

Opening:

- Tell the story of scraping my arm on the skateboard... and you can see slight scars now.... They may never go away.... Coco butter/Vitamin E oil, have not removed the scars.

Scriptures:

1. John 20:19-20, 24-28

Scarred:

- We think we can church (shout, speak in tongues) beyond our pain and trauma.
- We have to deal with the results of the trauma and often wear a mask to cover our hurt.
- Healing/deliverance is often hindered in the church, because we can't be genuine there, we are busily putting on airs, saying, "...we are fine."
- We are often taught, that it's a sign of weak faith if we are not operating from a perfect existence, when HG filled.
- We will not get over some things! We can't even stop the flashbacks. We don't have that level of control!
- Just because we can't get over some things, it doesn't mean that we can't get passed it!
- We must engage in evaluation of the scar – Do you know what your scars mean? If so, it helps to find meaning in the midst of suffering. Meaning helps us to get by the scar.
 - God may never explain why it happened, but guaranteed He will explain what you are to learn from the scar.
- (1) Jesus could have had the scars removed, like he did the wounds from the crown of thorns or scourge wounds, but he didn't!
 - Scars verify that you experienced "it." The evidence of your pain, endurance, and vitality.
 - Scars demonstrate that there is slow healing taking place – healing takes time (so we have to be okay with being wounded) Psalm 147:3
- If you have been on this journey and have no wounds... what's going on? Everyone that God used had been wounded... it is possible to be wounded but the Lord still has his hands on me.
 - Jonah didn't want to help the Ninevites, but God used him.
 - Paul misused people, but God still used him.
 - The woman at the well was looking for love from numerous men
- The scar carries a remedy for the event(s) that you are moving towards.
- Scars testify that we can help someone (20) Disciples had exceeding joy over such!
 - We are so private now, that we don't want to tell anyone anything – "I need my privacy."
 - To deny the scar, denies us of the power they give us.
 - Have you been scared/embarrassed to tell your testimony? And have the HG not let you go, until you share it!
- What would the church look like, if people could present themselves unhindered because believers would openly share where the Lord has brought them from?
- Jesus comes back 8 days later to convince a doubting believer, Didymus (doubting Thomas)

Scriptures:

1. I John 3:8b – "...for this purpose, the son of God was manifest, for this reason I came, to destroy the works of the Devil..."
2. III John 2 – "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things, just as your soul prospers..."
3. St. John 10:10 - "...the thief cometh but to kill, still and destroy (the Devil thinks he is the destroyer – NOT, God is), but I am come that you might have life and have life more abundantly.
4. Psalm 51:5-6 – Behold I was brought forth in iniquity and in sin my mother conceived me.

5. Psalm 19:12 – Who can understand his errors?
6. St. John 5:1-9 “...wilt thou be made whole...”
7. Psalm 34:19 – “¹⁹ Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all.”
8. II Corinthians 5:21 – “For he hath made him *to be* sin for us, who knew no sin; that **we might be made** (wholeness process) the righteousness of God in him.”
9. II Cor. 10:4-5 – “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds; ⁵Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.
10. Rom. 12:1-2 - I beseech you therefore by the mercies of God that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.
11. Psalm 119:59 - I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies.

Wholeness:

- (1) Wholeness: the state of forming a complete and harmonious whole; unity; the state of being unbroken or damaged.
- If we get saved, but never get whole, we are leaving blessings on the table. Salvation is promised and is great, but wholeness is when things get to be a blessing and we walk according to our calling in God. (2) (3)
- Do we really know, who we are? Or do we think we know? There is a measure of ignorance about who we are. (Paul, says, I haven’t arrived, not as though I have attained, or am already perfect, I press towards the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus – Phil. 3 – Paul is trying to figure out who he is in God’s sight.)
 - I am not who I think I am and often not who others think I am... my only concern should be, who does God think I am!
- Our inner mirror has to project who we are.... Make sure we aren’t looking at a cracked inner mirror – what we think we are projecting, less than that I really am. (4) (5)
- We get saved, but spend a lifetime on the renewal process. (saved spirit, but a crazy mind) (11)
- What I don’t know about me is what is getting the best of me. And being damaged (broken) is what begins to feel normal.
- Through the process of wholeness we should draw closer to God and learn things about ourselves and unlearn what we need to, so we can draw closer to God and experience His peace. (7)
- David was self-aware, we have a difficult time saying we are broken – as though that equates with not being saved.
- The lie we tell ourselves and the three excuses we make:
 - that we think we are whole already,
 - being whole is not that important -being saved is enough,
 - I’m Okay and We know and God knows when we are not okay.
- We make excuses for why we can’t be whole when we blame others. (6)
- Three things wholeness provides us: (8) (9)
 - Provides a new lease on life – “...as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he...” – how you see yourself impacts our experience.
 - Breaks generational curses and will release generational blessings – determine what you are not going to pass down; I’m getting free and my offspring will be free; what giant will you slay in your generation so the next generation will not have to deal with it.
 - Brings Restoration – aligning with God’s intention for us, permits us to experience His intentions for us – It’s never too late; there is no life in regret, so don’t live in it.

- Will you give God back what He saved you for? He saved us so we could reflect his image, as no other creature can!
- Wholeness begins with the heart - - God wants to change our lives from the inside out.
- Wholeness is accomplished in our heads – We must identify the pattern that resulted in the outcome that we don't like...this is how we unlearn some things.
- Wholeness is proven through your hands (Rom. 12: 1-2) Believing doesn't get you transformed, surrendering gets you transformed. (10)

Closing Song

You thought I was worth saving, So you came and changed my life,
You thought I was worth keeping, so you came cleaned me up inside
You thought I was to die for, so you sacrificed your life
So I can be free, so I can be whole, so I can tell everyone I know.
Hallelujah, Glory to God