

Today, I am sharing with you some good news. No matter what you have done or what you have been through, there is HOPE. Let me tell you about it.

1. God created our world to be a place of beauty and meaning.

He created each of us with purpose and identity. Every person you see in this room has been designed by God. Maybe you have a hard time seeing that. It's obvious - our world isn't perfect. We have wars and disease and natural disasters. You might also struggle to see the beauty or worth in yourself or in another person who has hurt you.

2. God's good plan was broken when sin entered the world.

Sin is anything - thought, word, action, or attitude - that breaks the peace, beauty, and meaning that God designed for us. All of us, at some point in our lives have made the decision to live independent of God's beautiful design. This has caused our relationship with God, others, and even our own lives to be broken.

3. Here's where the HOPE comes in.

God loves us and wants us to live in a relationship with Him. A relationship full of beauty and meaning. John 3:16 tells us what God did to bridge the gap and heal what sin has broken in our lives.

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that anyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."

4. Jesus took the consequences for all of the things you have ever done or will do that have broken His beautiful and meaningful design.

He took the consequences of sin through death by crucifixion even though he was completely innocent. That is not the end of the story though! He didn't stay dead. He was raised to life by the power of God after three days. His resurrection was proof that He was exactly who He claimed to be. God in the flesh who came to save us from our sins. Because of the resurrection of Jesus, we can have a relationship with God now and forever!

5. God wants a relationship with you.

Jesus overcame what sin has broken. He wants to restore you to a life designed with beauty and meaning. Jesus is inviting each of us to trust in Him because of the sacrifice He made for us on the cross. By trusting in the sacrifice Jesus made and confessing your faith in Him, you can begin a relationship with God now and forever. Making Jesus the authority of your life is the beginning of a life filled with beauty and meaning - the life God designed.

Here is a prayer you can use: God, I thank You for Your plan. I know that I have lived independent of your design for my life. I thank You for making a way for me to have a relationship with You. I accept the sacrifice of Jesus on my behalf and choose to follow Him now and forever.



Disciple Tip

Do what Jesus did by inviting others to your table.