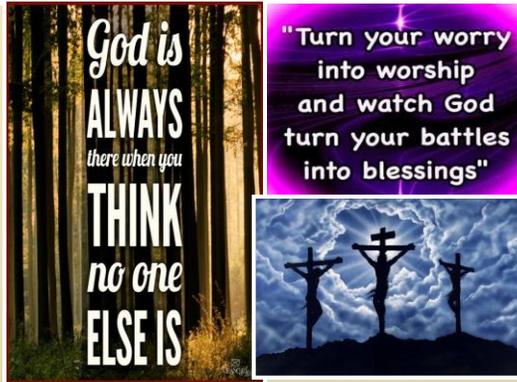


## Serenity Prayer

God grant me the  
serenity to accept the things  
I cannot change;  
courage to change the  
things I can;  
and wisdom to know  
the difference.

Living one day at a time;  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardships as the  
pathway to peace;  
Taking, as Jesus did,  
this sinful world  
as it is, not as I would have it;  
Trusting that He will make all  
things right  
if I surrender to Your Will;  
That I may be reasonably happy  
in this life  
and supremely happy with You  
Forever in the next.  
Amen.  
-Reinhold Niebuhr



### Hurts, Hang-ups, and Habits

Generally, a hurt, habit or hang-up can be anything that keeps you from realizing your full potential as a person.

Hurts, habits and hang-ups can knock you off of God's plan and throw you into a worldly detour headed toward destruction and despair.

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GOT BAGGAGE?



## Tuesday's

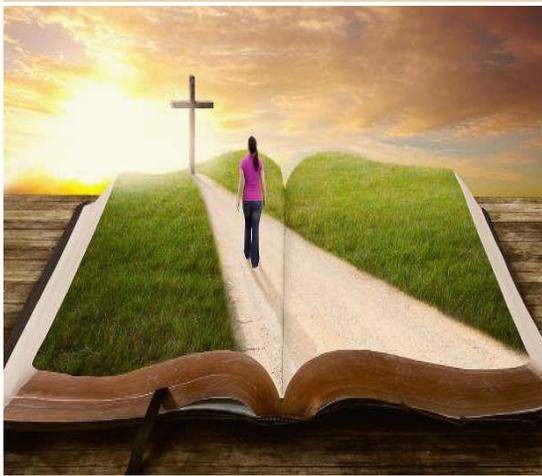
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# Why Do We Need Celebrate Recovery?

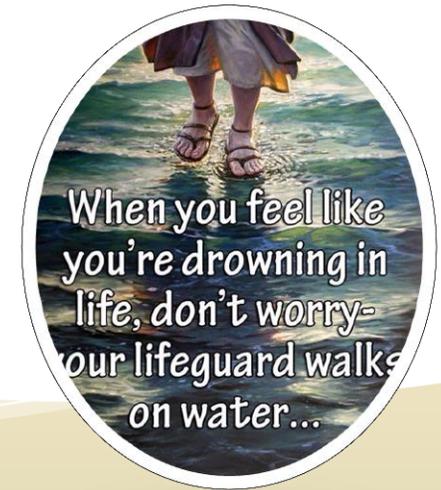
The Bible clearly states “all have sinned.” It is my nature to sin, and it is yours too. None of us is untainted. Because of sin, The Bible clearly states “all have sinned.” It is my nature to sin, and it is yours too. None of us is untainted. Because of sin, we’ve all hurt ourselves, we’ve all hurt other people, and others have hurt us. This means each of us need repentance and recovery in order to live our lives the way God intended.

You’ve undoubtedly heard the expression that “time heals all wounds.” Unfortunately, it isn’t true. As a pastor I frequently talk with people who are still carrying hurts from 30 or 40 years ago. The truth is – time often makes things worse. Wounds that are left untended fester and spread infection throughout your entire body. Time only extends the pain if the problem isn’t dealt with.

Rick Warren



# Celebrate Recovery



## The Road to Recovery

Based on the Beatitudes

**Realize I'm not God:** I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and my life is unmanageable. (Step 1)  
*"Happy are those who know they are spiritually poor." Matthew 5:3*

**Earnestly believe that God exists,** that I matter to Him, and that He has the power to help me recover. (Step 2)  
*"Happy are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Mathew 5:4*

**Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.** (Step3)  
*"Happy are the meek." Matthew 5:5*

**Openly examine and confess my faults to myself, to God, and to someone I trust.** (Steps 4 & 5)  
*"Happy are the pure in heart." Matthew 5:8*

**Voluntarily submit to every change God wants to make in my life and humbly ask Him to remove my character defects.** (Steps 6 & 7)  
*"Happy are those whose greatest desire is to do what God requires." Matthew 5:6*

**Evaluate all my relationships.** Offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me and make amends for harm I've done to others, except when to do so would harm them or others. (Steps 8 & 9)  
*"Happy are the merciful." "Happy are the peacemakers." Matthew 5:7, 9*

**Reserve a daily time with God for self-examination, Bible reading, and prayer in order to know God and His will for my life and to gain the power to follow His will.** (Steps 10 & 11)  
**Yield myself to God to be used to bring this Good News to others, both by my example and by my words.** (Step 12)  
*"Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God*