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## Part 1 – Reality of Brokenness

“...they suddenly felt shame at their nakedness. So they sewed fig leaves together to cover themselves. So they hid from the Lord God among the trees...I heard in the garden, so I hid. I was afraid... The man replied, “It was the woman YOU gave me who gave me the fruit, and I ate it.” Genesis 3:1-12

“And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can’t. I want to do what is good, but I don’t. I don’t want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway.... I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong... Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.”

“So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. And because you belong to him, the power of the life-giving Spirit has freed you<sup>[b]</sup> from the power of sin that leads to death.”

Romans 7:18-19, 21,24-25, 8:1-2

“He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.” Psalm 147:3

“The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God.” Psalm 51:17

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” 1 John 1:8

**“The Gospel says you are more sinful and flawed than you ever dared believe, yet you are more accepted and loved than you ever dared hope because Jesus lived and died in your place.”**

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“You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:6-8

“We are made right with God by placing our faith in Jesus Christ. And this is true for **everyone who believes**, no matter **who we are.**” Romans 3:22

## In order to breath HOPE into relationships you must have HOPE

“Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!”* Philippians 2:1-8

**“Be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love.”** Ephesians 4:2

## Questions for Discussion:

Do you consider yourself Broken? Why or why not? Can you relate with Paul in Romans 7:18-25?

What types of people of people are challenging for you to be friends with? What makes it hard for you to connect with them or them with you?

How do expectations impact your relationships with others? Is it possible to change your expectations? How?

What do you think happens in relationships when people are humbler and patient? What makes it difficult for you to be humble and patient with people? How does Philippians 2 passage speak to your struggle?

How does/has experiencing forgiveness and grace from Jesus help you in dealing with those who hurt you? Personal Stories?