



## LIFE'S HEALING CHOICES Part 2: The Hope Choice

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LAST WEEK—"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven" Matthew 5:3

THE REALITY CHOICE: Realize that I'm not God, admit I'm powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and my life is unmanageable.

**THE HOPE CHOICE: Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him, and that He has the power to help me change.**

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**OUR PATHS** to comfort and hope: mask my brokenness any way I can.

**GOD'S PATH** to comfort and hope: mourn my brokenness in the presence of the God who loves me and let His presence and power renovate my life.

"For the kind of sorrow God wants us to experience leads us away from sin and results in salvation."  
II Corinthians 7:10

"Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me." Psalm 23:4

### 1. See who God really is

"Who then will condemn us? No one—for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and he is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand pleading for us."  
Romans 8:34

"But you, O Lord, are a God of compassion and mercy, slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love and faithfulness."  
Psalm 86:15

"My dear child, don't shrug off God's discipline, but don't be crushed by it either. It's the child he loves that he disciplines; the child he embraces, he also corrects."  
Hebrews 12:5,6 (The Message)

### 2. See who I really am

"For all have sinned: all fall short of God's glorious standard."  
Romans 3:23

"God in his gracious kindness declares us not guilty. He has done this through Christ Jesus, who has freed us by taking away our sins."  
Romans 3:24

"For you have died to this life, and your real life is hidden with Christ in God."  
Colossians 3:3

### 3. See how God can change me.

"For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases Him."  
Philippians 2:13

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