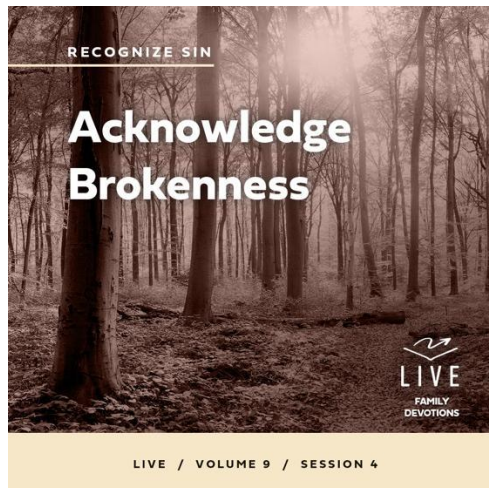




Day 1

Faith Fact

I can trust God's plan.

Faith Verse

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

Question of the Day: Why should we show mercy to the sick and broken?

Read about It

Read: John 9:1–12

A man who had been blind his entire life survived by begging people for help. Jesus' disciples wanted to understand the reason something like that might happen. They assumed it was his parent's sin or his sin. Jesus quickly moved the conversation to the truth. The man would bring glory to God because Jesus would heal him. Mercy was what the man needed, and Jesus gave it to him.

Jesus showed him mercy by healing him. Mercy and healing were the things that changed this man's life forever. When you see someone sick or hurting, pray at that moment instead of passing them by or wondering what is wrong with them. Maybe God will lead you to be part of meeting their need. Showing mercy can change their life and help them see Jesus.

Talk about It

Question 1. What did the man have that needed to be healed?

Answer 1. Blindness (John 9:1)

Question 2. What did the disciples first ask Jesus when they saw the man?

Answer 2. “Why was this man born blind?” (John 9:2)

Question 3. What did the man do after Jesus gave him instructions?

Answer 3. He obeyed Jesus. (John 9:7)

Question 4. How can we show mercy to those who are sick and broken?

Answer 4. Answers will vary.

Question 5. Why should we show mercy to the sick and broken?

Answer 5. **Showing** them mercy will change their life and help them see Jesus.

Pray about It

Dear Jesus, thank You for showing us Your amazing mercy. When I see those who are sick and broken, help me to be reminded to pray for them. Help me to show them mercy just as You have shown me mercy. I pray Your love will transform their lives, and they will show Your glory to everyone. Amen.

Day 2

Faith Fact

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Faith Verse

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

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Question of the Day: Why should we show mercy when it doesn’t make sense?

Read about It

Read: John 9:13–23

Sometimes, it's not easy to understand God's plan. We often think He should heal in a certain way or restore broken lives in a way that makes sense to us. The Pharisees certainly felt this way. According to them and what they understood from the law of Moses, Jesus shouldn't have healed this man on the Sabbath. They couldn't figure out this simple act of mercy that Jesus had shown the man, so they couldn't rejoice in the man's healing.

God's offer to people is mercy. But, mercy is sometimes difficult for us to understand because we look at everything through our understanding. We look to see if someone deserves mercy before we give it, or we blame someone's brokenness on their choices. God gives mercy as a gift when we ask. Our world is full of people who need compassion. Even when it doesn't make sense to others, we should show mercy just like Jesus did.

Talk about It

Question 1. Why did the Pharisees think Jesus wasn't from God?

Answer 1. He healed on the Sabbath. (John 9:16)

Question 2. Why do you think that the Pharisees were so confused?

Answer 2. Answers will vary.

Question 3. Why do you think God has mercy for our brokenness?

Answer 3. Answers will vary.

Question 4. What are some ways we can show compassion to others?

Answer 4. Answers will vary.

Question 5. Why should we show mercy when it doesn't make sense?

Answer 5. We should see others like Jesus sees them and give the gift of mercy.

Pray about It

Dear Father, You are a kind and merciful God who heals and loves us. I don't deserve all that You give me. Thank You for Your mercy toward me. Help me always to show mercy and compassion to others. Even when it doesn't make sense to others, help me show the same grace and mercy You have shown to me. Amen.

Day 3

Faith Fact

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Faith Verse

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT)

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Question of the Day: What can Jesus healing our brokenness lead to?

Read about It

Read: John 9:24–34

The man declared, "I was blind, and now I can see!" His healing was the reason for his rejoicing and powerful testimony. Jesus specializes in fixing broken lives. The man confirmed his condition of blindness to the Pharisees. Now that Jesus had healed him, he could celebrate. He was blind, but now he could see. That was still his story, even the second time the Pharisees questioned him.

We can have a similar testimony to the world as Jesus brings healing to our life. When things get hurt in our life, it's an opportunity for Jesus to heal and for us to tell others about it. We know that when we ask for Jesus' mercy, He always hears us and knows what is best. Jesus' healing of our brokenness can lead others to Him as people see our fixed life and heart. His work in us is our testimony of what Jesus can do.

Talk about It

Question 1. Because of Jesus, what could the man now do?

Answer 1. See (John 9:25)

Question 2. What does brokenness look like in people's lives?

Answer 2. Answers will vary.

Question 3. Where did the man who was blind believe Jesus was from?

Answer 3. He was sent from God. (John 9:33)

Question 4. What did the Pharisees do to the man who was blind after he told them the truth about Jesus?

Answer 4. They threw him out of their synagogue. (John 9:34)

Question 5. What can Jesus healing of our brokenness lead to?

Answer 5. Other people believing in Jesus

Pray about It

Dear Jesus, I thank You even for the broken things in my life. I pray that You can use them to create an amazing testimony. I know that everything in my life can help others come to You when I let You fix my brokenness. I celebrate already because of what You are going to do to heal and restore me and those I love. Thank You, Jesus. Amen.

Day 4

Faith Fact

I can trust God's plan.

Faith Verse

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Question of the Day: How can we see Jesus' work in our life?

Read about It

Read: John 9:35–41

The man born blind was once again face-to-face with Jesus. Before this, he had already given a powerful witness of the Jesus he knew to the Pharisees. It seems as though God had given him spiritual eyes to recognize who Jesus was and the impact of what He had done. The man had faith in Jesus as his Healer, and that gave him the boldness to stand up for Jesus.

Faith can give us spiritual eyes to see Jesus as well. When we trust what God has done for us, we can boldly proclaim it wherever we go. Even though we haven't been able to be face-to-face with Jesus like the man, we can see His work in our life. Through faith, we tell others about His mercy so they can see Jesus too. By trusting Jesus like the man born blind, we can also see His work and great plan unfolding in our life and lead others to Him.

Talk about It

Question 1. What did Jesus do when He heard about the way the Pharisees questioned the man and threw him out of the synagogue?

Answer 1. He went to the man and talked with him. (John 9:35).

Question 2. What did the man do when Jesus told him who He was?

Answer 2. He worshipped and believed in Jesus. (John 9:38)

Question 3. How have you seen Jesus work in your life?

Answer 3. Answers will vary.

Question 4. How have you helped others to see Jesus?

Answer 4. Answers will vary.

Question 5. How can we see Jesus' work in our life?

Answer 5. By trusting Him

Pray about It

Dear Jesus, I believe in You. Even though I haven't seen You with my own eyes, I have seen all You have done in me through faith. Help me to always share the great works You have done with others so that they can see You too. I can't wait for the day that I get to see You face-to-face and worship You. Amen.

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