

The Sharing Choice
Life's Healing Choices-Part 8
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“Blessed are the peacemakers.” Matthew 5:9

“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

The Sharing Choice: I choose to yield myself to God to be used to bring the Good News to others, by my example and my words.

“He comforts us in all our troubles so that we can comfort others. When they are troubled, we will be able to give them the same comfort God has given us.” 2 Corinthians 1:4

What Can I Share To Help Others?

1. I can share how pain got my attention.
“Sometimes it takes a painful situation to make us change our ways.” Proverbs 20:30

To help others I must be honest about...

- My feelings
- My faults
- My failures
- My frustrations
- My fears

I can share how I have learned to:

- Depend on God's love
"We were crushed and overwhelmed... and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then we put everything in to the hands of God, who alone could save us...and he did help us."
2 Corinthians 1:8-10
- Follow God's Word
"...it was the best thing that could have happened to me, for it taught me to pay attention to your laws!"
Psalm 119:71-72
- Admit that I need other people
"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."
Ecc. 4:9-10

2. I can share how God can bring good out of bad.

"We know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God..." Romans 8:28

3. I can share how Jesus gives us hope.

"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

My Next Step Today Is

_____ I will continue to make a list of how God helped me through a painful time and who could benefit from hearing my story.

_____ I will ask God to give me the strength and courage to continue to make life's healing choices.

_____ I will consider taking one of the classes offered during Wednesday nights at New Hope.