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THE SHARING CHOICE

Life's Healing Choices: The Beatitudes - Week 8

Matthew 5:9 Blessed are the peacemakers.

God was in Christ, offering peace and forgiveness to the people of this world. And he has given us the work of sharing his message about peace.

2 Corinthians 5:19 (CEV)

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.

2 Corinthians 1:2-4 (CEV) I pray that God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ will be kind to you and will bless you with peace! ... The Father is a merciful God, who always gives us comfort. He comforts us when we are in trouble, so that we can share that same comfort with others in trouble. We share in the terrible sufferings of Christ, but also in the wonderful comfort he gives.

WHAT CAN I SHARE TO HELP OTHERS? ...

1. How _____ got my _____.

Sometimes it takes a painful situation to make us change our ways.

Proverbs 20:30 (GN)

2. **WHAT I'VE LEARNED IN THE PROCESS. THREE THINGS...**

• I LEARNED TO _____ ON GOD'S _____.

We were crushed and overwhelmed...and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then we put everything into the hands of God, who alone could save us... and he did help us!

2 Corinthians 1:8-10 (LB)

• I LEARNED to _____ God's _____.

The suffering you sent was good for me, for it taught me to pay attention to your principles. Psalm 119:71 (NLT)

• I LEARNED I _____ other _____.

Two people are better than one...If one falls down, the other can help him up. But it is bad for the person who is alone and falls, because no one is there to help.

Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NCV)

3. He wants me to share how God can bring _____ out of _____!

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Romans 8:28 (NLT)

You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives.

Genesis 50:20 (NIV)

4. God wants us to share how _____ gives me _____!

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. **1 Peter 3:15a (NIV)**

Who will I _____?