



Repairs

...for Broken Places

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Nuggets for Navigating

- RESOURCES - (Gotta make that money)
- RELATIONSHIPS - (Life's most complex maze)
- READINESS - (Living By Design)
- REVELATION - (Who told you so?)
- RIDDLES - (When My World Is Shaking)
- REVERENCE - (Have You Ever Been in Love?)
- RESULTS - (Life is No TV Show)
- **REPAIRS - (...for broken places)**

Proverbs 1

- 1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:
- 2 To know wisdom and instruction,
To perceive the words of understanding,
- 3 To receive the instruction of wisdom,
Justice, judgment, and equity;
- 4 To give prudence to the simple,
To the young man knowledge and discretion—

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- 5 A wise *man* will hear and increase learning, And a man of understanding will attain wise counsel,
- 6 To understand a proverb and an enigma,
The words of the wise and their riddles.
- 7 The fear of the LORD *is* the beginning of knowledge,
But fools despise wisdom and instruction.
- 8 My son, hear the instruction of your father,
And do not forsake the law of your mother;
- 9 For they *will be* a graceful ornament on your head,
And chains about your neck.

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- 20 Wisdom calls aloud outside; She raises her voice in the open squares.
- 21 She cries out in the chief concourses At the openings of the gates in the city She speaks her words:
- 22 “ How long, you simple ones, will you love simplicity? For scorners delight in their scorning, And fools hate knowledge.
- 23 Turn at my rebuke; Surely I will pour out my spirit on you; I will make my words known to you.
- 24 Because I have called and you refused,
I have stretched out my hand and no one regarded,

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- 25 Because you disdained all my counsel,
And would have none of my rebuke,
- 26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your terror comes,
- 27 When your terror comes like a storm, And your destruction comes like a whirlwind, When distress and anguish come upon you.
- 28 “ Then they will call on me, but I will not answer;
They will seek me diligently, but they will not find me.
- 29 Because they hated knowledge
And did not choose the fear of the LORD,

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30 They would have none of my counsel *And* despised my every rebuke.

31 Therefore they shall eat the fruit of their own way, And be filled to the full with their own fancies.

32 For the turning away of the simple will slay them, And the complacency of fools will destroy them;

33 But whoever listens to me will dwell safely, And will be secure, without fear of evil."

- Lord, I pray that the Word, today, would find good soil in my heart.
- I reject the thoughts of offense! Where the light of Your Word exposes my mistakes, I do not take offense. I will change and turn to You, my heavenly Father.
- I reject condemnation! Your Word says, "*That Jesus did not come to condemn people.*" This Word does not come to condemn me, but it comes to heal me.
- I reject accusation! Satan is the accuser of brothers and sisters and this Word does not come to accuse me or abuse me. This Word exposes satan and his lies and I choose to believe and receive the TRUTH.

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God says in His Word, “...blessed *are* my eyes for they see, and my ears for they hear; for many prophets and righteous *men* desired to see what I see, and did not see *it*, and to hear what I hear, and did not hear *it*. (Matthew 13:16)

Therefore I will hide Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against (or miss) the will of God.
(Psalm 119:11-12)

Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your Word today. (Psalm 119:16-18)

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¹⁶Confess *your* trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. James 5:16

The Holy Bible, New King James Version,

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James 5:16 The King James Version,

Fault = sin

“a missing of the mark,” but this meaning is largely lost sight of in the NT. It is the most comprehensive term for moral obliquity. It is used of “sin” as (a) a principle or source of action, or an inward element producing acts

W.E. Vine, Merrill F. Unger and William White, Vine's complete expository dictionary of Old and New Testament words

Fault = trespass

“a false step, a blunder” “to fall away lit., “a fall beside,” used ethically, denotes “a trespass,” a deviation, from uprightness and truth,

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Breaking Points in our heart
will expose the Breaking
Points in our relationships.

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Breaking Points In Relationships begin
with the breaking points in our hearts.

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Insecurity

*“Will you love me even after you
find out what I am really like?”*

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We have broken places in our heart.
The broken places are like the faults in the earth's crust.

From a geological point of view, a fault is a break created by stress in the earth's crust.

Your heart , mind, emotions & life (relationships) are like the earth, which has stress points that break under pressure.

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Where the break occurs is called a fault.
When the break occurs it is called an earthquake.

There are at least three types of stress in the earth's crust. (your life, your relationships)

They are **tension, compression and shearing.**

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Tension
Compression
Shearing

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Psalm 51:5 says,
***“Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and
in sin my mother conceived me.”***

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We still have areas where we have not accessed the full benefits of what Jesus did for us on the cross.

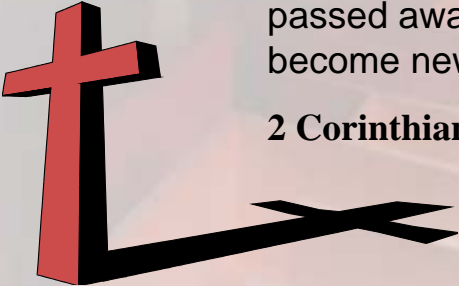
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We have a conflict between theology and our reality.

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Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17

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We're born in this **CONDITION** and **Position**

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A black and white illustration of a hand holding a multi-story building that is crumbling and falling apart. The background is dark and cloudy.

Our souls are in the **POSITION** of righteousness

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A red 3D cross is shown on the left, casting a shadow. On the right is the same black and white illustration of a hand holding a crumbling building.

Our souls are in the **POSITION** of righteousness
And also in the **CONDITION** of renewal.

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....but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him *be* the glory both now and forever. Amen.

2 Peter 3:18

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²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed **by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.


Romans 12:2 The Holy Bible, New King James Version

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We were born with the faults (*weakness in our foundation*), which are passed down from generation to generation.

Without the renewing, it is only a matter of time before the faults erupt under the pressure.



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Tension




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Tension the force that *pulls a (rock, foundation) person apart forcing opposite sides away from each other.*

It is the pressure of being torn between right and wrong.



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¹⁷For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. Gal. 5:17 New King James Version

¹⁷The old sinful nature loves to do evil, which is just opposite from what the Holy Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are opposite from what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are constantly fighting each other, and your choices are never free from this conflict.

Gal. 5:17 New Living Bible

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Tension (tearing) will identify the faults, the places in us that are weak /broken.

This is the place most likely to cave in under this kind of pressure.

That is why fault is not only a behavior, but it is a condition.


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Ask God to show you what tensions are tearing you apart.

Ask the God to show you what tensions are tearing your relationships apart.

(Don't' confuse cause with affect.)



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“We don’t communicate” is the affect or result of something.

No communication is not the cause.

Ask the God to reveal the cause/ reason why “we don’t communicate”

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“Ask the God to reveal your usual response to tension.

Anxiety, anger, depression, overwork, excessive sleep, irritation, impatience, domination (control).

Sex (fantasy, pornography, fornication, adultery, homosexuality), overeating, shopping, alcohol abuse, drug abuse, escapism, withdrawal, suicidal thoughts

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Compressions



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Compression: *the squeezing or crushing affects of life.*

Sometimes the stress on our lives is not necessarily direct enticements to sinful behavior, but it is our response to life itself.

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Do you feel squeezed in by life's everyday issues? The pressures of:

- 1.) Family & Job Responsibility
- 2.) Internal and External Expectations
- 3.) Society Morals and Values
- 4.) Family crisis (terminal illnesses, bankruptcy, etc.)
- 5.) Crisis/events (Lawsuits, divorce, funerals, wedding, graduations, etc.)
- 6.) Demonic/ ungodly spiritual activity

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“Ask the God to reveal your usual response to compression.

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Sex (fantasy, pornography, adultery, homosexuality), eating, shopping, alcohol, drugs, escapism, withdrawal, suicidal thoughts

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Ask God to show you what pressures are compressing you.

Ask God to show you what pressures are compressing your relationships.

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“Ask God to help you with the compression/ tension combination.”

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Shearing




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Shearing: *violent glances of opposite forces against each other, causing tears, and breaks*


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Many of us are not only broken because of the tension of the flesh and the compressions of life, but we have been seriously damaged due to violent encounters in life (shearing).

The natural results of shearing are that parts and pieces are torn off. There is damage, defacing, and destruction. Shearing is result of direct conflict and confrontation.

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Those who grew up under domination, manipulation, intimidation in a home, church, school, with abuse (emotional, verbal, physical or sexual), acts of violence, divorce, or desertion, are faced with the affects of shearing and how it has shaped their outlook on life.

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Some of the worst acts of shearing have been the things we did to ourselves:

Choices that we regret, poor decisions, irrational thinking

Date raped (aggressor), abortion, assaulted someone, molested someone, seduced another person, pranks, hazing, vandalism, etc.

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Shearing handicaps our ability and willingness to go through the many seasons and transitions of life.

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“Ask the God to reveal your heart’s response to shearing.”



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Ask the God to show you what has sheared you.

Ask God to show you what has sheared your relationships.

Ask God to show you how shearing has affected your outlook on life.

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“God is working on me....”



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Philippians 1:6

**He who began a good work in you
He who began a good work in you
Will be faithful to complete it
Will be faithful to complete it
He who started the work
Will be faithful to complete it in you**

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