



Lenten Devotionals

A Spiritual Journey to Easter | Flushing Community Church

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The Cure: As soon as sin entered the picture, God set a plan in motion: to remove our guilt, to take away our shame, to save us from eternal death, and to restore our relationship with Him.

READ: Matthew 9:12-13; John 3:14-17; Romans 5:6-8, 18-19

Make it Personal: Do you believe that God loves YOU? Do you believe Christ died for YOU and that He provided the remedy for your sin?

Day #7 March 11 - Tuesday

Treatment Protocol: Believe

Belief can seem so easy, yet be so difficult. How many times have you heard, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!" Because of sin, our diagnosis is terminal unless a cure is found. Believing Christ is the beginning of our healing. Believing may not be easy, but it is simple.

READ: Matthew 11:28-30; Rom. 10:9-13; Mark 9:23-24; John 1:12; John 6:40

Make it Personal: Have you believed in Christ to be saved? Is it hard for you to believe because the "cure" seems too easy? Have you asked God to help you believe?

Day #8 March 12 - Wednesday

Treatment Protocol: Confess

Confessing comes in various forms: admitting, acknowledging, & declaring. Confession is part of believing in Christ. Confession can be humbling, but it establishes intimacy, whether with the Lord or with a friend.

READ: Psalm 51:1-12; I John 1:9; Philippians 2:11; James 5:16

Make it Personal: Is confession a regular part of your relationship with Christ? How difficult is it for you to humble yourself in confession? How easy is it for you to publicly acknowledge that Jesus is Lord? What friends do you trust enough to be accountable to them?



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