

Restoring Hearts to Scripture

Reconnecting with God's
words after they were used
to hurt

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Stories of hurt



It is important that we gently reengage wounded hearts with God's Word in ways that heal and restore hope.

- 1. Give people words**
- 2. Honor their wounds**
- 3. Showcase the gentleness of Jesus**

Capturing the story

What happened?

Talked at

Earnest errors

Compounding suffering

Dispensing detached truth

Oppressive use of Scripture

He heals
the
broken-
hearted
& binds
up their
wounds.

Psalm 147:3

Honoring wounds

Wounds are tender

Learn: size, depth & shape

Allow expressions of pain

Twelve tendencies

Oppression obscures who God is

Jesus' invitation

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, ***for I am gentle and humble in heart***, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

Gentle
&
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Jesus' gentleness

Jesus with Peter

(Luke 22:32 & Mark 16:7)

Jesus on the Cross

(John 19:25-27 & Luke 23:34)

Samaritan, hemorrhaging &
adulterous women

Outcasts, sinners, suffering

Embody
Scripture

Our gentleness

With all lowliness and
gentleness, with
longsuffering, bearing with
one another in love (Eph 4:2)

Paul: Be gentle in representing
Jesus

(Gal 4:1, 1 Cor 4:21, 2 Cor 10:1)

Resources

- [Suffering and the Heart of God: How Trauma Destroys and Christ Restores](#) by Diane Langberg.
- [The Subtle Power of Spiritual Abuse: Recognizing and Escaping Spiritual Manipulation and False Spiritual Authority Within the Church](#) by David Johnson and Jeff VanVonderen
- [Shame Interrupted](#) by Ed Welch
- [Exposing Spiritual Abuse](#) by Mike Fehlauer
- [Spiritual Abuse: Religion at Its Worst](#) by June Hunt
- [Spiritual Abuse Recovery: Dynamic Research on Finding a Place of Wholeness](#) by Barbara M. Orlowski
- [Faith That Hurts, Faith That Heals/Understanding the Fine Line Between Healthy Faith and Spiritual Abuse](#) by Stephen Arterburn and Jack Felton
- [Reformed "Spotlight": What is Spiritual Abuse? | HeadHeartHand Blog](#) by David Murray
- [Domestic Abuse](#) by Darby Strickland