

**PREMISE STATEMENT:** *Life in Christ is not **ONE STRAIGHT LINE** from salvation to eternal victory. Instead, it most often resembles **CROOKED LINES**.*

**Philippians 1:6 (NLT)** – *And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work UNTIL it is FINALLY FINISHED on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

**Romans 8:28 (NLT)** – *And we know that God causes **EVERYTHING** to work together for the GOOD of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.*

## **Week #2 – Make Me New, God**

### **Psalm 23 (NKJV)**

- *Vs. 3 Restores (Heb. Shuwb) – to return, to turn back, to refresh, to repair.*
- Part of God's nature as the Good Shepherd is to restore our soul its original state of wholeness.
- **Genesis 2:25 (NIV)** – *Adam and his wife were both naked, and they felt NO SHAME.*
- Adam and Eve, though created fully grown, were created with a child-like innocence that knew nothing of hurt, shame, embarrassment, disappointment, grief, inferiority, racism, frustration, unforgiveness, pessimism, worry, rigidity, etc. It's not until sin entered the picture that their soul (mind, will, emotions) suffered the effects of death.
- After sin, all the soulish effects of death ensue – fear, inferiority, masking who they are, refusal to accept responsibility, etc.

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- *Shame (Heb.) a state characterized by feelings of worthlessness.*
- *Shame (Amer. Heritage Dictionary) – a painful emotion caused by a strong sense of guilt, embarrassment, unworthiness, or disgrace.*
- **QUOTE:** *Shame is the Umbrella that Feeds All Other Areas of our Brokenness*

## **Make Me New**

### **1. Get Low to Get High**

- **Proverbs 11:2 (NKJV)** – *When pride comes, THEN comes shame; But with the humble is wisdom.*
- **QUOTE:** *It is IMPOSSIBLE for me to be filled with shame unless I believe that my value in life is the result of my personal goodness.*
- **Romans 12:3 (MSG)** – *I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in **PURE GRACE**, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him.*
- Let's accept this reality: *I am what I am by the grace of Jesus Christ.*
- **I Corinthians 12:9 (GNT)** – *But his answer was: "My grace is all you need, for MY POWER IS GREATEST WHEN YOU ARE WEAK." ...*
- **QUOTE:** *God does His best work in the middle of our weakest moments.*
- He can't heal our damaged places if we can't admit they are there!!!!

## 2. Give Jesus What He Paid For

- **Isaiah 50:6 (NKJV)** – *I gave My back to those who struck Me, And My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard; I did not hide My face from shame and spitting.*
- Why?? He took the shame, so we would never have to live with it.

## 3. Take Back Your Power

- **Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)** – *looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, **DESPISING THE SHAME**, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*
- Jesus endured the cross BY DESPISING THE SHAME that came along with it.
- *Despising (Gr.) – to think against; to disesteem.*
- Sometimes, we have esteemed so highly what others think that it makes us esteem the shame we believe we will face if they really knew our Crooked Lines.
- Attack the source of your shame. ***Change what you can and give the rest to the Lord.***
- Those who can't handle your CROOKED LINES are probably not your God Squad