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CHOICE #8

THE SHARING CHOICE

Blessed are the peacemakers. Matthew 5:9 (NIV)

God was in Christ, <u>offering peace and forgiveness</u> to the people of this world. And he has given us <u>the work of sharing</u> His message <u>about peace</u>. **2 Corinthians** 5:19 (CEV)

THE **SHARING** CHOICE

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

I pray that God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ will be kind to you and will <u>bless you with peace!</u> ... The Father is a merciful God, who <u>always gives us comfort</u>. He <u>comforts us</u> when we are in trouble, <u>so that we can share</u> that same comfort <u>with others in trouble</u>. We share in the terrible sufferings of Christ, but also in the wonderful comfort he gives.

2 Corinthians 1:2-5 (CEV)

WHAT CAN I SHARE TO HELP OTHERS?

1. The PAIN that got my attention.

Sometimes it takes a painful situation to make us change our ways. **Proverbs 20:30 (GN)**

I am glad ... not because it hurt you but because the pain turned you to God. 2 Corinthians 7:9 (LB)

2. The lessons I have LEARNED.

•I learned how loving and dependable God is.

... We were crushed and overwhelmed...and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then we put every thing into the hands of God, who alone could save us... and he did help us. 2 Corinthians. 1:8-10 (LB)

• I learned to follow God's instruction. (His Word)

... it was the best thing that could have happened to me, for it taught me to pay attention to your laws! Psalms 119:71-72 (LB)

• I learned I need others.

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. **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NCV)**

3. How God has <u>REDEEMED</u> my <u>PAIN</u>.

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

4. How <u>JESUS</u> gave (and gives) me <u>HOPE</u>

... Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the <u>reason for the hope</u> that you have. 1 Peter 3:15a (NIV)

Who will you tell?

Going deeper on you own. What pain in your past really sticks out in your mind? How has it affected you? Has there ever been a time when you turned it over to God? If not, why not? If so, what has He done with it? What have you learned through this difficulty? Is there something others could benefit from? Part of the incredible redemptive story of our past is how God can use it, not only in our life, but also in the lives of others. With this in mind over the next few weeks intentionally sit down with a friend, coworker or family member and share with them your story. Use the four-step outline above. Then tell me your story.

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