

Sermon Notes

Walking the Broken Road, Part 2:

The "Dollar Menu" of Dysfunction.

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Proverbs 14:12: Before every man there lies a wide and pleasant road that seems right but ends in death.

The road to wholeness is a _____

Matthew 7:13-14

FIRST STEP on the journey to wholeness is to ask God to _____ our _____ (Psalm 139:23-24)

Lie #1: You _____ Wholeness. You can't achieve it on your own.

Truth #1: You _____ Wholeness. But GRACE says it is yours to be had if you will accept it.

Lie #2: You _____ handle this on your own.

Truth #2: You _____ handle this on your own.

Action Steps:

1. Fearlessly ask God to search your heart today (Psalm 139).
2. Take note of all that he reveals to you.
3. Admit what he reveals, and that you don't have the strength to overcome it on your own.

Truth #3: If you do not serve God _____, you will _____ serve something else.

Truth #4: God's heart is moved by the _____ of broken people.

Psalm 51:17- The sacrifices of our God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Questions for Personal and / or Group Study:

These questions are for you to work through both individually and as a group. A group keeps us accountable and challenges us to authentically take action, rather than forget. However, these questions should be worked through on your own as well. Set some time aside with God. There is space below each question for you to fill in with notes and answers if you wish.

1. "The road to wholeness is a broken road." Do you agree with this statement? Why or why not?

2. Can you relate to Mike's story from week one? One truth Mike shared was that brokenness always originates from a place of pain. Can you identify with that? What is your story behind your pain?

"God cannot fill an already full cup." Our response to pain is to seek comfort and stability (self-medicate). We try to fill our own cups, and end up in cycles that keep us from wholeness. The **FIRST STEP** to walking the broken road is often the most difficult and painful. It takes boldness and risk.

It starts by asking God to **search our hearts** and reveal anything within us that grieves Him.

- Psalm 139:23-24: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!*

We must then **admit** that we have a problem and are incapable of overcoming it on our own.

- Romans 7:18: For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.*

3. Our behavioral cycles keep us from wholeness. What cycles has God revealed to you thus far that you need to admit and be free from?

- James 5:16: ¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, **that you may be healed**. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.*

4. Finish out the remainder of this time by fearlessly praying together that God would search our hearts and reveal any grievous ways within us.