

set APART



SET APART TO REPENT.

Sin.

Brokenness.

Missing the mark. Feeling off. Making mistakes. Absolutely sucking.

No matter what you call it - we've all sinned and we've all been hurt by the effects of other people's sin. Sin rarely effects just you - and the effects can be devastating.

As Jesus followers, we're called to respond differently to hurt, brokenness and sin. We're called to repentance.

So what is repentance?

It's feeling genuine sorrow over your actions, asking forgiveness, and then seeking to live differently. Repentance isn't saying you're sorry and then living perfectly from there on out. It simply means, with help from the Holy Spirit, we're going forward with a complete 180 degree change of heart.

In repentance and with that change of heart, we can respond differently to other people's brokenness as well. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, we can begin to forgive, comfort, and even genuinely love people who are hurting or have hurt us in the past.

IN THE BIBLE.

2 Samuel 12:7-14

The Lord, the God of Israel, says: I anointed you king of Israel and saved you from the power of Saul. 8 I gave you your master's house and his wives and the kingdoms of Israel and Judah. And if that had not been enough, I would have given you much, much more. 9 Why, then, have you despised the word of the Lord and done this horrible deed? For you have murdered Uriah the Hittite with the sword of the Ammonites and stolen his wife. 10 From this time on, your family will live by the sword because you have despised me by taking Uriah's wife to be your own.

11 "This is what the Lord says: Because of what you have done, I will cause your own household to rebel against you. I will give your wives to another man before your very eyes, and he will go to bed with them in public view. 12 You did it secretly, but I will make this happen to you openly in the sight of all Israel."

Then David confessed to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." Nathan replied, "Yes, but the Lord has forgiven you, and you won't die for this sin. 14 Nevertheless, because you have shown utter contempt for the word of the Lord by doing this, your child will die."

2 Corinthians 7:9-11

9 yet now I am happy, not because you were made sorry, but because your sorrow led you to repentance. For you became sorrowful as God intended and so were not harmed in any way by us. 10 Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death. 11 See what this godly sorrow has produced in you: what earnestness, what eagerness to clear yourselves, what indignation, what alarm, what longing, what concern, what readiness to see justice done.

Luke 5:31-32

Jesus answered them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.”

1 Corinthians 1:3-4

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.

QUESTIONS.

- 1.** How are people naturally inclined to respond when they sin or are hurt by other people's sins?
- 2.** How are followers of Jesus called to respond to sin? Their own? Others'?
- 3.** Unpack the concept of repentance.
- 4.** On Sunday, Pastor Adam talked about how our role as Christians includes offering comfort to others - what are some ways we can comfort others?

Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:

- 1.** What does this tell you about God?
- 2.** What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
- 3.** How is this going to change who you are and how you live?