

Wound or Scar – Victim or Victor

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Isaiah 30:26(NKJV)- Moreover the light of the moon will be as the light of the sun, And the light of the sun will be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the Lord binds up the bruise of His people and heals the stroke of their wound.

“If you pick up a starving dog and make him prosperous, he will not bite you. This is the principal difference between a dog and a man.” (Mark Twain)

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. It often seems the very people we love and do the most for, are the very ones who hurt you the most.

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Why is it that we are tempted to walk away from our faith when we go through a difficult season in our life?
What is the reason we stay away from our faith community when we are betrayed?

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Someone at work does us wrong and we stop going to church services. A family member talks bad about us and it hurts, so we stop serving in our local church. Someone offends us, and we give up on God. Why are we like that?

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Where did we get the idea that the life of faith and living in Christian Community is always easy and without difficulty?

In life, someone is going to break your heart. Regardless of how spiritual you are-someone will abandon or leave you.

Whatever church we choose to attend- eventually someone there is going to say something hurtful to us.

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Regardless of how loyal and loving we try to be-someone is going to let us down, lie to us, stab us in the back or reject us. It's called life!

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The wound you suffered cut off your love supply and since then you are not living fully, the way God intended for you!

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Jensen Franklin states- "It's easy to love others when we have no conflict with them, or when we share the same viewpoint. It's easy to love those of the same theology or standard. It's easy to love when marriage is in the honeymoon stage, when our children act right and when we are enjoying health and happiness. But no one lives in that state all the time."

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God doesn't want us walking around the remainder of our life wounded. He desires that we be healed and whole.

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Regardless of the severity of your pain-the Lord desires to bind up our bruises and heal our wounds.

Granted, some moments change everything about us and our families for the rest of our lives. Whether loss, a betrayal, an addiction, an infidelity or tragedy~without a doubt, these things affect the dynamics of our relationships. Some things will never be the way they once were.

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The truth is, some things get broken and can never be put back the same. To have it the way it once was, will never happen. Unfortunately, this is where we often get stuck~ we live in the regret that things will never be the same and our life from here on, will be less than best.

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1 Sam. 16:1 (NIV)- The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.”

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The truth is, some things get broken and can never be put back the same. Yet our heavenly Father can make all things new.

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Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)- “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. <sup>19</sup> See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.

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If you continue to suffer from a wound~its time to allow God to heal your wounded places and give you a new beginning.

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When we suffer a wound, often we live in a fog. We go through the motions of life but everyday we fight to maintain joy. The brightest moments are still dim.

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When we are wounded, we start viewing others through the filter of our hurt instead of a filter of hope- any new relationships are very fragile. We are scared to trust and afraid to love again.

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1). Stop Picking at Your Wound:

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If we want our wound healed, we must stop probing and picking at it!

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We replay the bad memories repeatedly in our minds. We talk about the event or the person repeatedly to anyone who will listen. We think of ways to get revenge. We for years, poke and prod at our wound until our emotions and spirit becomes infected with bitterness and a hard heart. Our wound will never heal if we continue to pick at it.

Another thing that occurs when we keep an open wound- we

become contagious in a bad way.

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Talking about our hurt and offense to others infects others with our poison. When we listened to someone's story of being done wrong- and even though we have had no negative interaction with the accused guilty party-when we encounter them-we treat them differently because someone's poison has infected us.

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- 1). Stop Picking at Your Wound:
  - 2). Admit Your Brokenness:

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God wants to heal our wounds, but we must let Him. And before we let Him, we must admit that we are broke.

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There have been moments and seasons in our life that the heartbreaks we encountered have injured and even broke us. Hiding our wound does not heal our wound.

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Scars are not a sign of shame, but a testimony of God's ability to heal deadly wounds.

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Luke 24:36-40(NIV)~ <sup>6</sup> While they were still talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."  
<sup>37</sup> They were startled and frightened, thinking they saw a ghost. <sup>38</sup> He said to them, "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts rise in your minds? <sup>39</sup> Look at my hands and my feet. It is I myself! Touch me and see; a ghost does not have flesh and bones, as you see I have."<sup>40</sup> When he had said this, he showed them his hands and feet.

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## 2). Admit Your Brokenness:

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Matt. 11:28(NIV)~²⁸ “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.