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FIND YOUR FOCUS

- 1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.
- 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you man discern what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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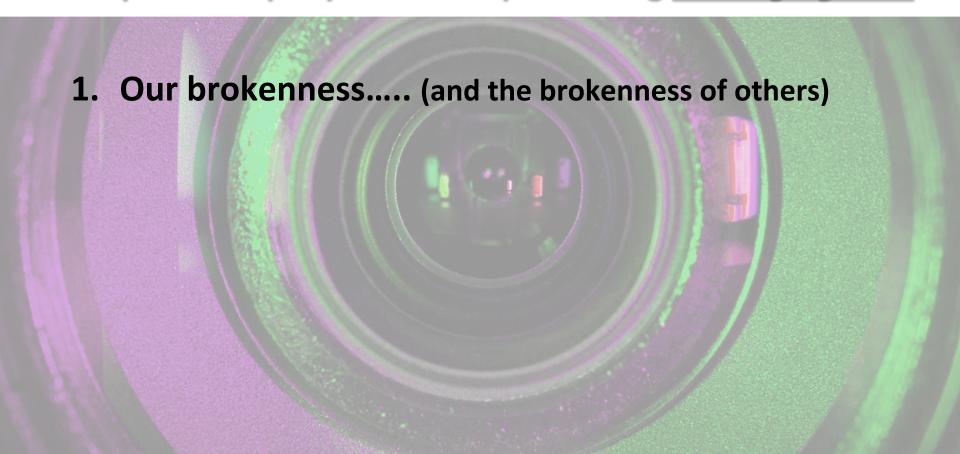
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Genesis 2:15-18

	15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the
	garden of Eden to work it and keep it.
	16 And the Lord God commanded the man, saying,
	"You may surely eat of every tree of the garden,
2	17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil
	you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it
3	you shall surely die."
	18 Then the Lord God said,
	"It is not good that the man should be alone;
	I will make him a helper fit for him."

- 4 But the serpent said to the woman, "'You will not surely die.
- 5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."
- 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

- 7 Then the eyes of both were opened, and they know that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.
- And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden.
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- 10 And he said,
 "I heard the sound of you in the garden,
 and I was afraid, because I was naked,
 and I hid myself."
- 11 He said,
 "Who told you that you were naked?
 Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"
- 12 The man said,
 "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave
 me fruit of the tree, and I ate."

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Hide and Hurl Blame and Shame

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- 1. Our brokenness..... (and the brokenness of others) our sinful independence from God and His good, acceptable and perfect will.
- 2. Our circumstances..... (and the circumstances of others) the situations we experience in a complex and many times discombobulated culture, even an inadequate church culture.



So...therefore...what now?



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What twisted broken systems of thought and behavior do you drag through life and into relationships that makes

('connecting' and 'belonging')

less successful than you would prefer and what you were made for?

So...therefore...what now?

What could or what should we do as 'church' to help you and others have a place for

('connecting' and 'belonging')

in spite of and in light of each others circumstances?

We want to be a 'church' that invites people into a circle of relationships...

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people who are facing life's challenges, people who are dealing with life's hurts, and people who are even battling with discouragement and despair.







