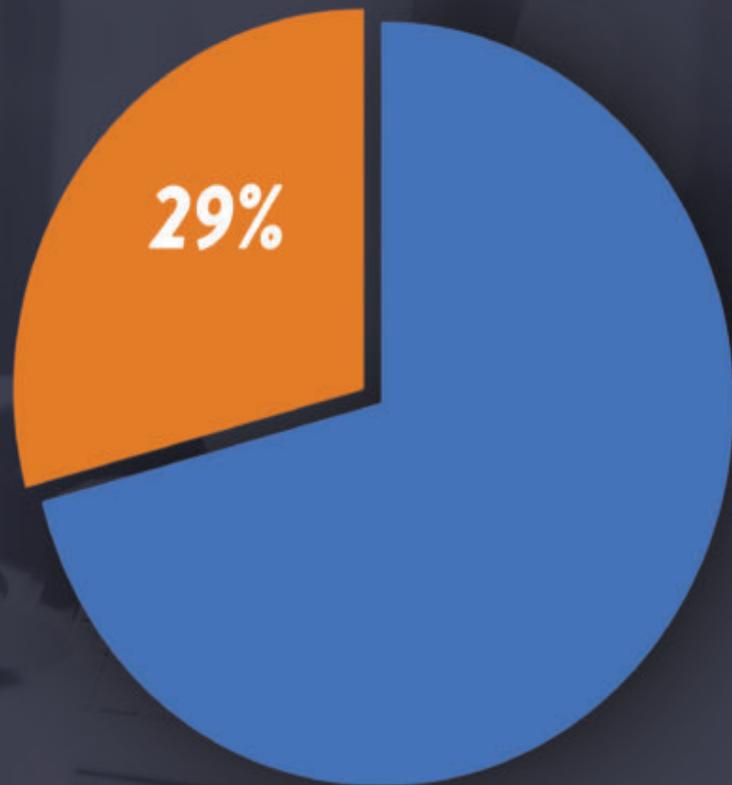




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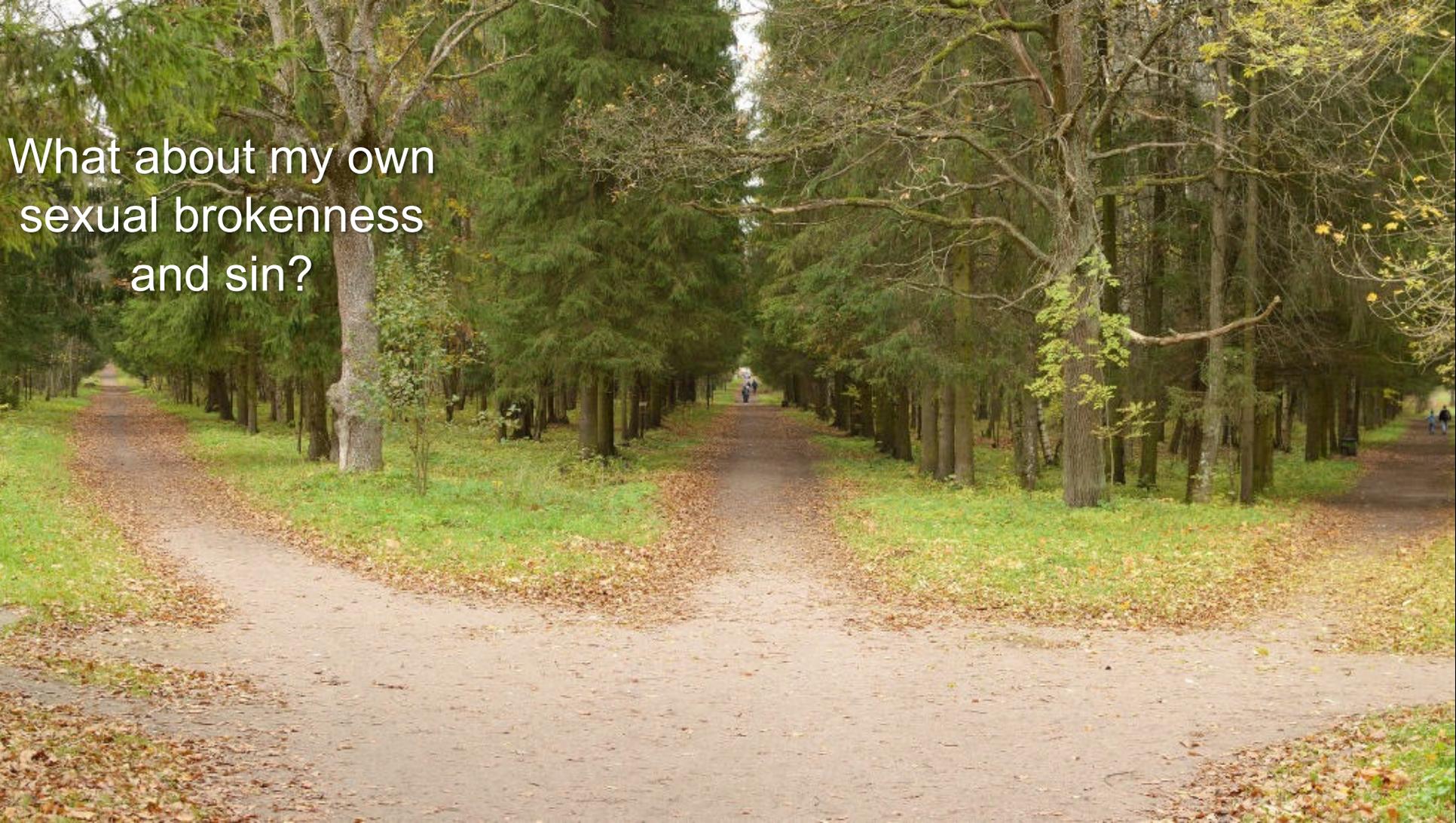
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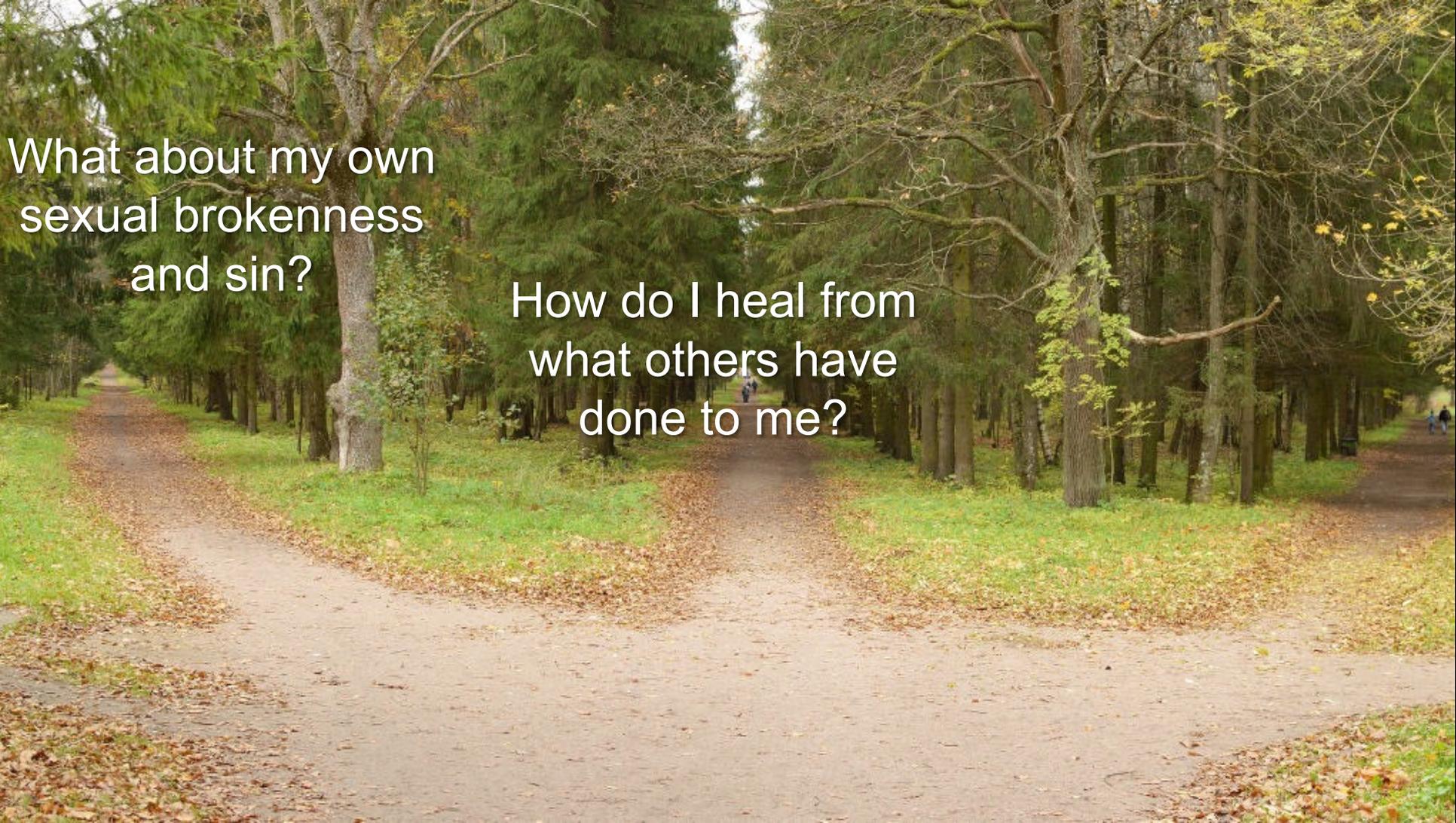
This week's Message:

Hope in the midst of the struggle



What about my own
sexual brokenness
and sin?



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A photograph of a tree-lined path, likely on a university campus, with text overlaid. The path is paved and covered with fallen brown leaves. The trees are tall and thin, with some green foliage and some bare branches. The text is white and centered on the path.

Submit questions
for tonight's Q&A



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RESOURCES

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Weekly Q&A Sessions

Each week on Sunday evenings at 8:00, we will host a virtual Q&A session. Hope people are invited to ask confidential questions which will be answered by Hope leaders, including that week's preacher. Ideally, this time together will allow each of us to grow in our understanding, share from personal experiences, and consider more deeply God's message of grace and truth.

[Joining Information](#)

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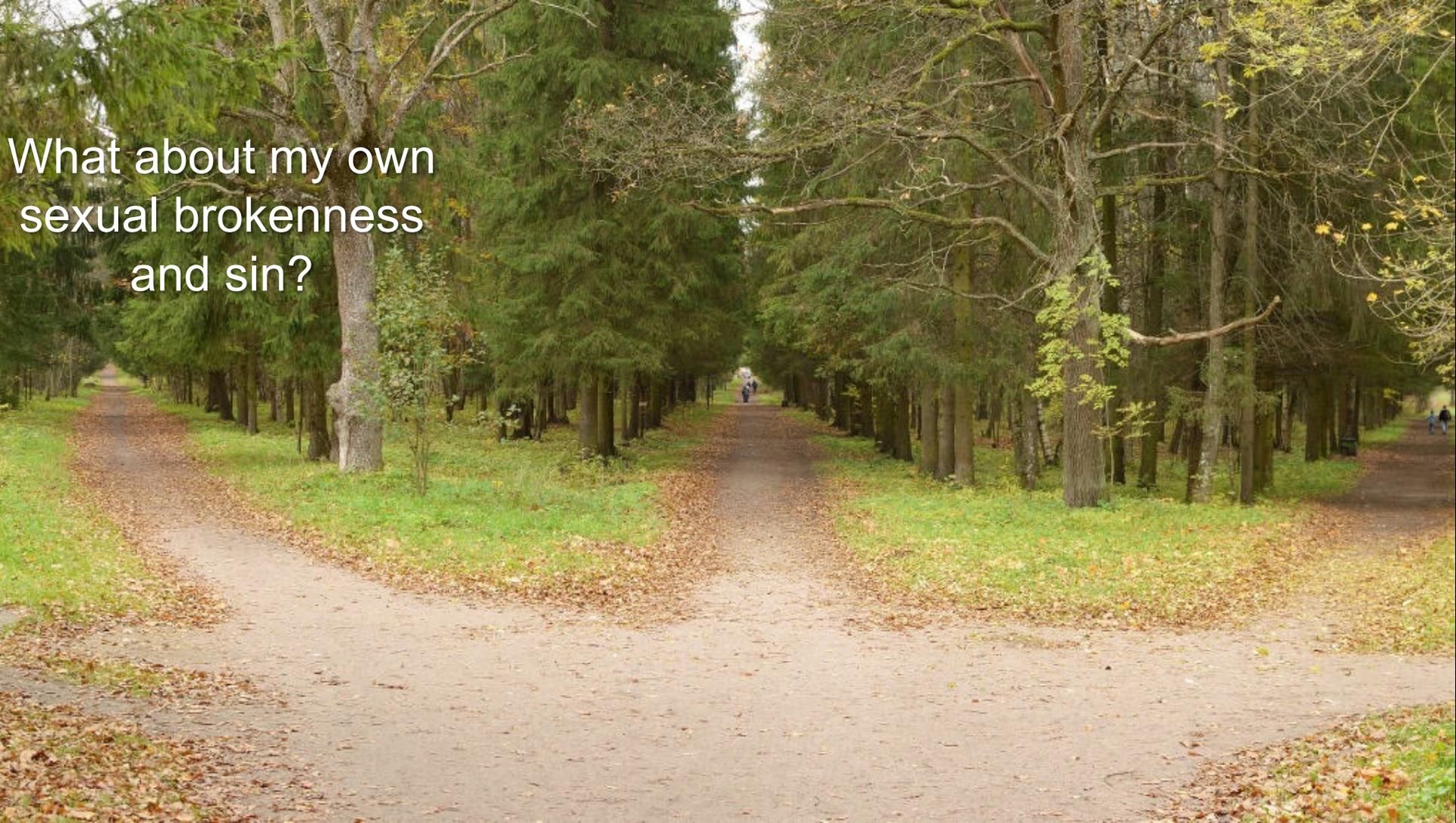
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HELPING FAMILIES FOLLOW JESUS

NOVEMBER 18, 6:30 PM

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⁶When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.

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⁸Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the LORD God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the LORD God among the trees of the garden.

¹⁰He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

¹¹And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?"

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¹²The man said, “The woman you put here with me – she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman
“What is this you have done?”

The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

When you can't
face the shame,
you always move
to blame.

~ Rob Boyd



SHAME



I DO NOT LIKE THE CONE OF SHAME.

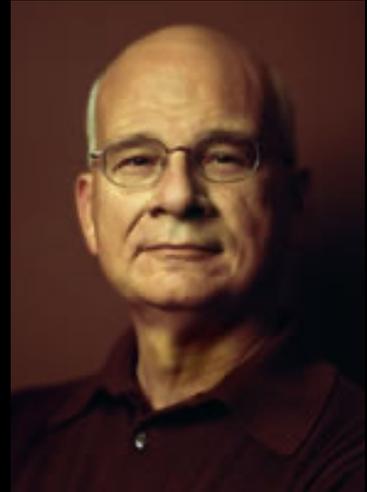


**1. Understand the
Corrosive power
of Shame**



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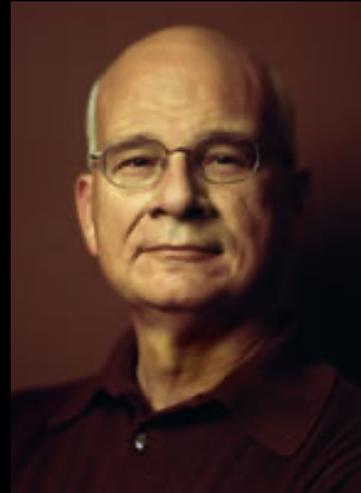
A continued look at Genesis 3 shows that as soon as Adam and Eve sinned against God, they experienced internal shame, guilt, and brokenness. They suffered the natural consequences of working against their design. 'They realized they were naked' (verse 7). This is the opposite of verse 25 in chapter 2, where we read that Adam and Eve had been, as we often put it today, 'naked and *unashamed*.' Old Testament scholar David Atkinson writes: 'Shame... is that sense of unease with yourself at the heart of your being.' We know there is something wrong with us, but we can't admit it or identify it. There is a deep restlessness which can take various forms – guilt and striving to prove ourselves, rebellion and the need to assert



our independence, compliance and the need to please others. Something is wrong, and we may know the effects, but we fall short of understanding the true causes.

Contemporary Western culture tries to account for this restlessness without recourse to the biblical doctrine of sin. Psychologists help us understand the part our early childhoods have played in creating unnecessary shame or a sense of being unloved. Entertainment distracts us from our discomfort. And doing good helps bolster our identity as a good person. But the Bible locates the root issue as our separation from God.

~ Timothy Keller, *Every Good Endeavor*, pages 78-79.



2. Confession and Repentance

1 John 1:8-9

⁸If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

C O N F E S S I O N

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we would plead with you to forgive our sins, and open our eyes to your truth. Forgive us for the sin of pride, when we see ourselves as innocent when we are guilty, pure when we are stained, and superior when we are no better than others. Forgive us for the sin of greed, when we clutch tightly to what is our own, instead of sharing with those in need. We blame the unnamed poor as responsible for their own poverty, but see our unemployed family and friends as victims of others. We insist on our own way, believing we see truth more clearly than anyone else, even when our attitudes and opinions are in clear conflict with the Bible. Lord, have mercy upon us, and save us from our blind and willful descent into sin.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

L: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

Friends, Believe the Good News
of the Gospel

GO THE GOSPEL!

Hear It Believe It Live It

3. Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel

1 Peter 2:4-6, 9-10

⁴As you come to him, the living Stone — rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him — ⁵you also, like living stones, are being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood, offering spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For in Scripture it says: “See, I lay a stone in Zion, a chosen and precious cornerstone, and the one who trusts in him will never be put to shame.” [Isaiah 28:16]

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⁹But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

So when the devil throws your sins in your face and declares that you deserve death and hell, tell him this: “I admit that I deserve death and hell,

what of it?

For I know One who suffered and made satisfaction on my behalf. His name is Jesus Christ, Son of God, and where He is there I shall be also!

~ Martin Luther, *Letters of Spiritual Counsel*, trans. and ed. Theodore G. Tappert (Vancouver, British Columbia: Regent College, 2003), 86–87





KEEP CALM

'CAUSE

YOU ARE

NOT

ALONE

4. Get out of the darkness of aloneness

James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

A close-up, dark blue-tinted photograph of a police helmet. The helmet has a microphone and a badge. The word "POLICE" is partially visible on the side.

RUN

A dark blue-tinted photograph of a stack of police report forms. The top form is labeled "SUBJECT DESCRIPTION FORMS". A magnifying glass is visible on the left side of the image.

HIDE

A dark blue-tinted photograph of a police badge. The badge features a central emblem with a building and a banner that reads "UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH POLICE".

FIGHT

5. Run! Hide! Fight!

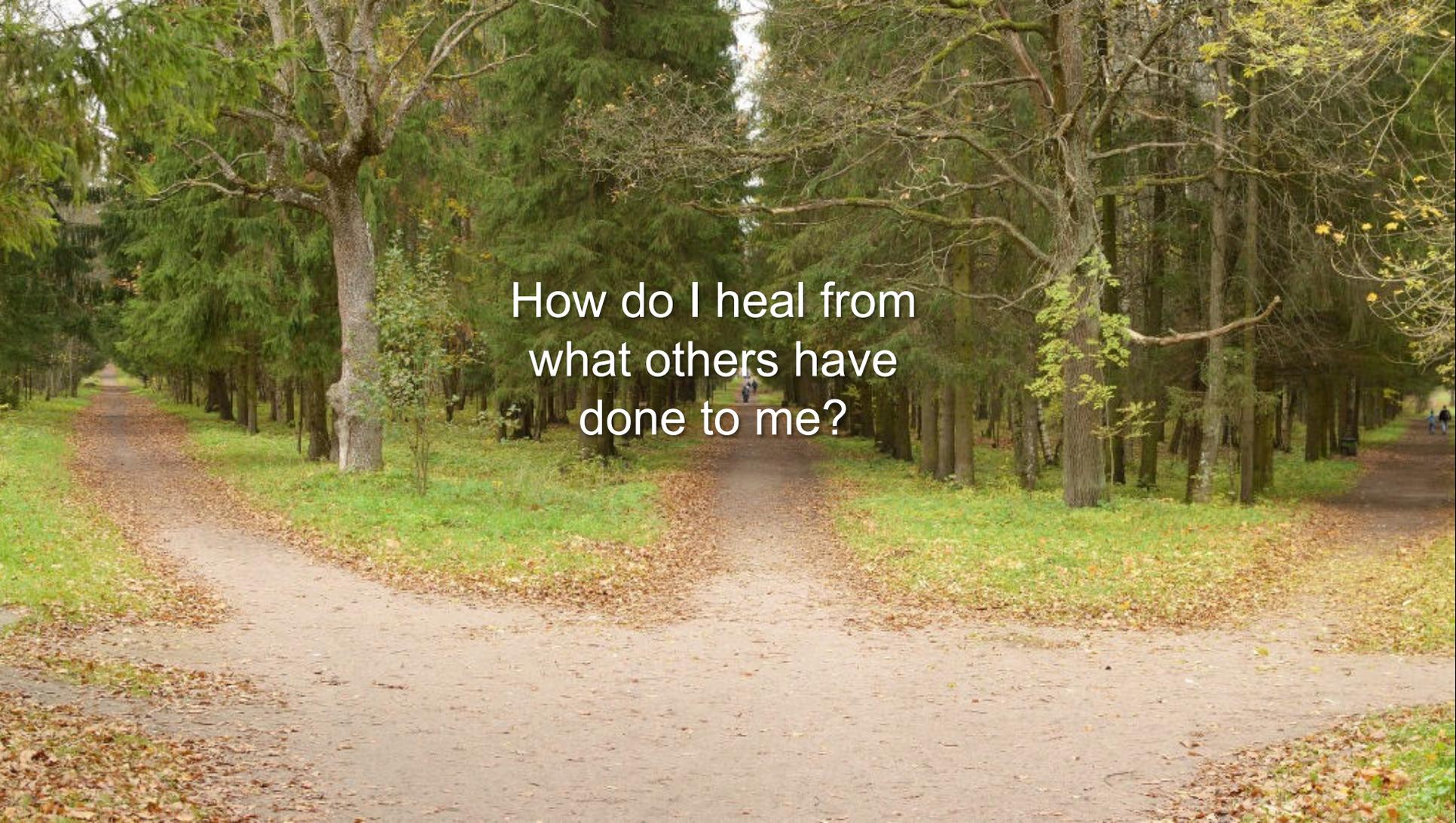
1 Timothy 6:11-12

¹¹ But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.



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How do I heal from
what others have
done to me?

*A word of hope for those who are
victims of sexual sin...*

Hebrews 12:1-3

¹Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. ²Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. ³Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

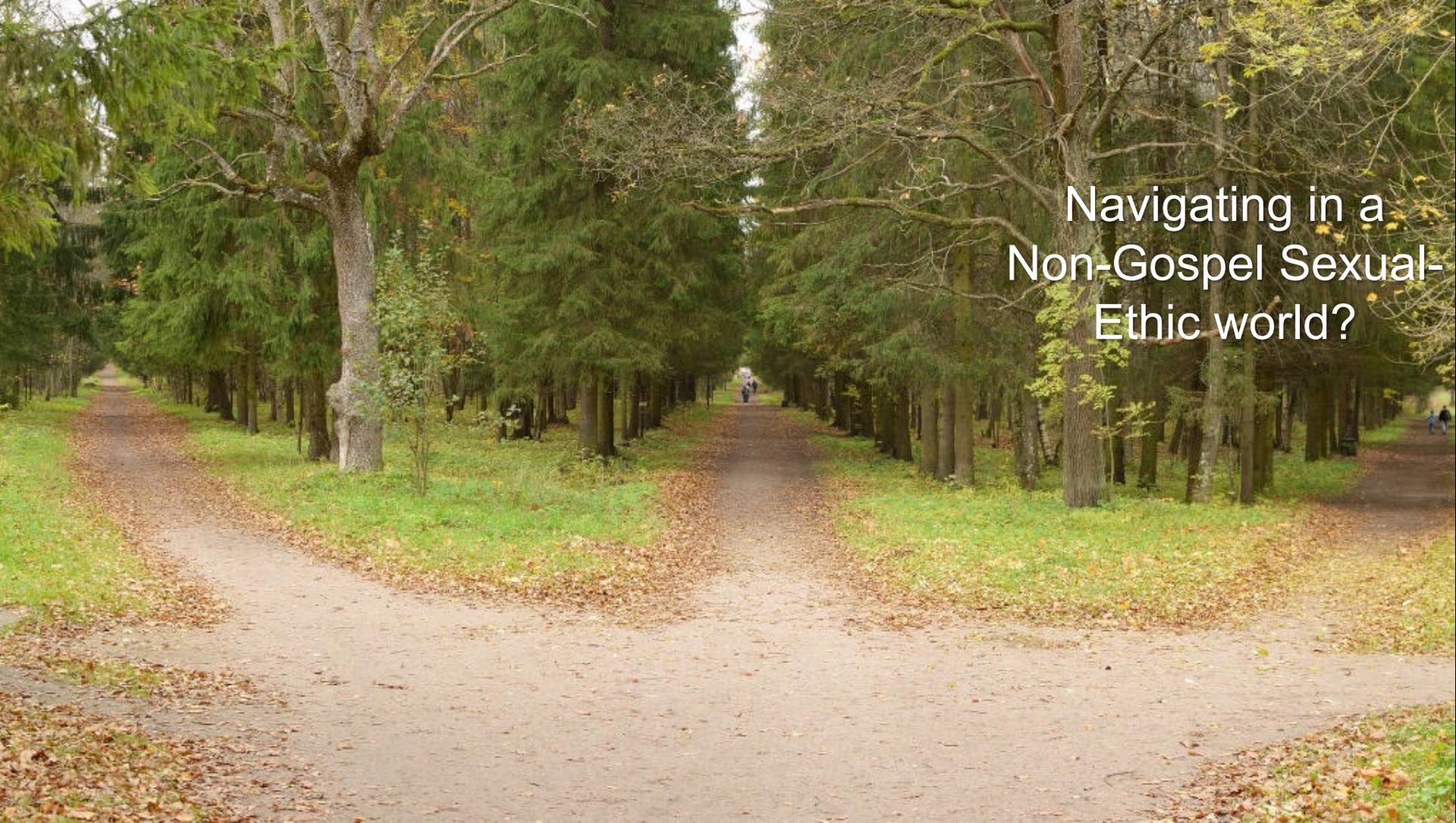
~~Rid of My Disgrace~~

Hope and Healing for Victims of Sexual Assault

Justin S. Holcomb & Lindsey A. Holcomb

Foreword by Mark Driscoll





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WISDOM

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Proverbs 1:22

²² “How long will you who are simple love your simple ways? How long will mockers delight in mockery and fools hate knowledge?”

How do we navigate living with Grace and Truth in this current culture?

James 1:2-5

²Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.



Gospel Application

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How is Jesus Christ calling you to walk with Him?