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<sup>24</sup> This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

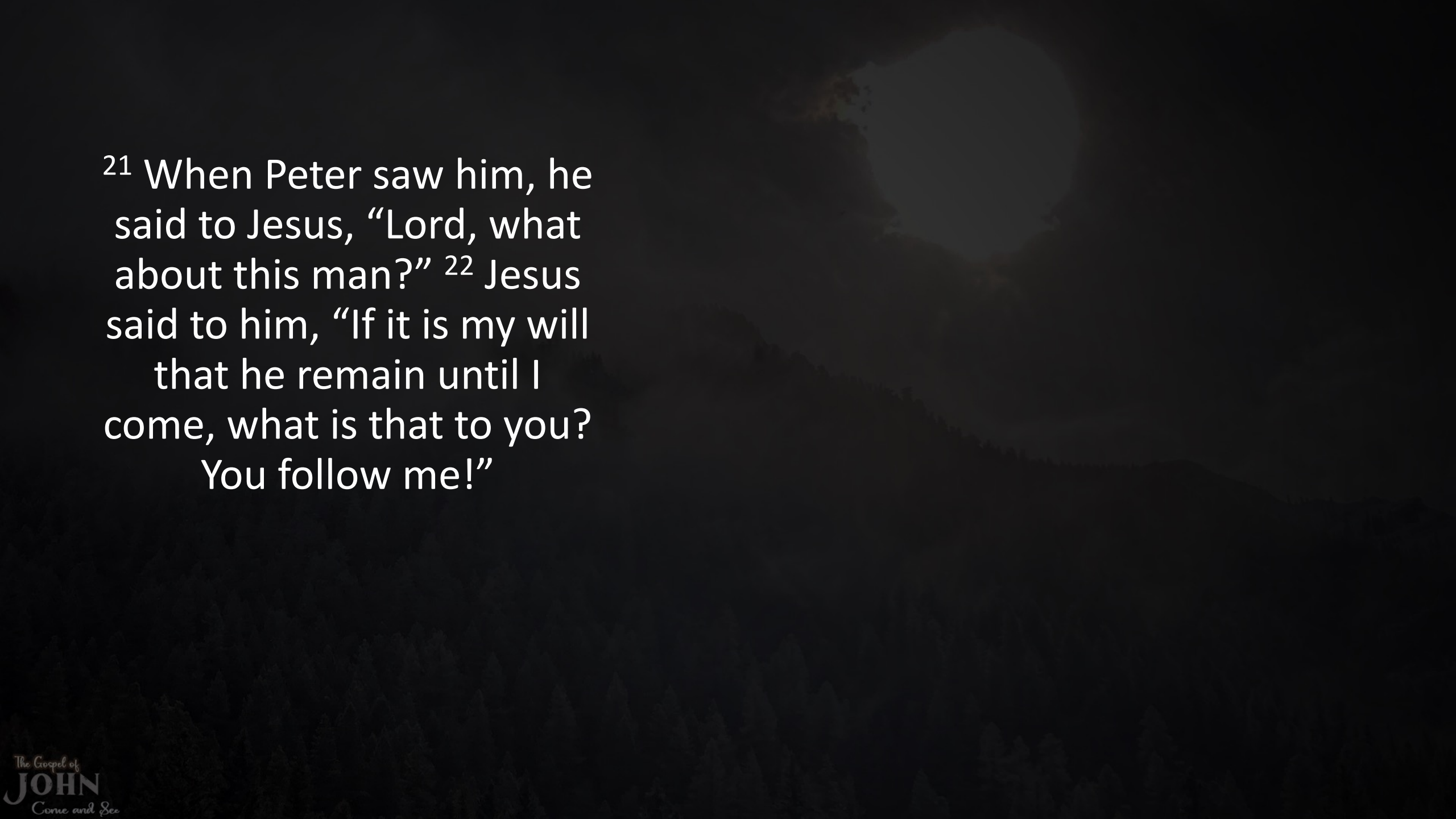
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## **1) Face to Face With Jesus**

- a) Nicodemus in the Dark (Jn 3)*
- b) Outcast Woman at the Well (Jn 4)*
- c) Hopeless Man at Bethesda (Jn 5)*
- d) The Woman Caught and Shamed (Jn 8)*
- e) Mary & Martha at Lazarus' Tomb (Jn 11)*

## **2) Jesus' Redemption and Restoration**

# Nicodemus: Spiritual Darkness

## John 3

<sup>1</sup> Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him.” <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

**Jesus, who are you?**

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John 3:16  
For God so loved the  
world, that he gave  
his only Son, that  
whoever believes in  
him should not perish  
but have eternal life.



# Woman at the Well: Spiritual Outcast

<sup>7</sup> A woman from Samaria came to draw water (at noon).



Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” <sup>9</sup> The Samaritan woman said to him, “How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?”

**“Unclean”**

- Samaritan
- *Adulterous*
- *Woman*



# Woman at the Well: Spiritual Outcast

Jeremiah 2:13

for my people have committed two evils:  
they have forsaken me,  
the fountain of living waters,  
and hewed out cisterns for themselves,  
broken cisterns that can hold no water.

## My Waters

What Gives Me Life  
“I couldn’t go on living  
if I lost...”

## Addictions

Fear of Running Out  
Can’t Live Without  
Can’t Live With

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<sup>13</sup> Jesus said to her, “Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, <sup>14</sup> but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” <sup>15</sup> The woman said to him, “Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water.”





# Man at Bethesda Pool: Spiritual Desperation

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Despairing

Impossible



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Steps going down





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Jesus said to him, “Do you want to be healed?”  
“Get up, take up your bed, and walk.”

# Woman Caught: Spiritual Adultery

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Hitting the Bottom

Fear

Shame

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(Jesus said) “Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?”

<sup>11</sup> She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.”



# Lazarus, Mary & Martha: Spiritual Death

<sup>17</sup> Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb *four days*.

<sup>32</sup> Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” <sup>33</sup> When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup> And he said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup> Jesus wept.

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“It’s one of the most remarkable moments in the whole gospel story...that when we look at Jesus, not least when we look at Jesus in tears, we are seeing not just a flesh-and-blood human being, but the Word made flesh. The Word, through whom the worlds were made, weeps like a baby at the grave of his friend. Only when we stop and ponder this will we understand the full mystery of John’s gospel. Only when we put away our high and dry pictures of who God is and replace them with pictures in which the Word who is God can cry with the world’s crying will we discover what the word ‘God’ really means.”

N.T Wright, “John for Everyone”

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<sup>43</sup> When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out.” <sup>44</sup> The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth.

“Cried out with a loud voice” = “Mega-Shouted”



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## John 11

<sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” <sup>27</sup> She said to him, “Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world.”

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Romans 6

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.



Sin



Remade



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“In our nagging state of thirst for paradise lost, what do we drink? Saltwater. We consume things that look and feel and sound like they can quench our thirst. They promise unmatched pleasure. They promote limitless comfort, joy, strength, peace, and excitement. They vow to remove our fears, tears, worries, guilt, and shame. They pledge to fill the voids in our hearts and soothe our aching souls. They promise paradise. But they can't deliver. We drink them, but our thirst remains unquenched. In fact, we are left thirstier. And we experience devastating hangovers — negative spiritual, emotional, physical, and relational consequences — as a result.”

Steve Hoppe “Sipping Saltwater”

# Jesus: Spiritual Redemption and Restoration

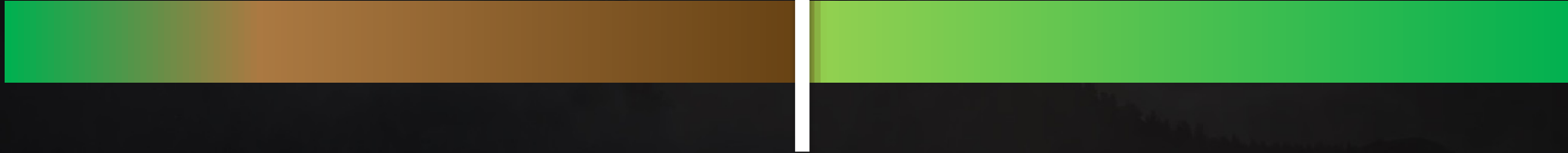
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Dry Season

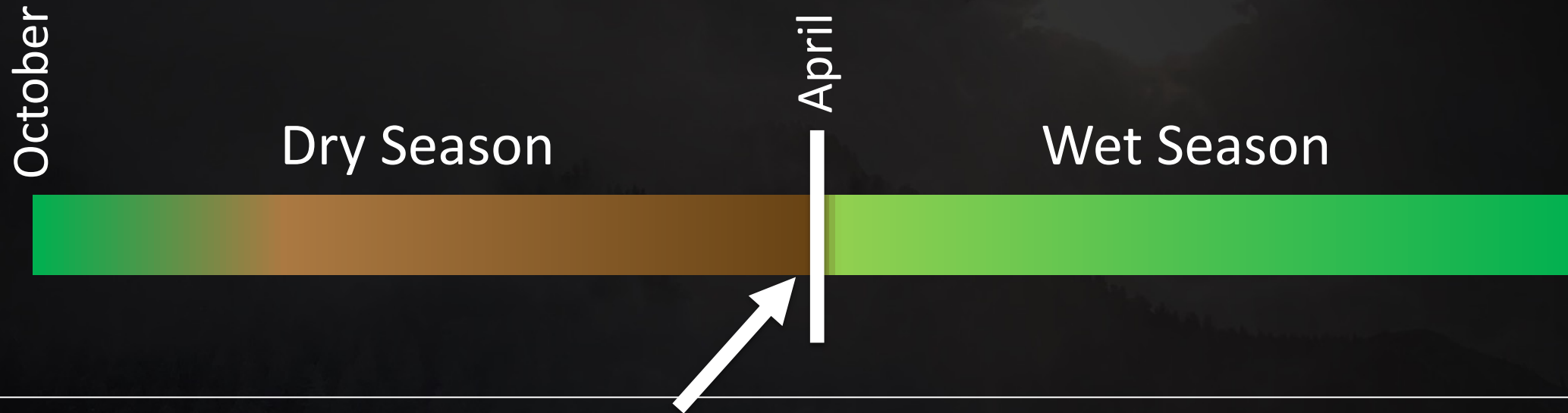
April

Wet Season



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This Feast was during the last week of the Dry Season. They would plead with God to give rain so that they could survive.

“Growing up on a ranch in Central Texas during the 1950’s drought, I never get tired of rain.” – My Dad



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*The Driest Day of the Year*

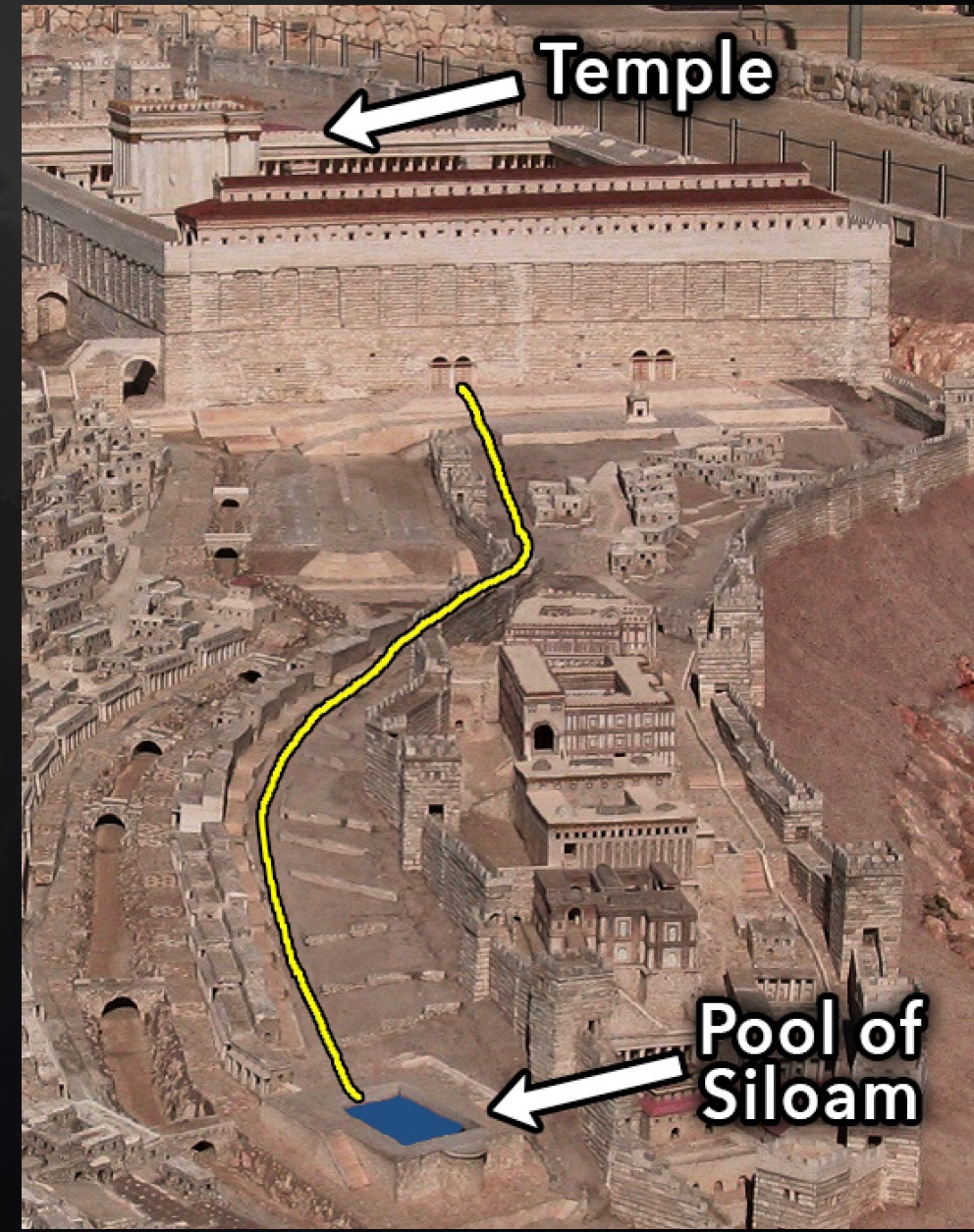
*Seven Water Trips*

*Pool of Siloam ("The Sent One")*

*Waving Palm Branches*

*The Crowds Chanting:*

*Hoshana Rabbah*  
*"Save Us, Great God"*

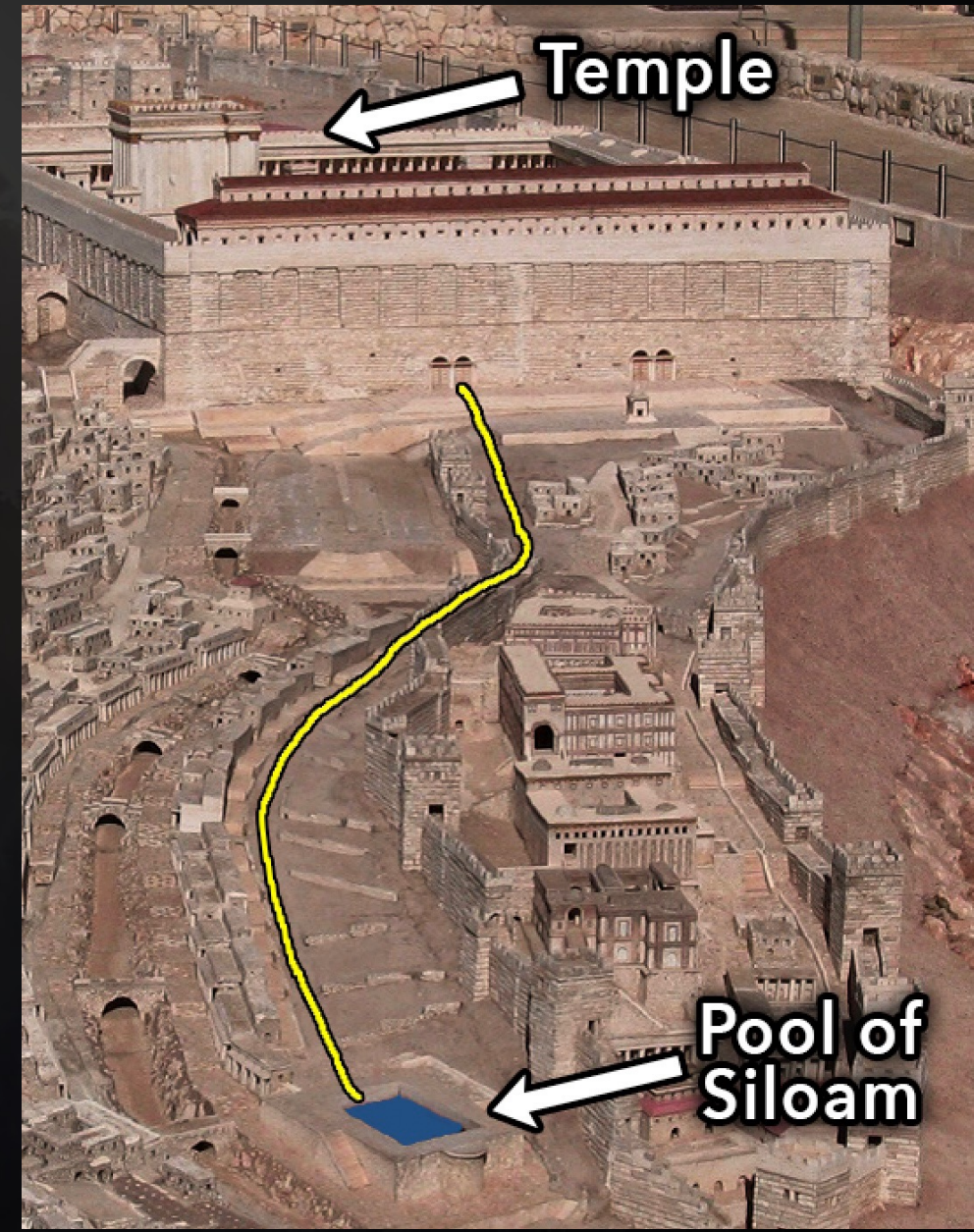




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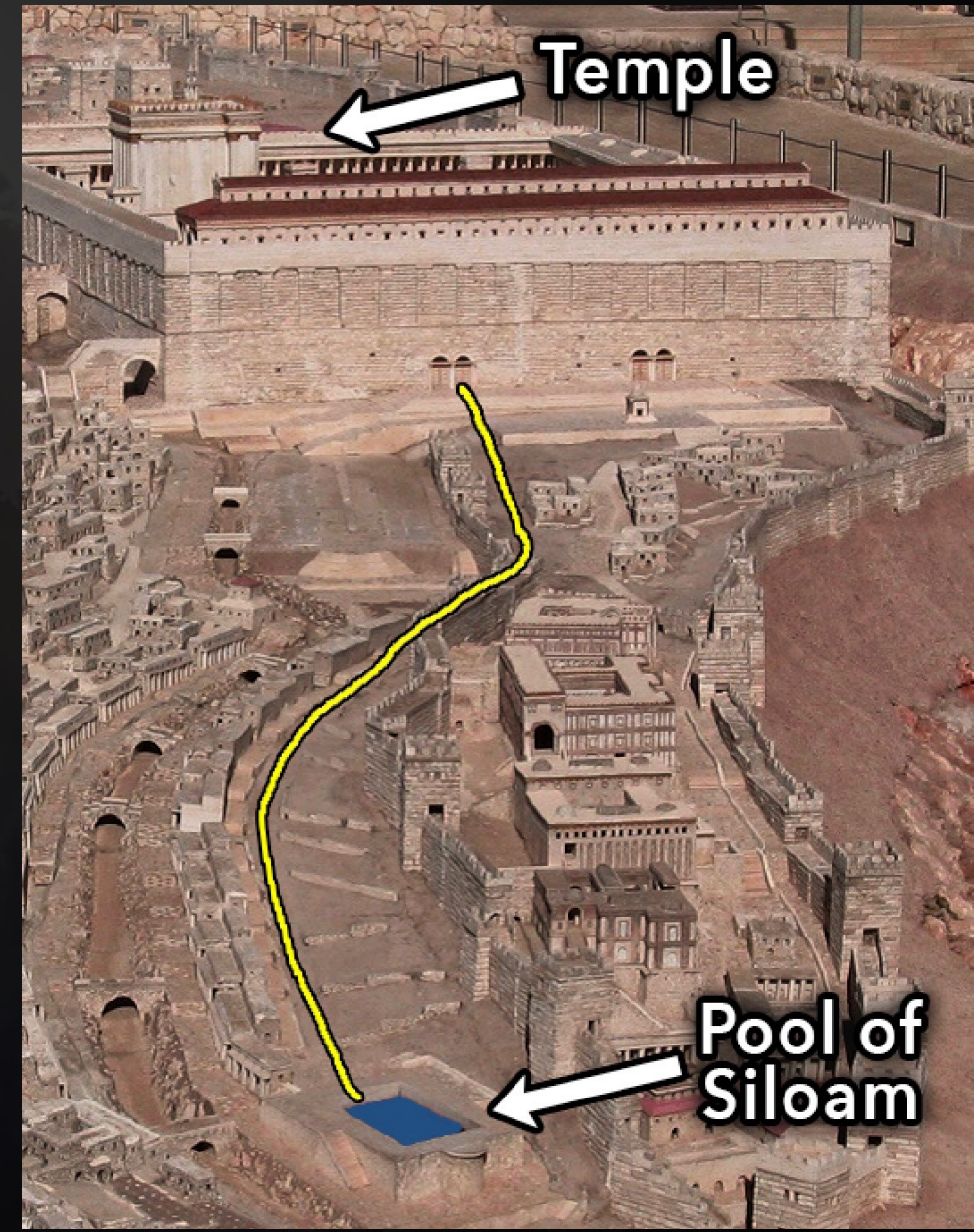


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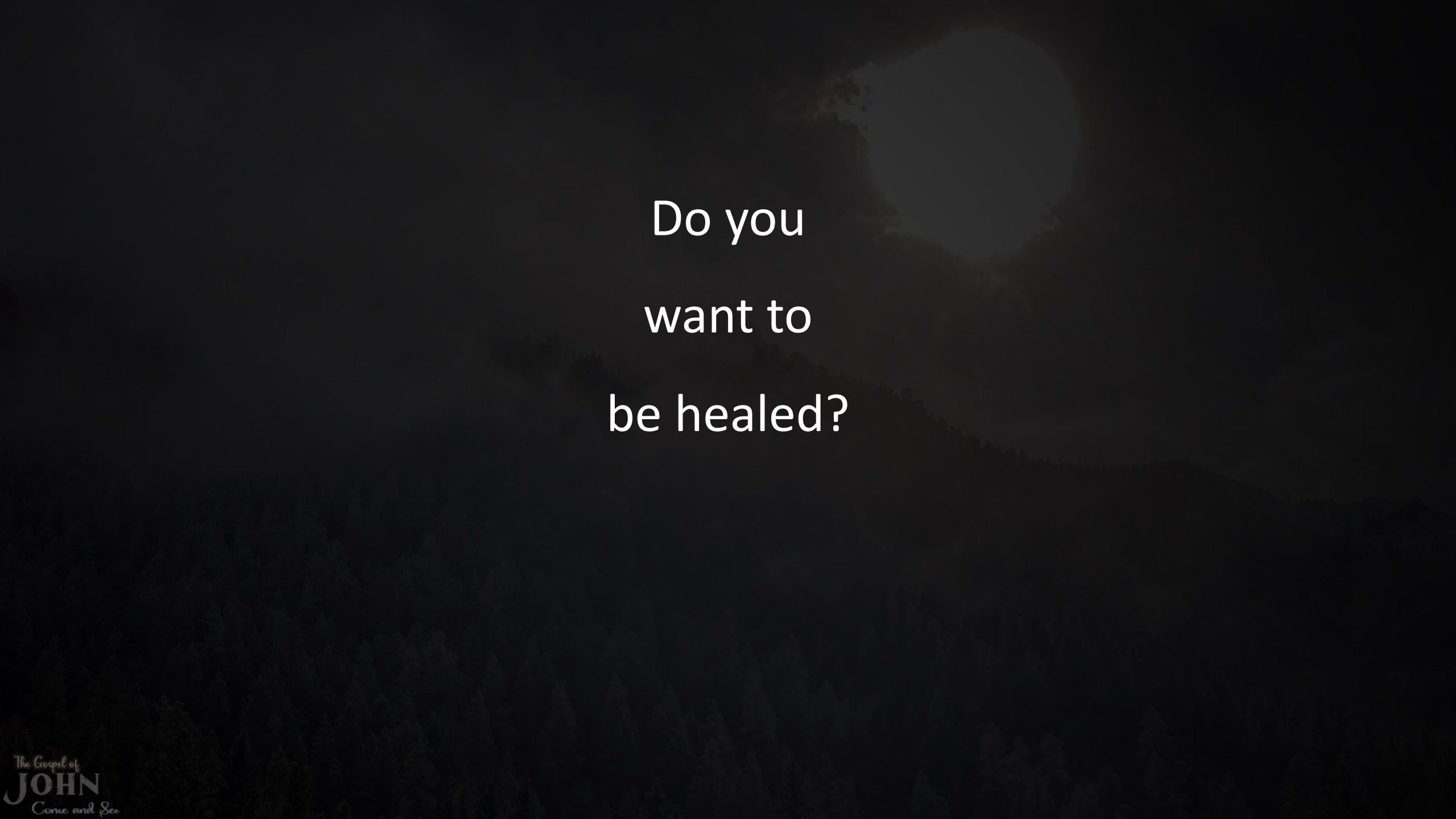
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Jesus meets us exactly where we are,  
healing our ultimate brokenness  
by being broken on the cross,  
making us into a new creation.







Do you  
want to  
be healed?

In the back there is a list of helpful and healing resources for those struggling with trauma or addiction

## Resources for Trauma/Addiction

### Addiction Podcasts

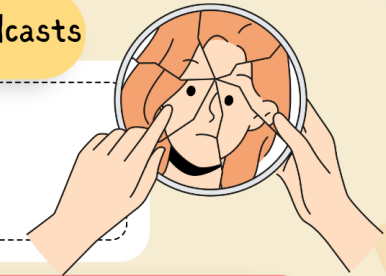


- she recovers -
- One Day at a Time-
- Sober Cast-
- Christians with Secret Addictions-



### Trauma/ Healing Podcasts

- Nothing is Wasted
- The Place We Find Ourselves
- Allender Center
- The Jar



### Books (not a therapy substitute)



- The Wounded Heart
- The Soul of Shame
- Redeeming Heartache
- Grace in Addiction
- Whiter than Snow
- A Shelter in the Time of Storm

- \*Living Sober
- \*Dark Night of the Soul
- \*Suffering is Never for Nothing
- \*Dark Clouds Deep Mercy
- \*The Broken Way
- \*The Lord is My Courage

- \*The Body Keeps Score
- \* Hope in Times of Fear
- \*Future Grace
- \*Walking with God through Pain and Suffering



### Coaching and Group Therapy



- Celebrate Recovery --crtransylvania@gmail.com
- Sherecovers.org - all addictions coaching
- aa.org- meeting finder- drug and alcohol- free
- trinityrecoverycoaching.org -donation based/Christian
- www.hannahellislcsw.com -telehealth and walk n talk

- \*kairoschristiancoaching.com
- \* Leslie Libby/Trauma Focused Narrative Story Coach- Grace Brevard
- \* globalcounselingnetwork.com
- \*nelsonchristiancounseling.com



# The Shema

Shema Israel  
Adonai eloheinu  
Adonai echad.  
Ve'ahavta et Adonai eloheykha  
b'khol-levavkha  
Uve'khol naphshekha  
Uve'khol me'odekha.  
Ve'ahavta le'reacha Kamocha  
Amen

Hear O Israel  
The LORD is our God  
The LORD Alone  
Love the LORD Your God  
With all your heart  
And with all your soul  
And with all your might  
And Love your neighbor as yourself  
Amen