

It's not hard to understand how in these trying economic times, people are under a great deal of stress. Then, there is the possibility that you were under a great deal of stress before the times came upon us. So, now this just adds insult to injury if you will.



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

What are you struggling with? What in your life is preventing that closeness with God that you desire? Is it financial matters? Is it relationship issues? It's amazing how we can let the little things manifest themselves into something larger, making a mountain out of the proverbial mole hill. Ignoring these issues doesn't make them go away. It usually makes them worse. By not dealing with these things you have actually contributed to the manifestation of the mountain. Adding to that, you have helped in placing them in the way of your relationship with God.

Is there something in the way preventing you from being where it is you want to be in your spiritual life? What is it? Are you dealing with anger issues? Is there grief or suffering from the loss of a loved one that you can't get past? Is there depression in your life? Do you have a burden that you have been carrying for far too long?

Mark Schultz, a contemporary Christian singer has a song titled, "Broken and Beautiful" The lyrics say :

“there's a business man, there's a widowed wife,
a smiling face with a shattered life,
a teenage girl with a choice to make,
it's crowded here in church today.
And the preacher says as the sermon ends,
please close your eyes and bow your heads.
Is there anyone in need of prayer,
oh Jesus wants to meet you here.
For we all fall short and we all have sinned,
but when you let God's grace break in
It's beautiful!”

We are ALL broken in some way, but we are still beautiful in God's sight. Look in the mirror. Ask yourself that very hard question. Have you become powerless over it? Does it occupy your thoughts more than it should? Taking that inventory is a hard thing to do. It requires honesty, courage and the ability to get out of a state of denial. Romans 3:23 tells us that we have all sinned and fallen short of the glory of God!

There is a ministry here at the church that can help you with these issues. It's a ministry where you can safely and confidentially unload your burdens and begin the healing that will allow that closer walk with our Heavenly Father that we desire. Celebrate Recovery meets here every Friday evening. We have praise and worship with a lesson from 7pm to 8pm and then we have small groups for both men and women from 8pm to 9pm.

If you have any questions or need confidential help, please call Debbie Dunbar at 285-9466 or James Stedham at 631-7921. We would be glad to help you and encourage you on your road to healing and recovery.