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**Choice 1: The Reality Choice**

Realize I'm not God, admit I'm powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing, and my life is unmanageable.

**Choice 2: The Hope Choice**

Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him, and that He has the power to help me change.

**Choice 3: The Commitment Choice:**

Consciously choose to commit all my life and will to Christ's care and control.

**Choice 4: The Housecleaning Choice**

I openly examine and confess my faults to myself, to God, and to someone I trust.

**Choice 5: The Transformation Choice**

Voluntarily submit to every change God wants to make in my life and humbly ask Him to remove my character defects.

**Choice 6: The Relationship Choice**

To evaluate all of my relationships; offer forgiveness to those who have hurt me, and make amends for any harm that I have caused others.

**Choice 7: The Growth Choice**

I reserve a daily time with God for Bible reading, self-examination, and prayer, in order to know God and His will for my life and to gain the power to follow His will.



The Sharing Choice  
Bob Cowie ~ February 23, 2020

*“God was in Christ, offering peace and forgiveness to the people of this world. And he has given us **the work of sharing** his message **about peace.**”*

2 Corinthians 5:19 CEV

**Choice 8: THE SHARING CHOICE:**

I choose to yield myself to God to be used to bring the Good News to others, by both my example and by my words.

*“I pray that God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ will be kind to you and will **bless you with peace!** ...The Father is a merciful God, who always gives us comfort. He **comforts us** when we are in trouble, **so that we can share** that same comfort **with others in trouble.** We share in the terrible sufferings of Christ, but also in the wonderful comfort he gives.”*

2 Corinthians 1:2-5 CEV

**WHAT CAN I SHARE TO HELP OTHERS?**

**1. HOW PAIN GOT MY ATTENTION**

*“Sometimes it takes a painful situation to make us change our ways.”*

Proverbs 20:30 GNT

*“I am glad... not because it hurt you but because the pain turned you to God...”*

2 Corinthians 7:9a TLB

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## TO HELP OTHERS I MUST BE HONEST ABOUT...

- MY FEELINGS

*"We have spoken frankly to you; we have **opened our hearts wide**."*  
2 Corinthians 6:11b GNT

- MY FAULTS

*"Each of us must bear the faults and burdens of his own. For none of us is perfect!"*  
Galatians 6:5 TLB

- MY FAILURES

*"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners -- of whom I am the worst."*  
1 Timothy 1:15b NIV

- MY FRUSTRATIONS

*"I have the desire to do what is right, but I cannot carry it out... for the evil I do not want to do – I keep on doing."*  
Romans 7:18b-19b NIV

- MY FEARS

*"I do admit that I have fears- that when I come you'll disappoint me and I'll disappoint you, and in frustration with each other everything will fall to pieces..."*  
2 Corinthians 12:20 MSG

## 2. WHAT I LEARNED IN THE PROCESS

- I LEARNED TO DEPEND ON GOD

*"We were crushed and overwhelmed... and saw how powerless we were to help ourselves; but that was good, for then we put everything into the hands of God, who alone could save us...and he did help us!"*  
2 Corinthians 1:8b-10 LB

- I LEARNED TO FOLLOW GOD'S WORD

*"...it was the best thing that could have happened to me, for it taught me to pay attention to your laws!"*  
Psalm 119:71-72 LB

- I LEARNED I NEED OTHER PEOPLE

*"Remember that in God's plan men and women need each other."*  
1 Corinthians 11:11 TLB

*"Two people are better than one... If one falls down, the other can help him up. But it is bad for the person who is alone and falls, because no one is there to help."*

Ecclesiastes 4:9a-10 NCV

## 3. HOW GOD CAN BRING GOOD OUT OF BAD

*"We know that God causes everything to **work together for the good** of those who love God..."*

Romans 8:28a NLT

*"(You) intended to harm me, but God intended it for good."*

Genesis 50:20a NIV

## 4. HOW JESUS GIVES ME HOPE TO CHANGE

*"Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the **reason for the hope** that you have."*

1 Peter 3:15a NIV

## Who will you tell?

### Apprenticeship Prayer Partner Questions

- Describe a time when you learned from your mistakes. Are you learning to depend on God? Are you learning to obey His Word? Are you learning you need other people in your life?
- Describe a time in your life when God brought good out of the bad. Are you trusting in God's power to make the changes you want to see?
- Together, discuss how God can use your mistakes to help other people this week. Pray for each other for this opportunity.