing



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Ministry Principles 3: Exercises

Positioning in Scripture




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Ministry Principles 3: Exercises
The Meeting Place/Sitting with Jesus




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Ministry Principles 3: Exercises
The Lie Exercise



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Ministry Principles 3: Exercises
Life Transformation Groups



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Ministry Principles 4 – Listening Prayer Guide