

Matthew 28:19-20

19) Therefore **go** and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20) and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely **I am with you always**, to the very end of the age.”

1. [Group]

WHAT KEEPS US FROM SHARING????

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1. We don't feel **competent**
2. We don't feel **confident**

COMPETENT:

- Having suitable or sufficient skill or quantity of, knowledge, experience, etc., for some purpose.
- properly qualified

CONFIDENT:

- Having strong belief or full assurance;
- sure of oneself; having no uncertainty about one's own abilities

Luke 8:4-8

(4) While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: (5) “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. (6) Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. (7) Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants.

Luke 8:4-8

(8) Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.”

**When he said this, he called out,
“Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”**

?? SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN??

Luke 8:9-15

(9) His disciples asked him what this parable meant. (10) He said, “The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, ‘though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.’

Luke 8:9-15

(11) “This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. (12) Those along **the path** are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. (13) Those on the **rocky ground** are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away.

Luke 8:9-15

(14) The seed that fell among **thorns** stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.

(15) But the seed on **good soil** stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

What's common in all 4 scenarios?

1. The seed was casted

2. They all HEAR & RECEIVE!

**WHAT DOES JESUS LEAVE OUT OF
THE STORY?**

13.

**It is NOT our responsibility to
prepare someone's heart or figure
out the condition of their heart!**

**It is NOT our responsibility to make
sure it lands on good soil.**

**Our responsibility is to CAST THE
SEED!**

OIKOS

Describes your social group; those in your rhythm of life who you regularly interact with.

EX: Family (Household)

Neighbor

Coworker

Waiter/waitress

Cashier (Grocery Store)

Hair Salon/Barber

Teacher

CONFIDENT & COMPETENT

1. Your Story

2. God's Story

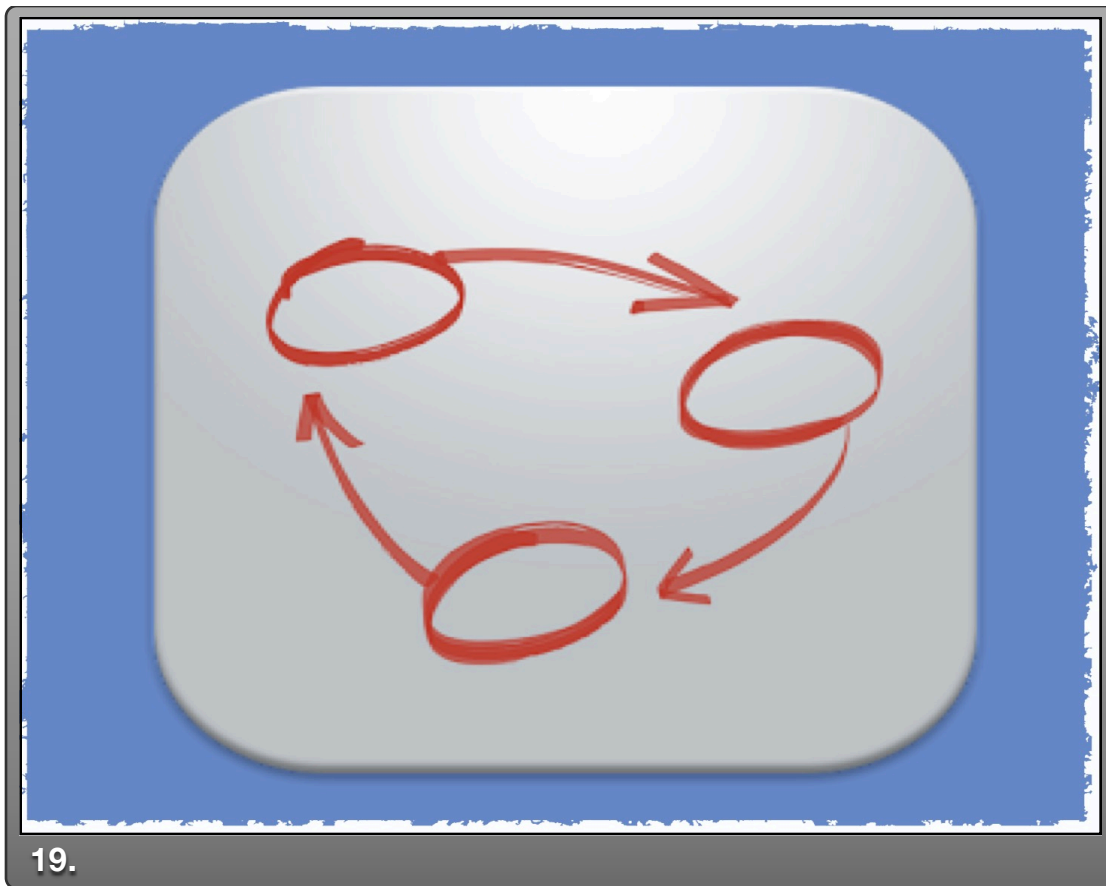
OUR STORY

3 main parts in our story:

1. My life before Christ.
2. How I met Christ.
3. How my life has changed since I met Christ.

2 examples that outline 3 parts of a testimony:

- 1. Paul's testimony in Acts 9**
- 2. Demon Possessed Man in Luke 8:26-39**



19.

3 CIRCLES

- 1. God's Perfect Design**
- 2. Brokenness**
- 3. His Solution: The Gospel**



21.

GOD'S DESIGN

PURPOSE

JOY

HOPE

FREEDOM

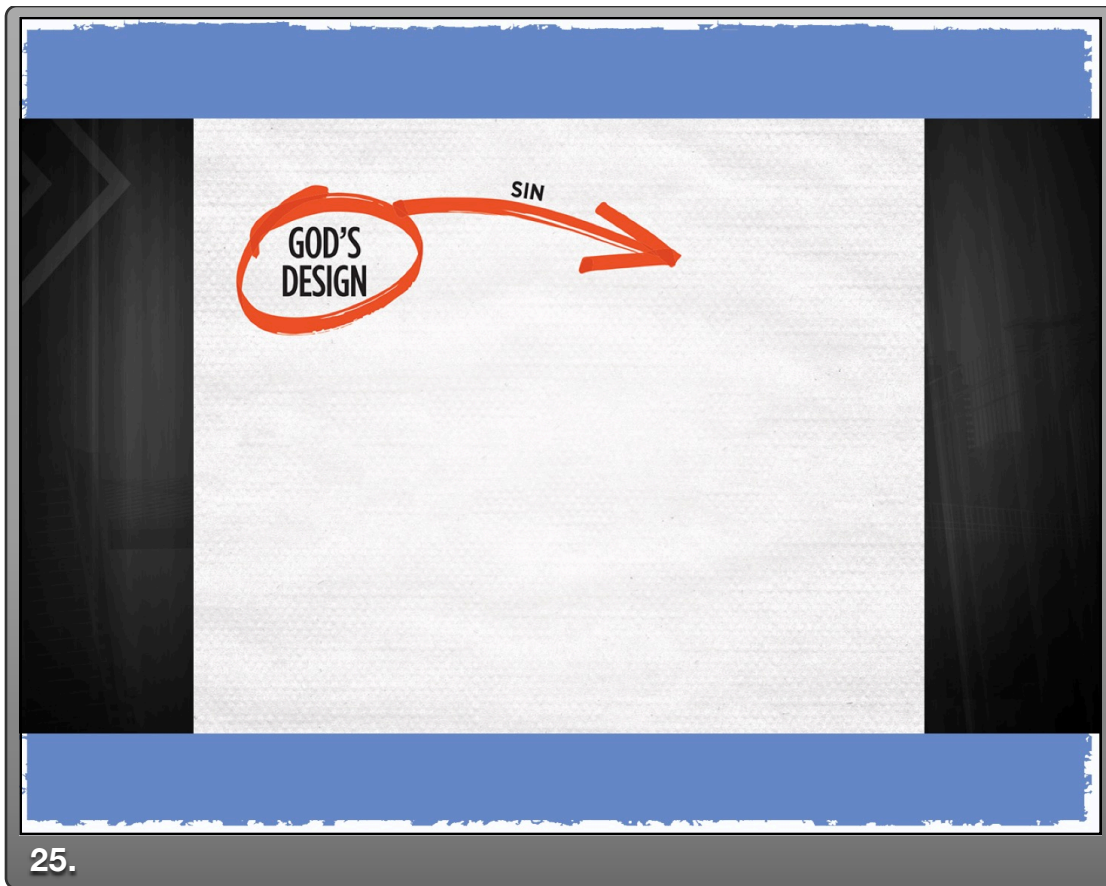
PEACE

THE BEGINNING

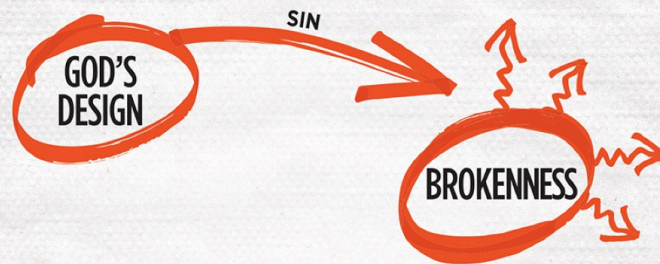
- **GENESIS 1:1** “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”
- ***PSALM 19:1** “The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.”

ACTS 17:25-28

“...he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. 26 From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands. 27 God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 28 ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’”



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GENESIS 2:15-17

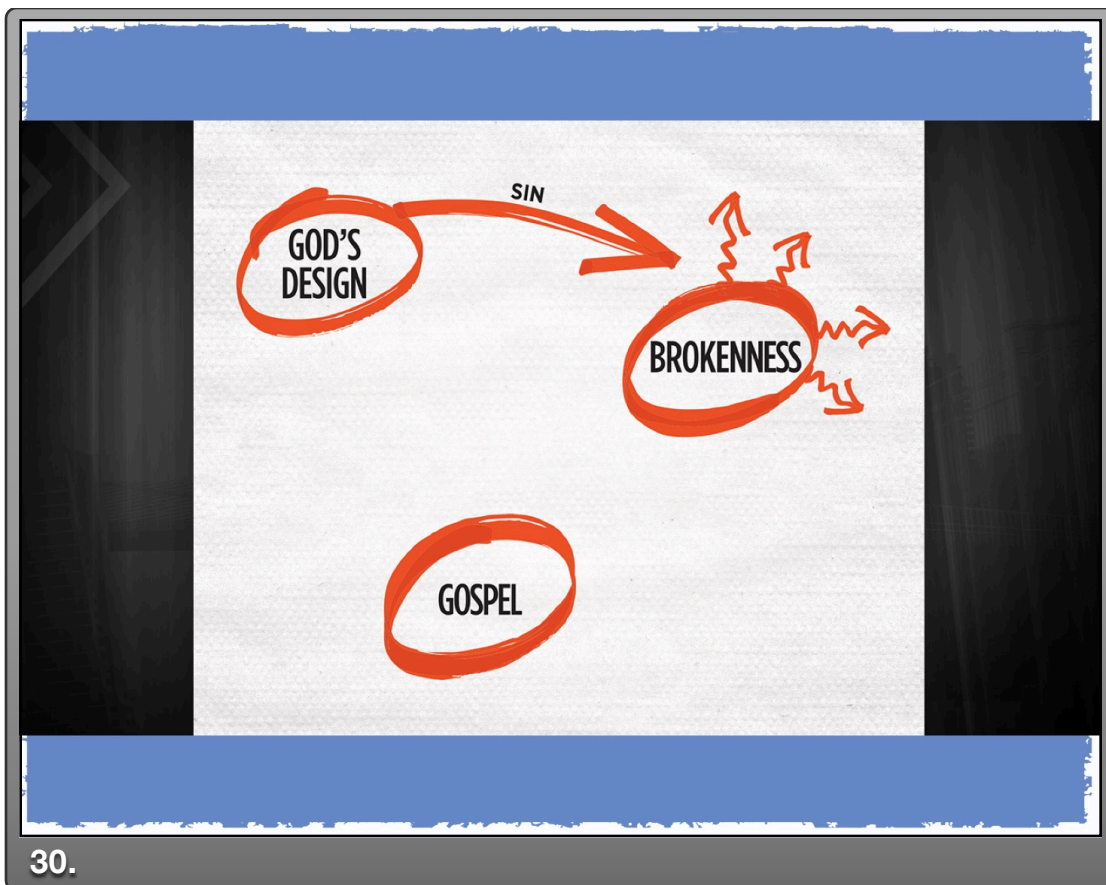
- **15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. 16 And the Lord God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; 17 but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”**

GENESIS 3:17

- **17 To Adam He said “Because you listened to your wife and ate fruit from the tree about which I commanded you, ‘You must not eat from it,’ Cursed is the ground because of you...”**

ROMANS 5:12

- “...sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin...”



MATTHEW 1:20-21

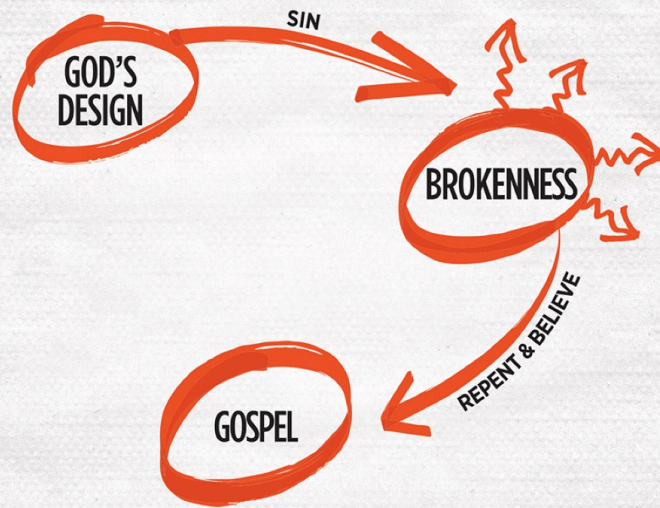
- 20 an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, “Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because what is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. 21 She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.”

ACTS 10:37-38

- 37 You know what has happened throughout the province.... 38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and
- how he went around doing good and healing.....”

JOHN 5:18

- **18 For this reason they tried all the more to kill him.....he was even calling God his own Father, making himself equal with God.**



ROMANS 3:23-24

- **23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.**

ROMANS 5:6

- **6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly**

JOHN 3:16

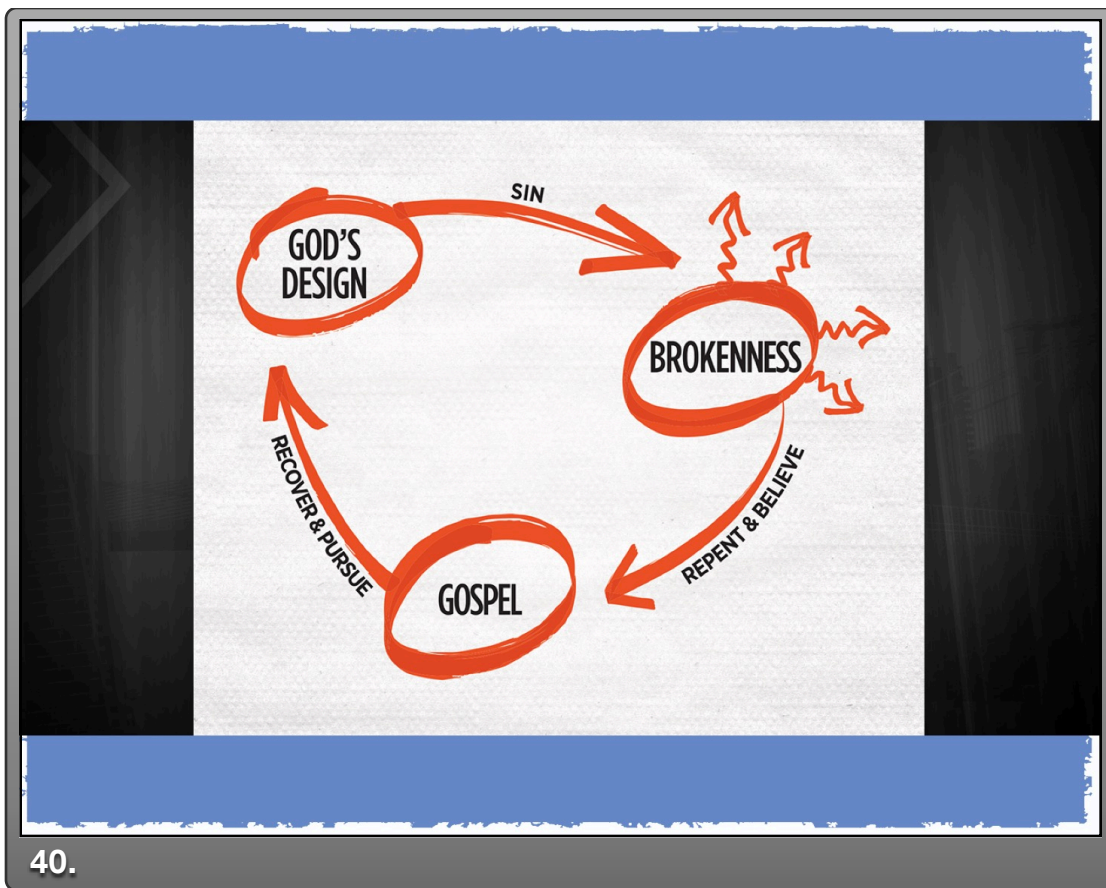
16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

ACTS 3:19

- **“Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.”**

ROMANS 10:9

- **9 If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.**



JOHN 10:10

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

JOHN 14:16

16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever— 17 the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. 18 I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

ACTS 1:8

- **But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses.....to the ends of the earth.”**

ASK

- 1. WHERE ARE YOU?
- 2. WHERE WOULD YOU RATHER BE?