

LESSON 6

When everything breaks

IN THE RUINS... GOD CARVES A WAY THROUGH

INTRODUCTION

We all have a breaking point, that moment when what we were holding together finally falls apart. A relationship that couldn't survive, a dream that faded, a guilt that won't let go, or a mistake that split life into "before" and "after."

And even when we pretend to be fine, inside there are pieces no one else sees. It's right there that the Bible uses a word most people avoid: **sin**.

Not as an insult. Not as a finger pointing at you. But as the honest explanation for why everything breaks.

Sin isn't just a list of wrong actions. It's a force that cracks what you love, that disconnects you from God, and disconnects you from yourself. Understanding that doesn't create shame it creates clarity. Because you can't heal what you don't know is broken.

LET'S EXPLORE THE BIBLE

A. What is sin?

- Scripture defines it as **transgression of God's law**: “Sin is the transgression of the law” (1 John 3:4, NKJV).
- In the Old Testament, the Hebrew word *pesha'* describes rebellion, and *avon* points to iniquity or inner perversion (Isaiah 1:2; Psalm 51:5, NKJV).
- In the New Testament, *hamartia* means “to miss the mark,” to turn away from God's purpose (Romans 3:23, NKJV).



B. What does sin produce?

- **Separation from God**: “Your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God” (Isaiah 59:2, NKJV).
- **Death**: “The wages of sin is death” (Romans 6:23, NKJV).
- **Slavery**: Jesus said, “Everyone who sins is a slave to sin” (John 8:34, NKJV).
- **Distortion of creation**: Sin affects not only humans, but the whole world (Romans 8:22, NKJV).



C. Why are we all sinners?

- Since the fall in Eden, humanity inherited a nature inclined to evil (Romans 5:12, NKJV).
- We sin because we are sinners by nature, not the other way around (Psalm 51:5, NKJV).



D. What is the hope?

- Christ came to save us from sin—not only from its consequences but also from its power: “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29, NKJV).
- In Him there is forgiveness, restoration and new life (1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17, NKJV).





LET'S REFLECT ON A FEW POINTS

1. How do you define sin in your daily life: as simple mistakes or as rebellion against God?

2. In what ways can you recognize that sin brings separation and pain?

3. What does it mean to you that, despite your sinful condition, you have hope in Christ?

PERSONAL DECISION

Today you can humbly acknowledge that sin is not defeated by willpower but by God's grace. Decide to hand your guilt to Christ, trust His forgiveness and let His power transform your life.

PRACTICAL ADVICE FOR THIS LESSON

Why talk about sin if we all fail anyway?

Because ignoring the disease does not cure it. Sin is like a spiritual cancer: if it's not recognized, it advances and destroys. The Bible speaks of sin to show us the urgent need for a Savior.

Is sin just doing bad things?

No. Sin is deeper: it's living apart from God, even if outwardly "we look good." Jesus showed that sin begins in the heart (Matthew 5:21–28, NKJV).

Are there unforgivable sins?

The only definitive condemnation is rejecting the Holy Spirit, who calls us to repentance (Matthew 12:31, NKJV). Every confessed sin is forgiven by the blood of Christ (1 John 1:9, NKJV).

So, how can I live in hope?

Not by trusting in your own strength but by clinging to Christ every day. He not only forgives; He also transforms. Christian hope is not denying sin but living under the power of the Redeemer.



DID YOU KNOW...?

The word *hamartia*, used in the New Testament for “sin,” was also a term in the Greek world for when an archer missed the target. The Bible uses this image to show that sin is not just breaking rules but losing the purpose for which we were created.

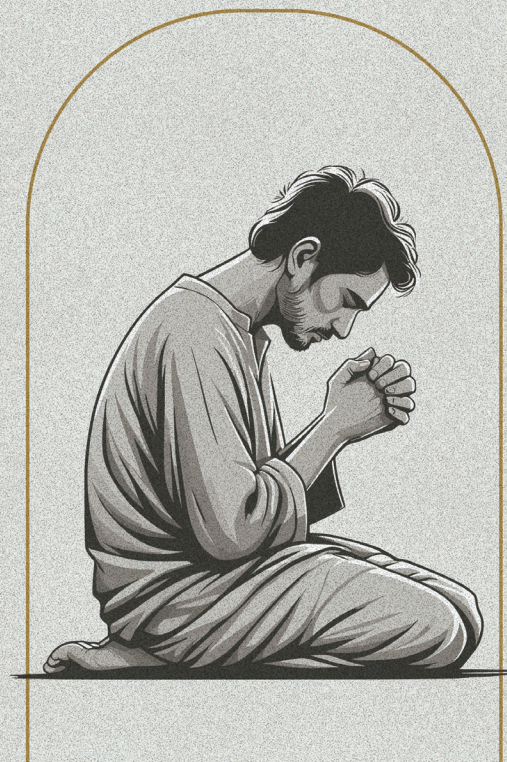
IMPORTANT TIP

Sin is real and its consequences are serious, but Christ is greater than our sin. Sin is real, deep and destructive... but it is not the last word. The grace of Christ not only covers but also restores. Don't forget: victory is not in what you do but in what Jesus already did for you.

KEY TEXT

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(1 John 1:9, NKJV)



FINAL TIP

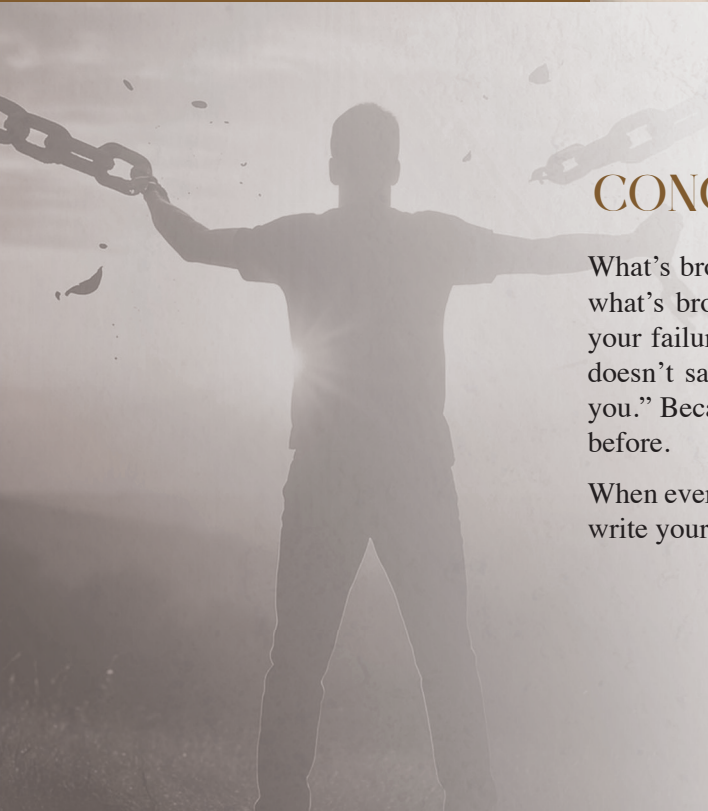
In 1928, Alexander Fleming accidentally discovered penicillin, the first antibiotic. Until that moment, a simple infection could become a death sentence. The interesting thing is that many people did not know they were sick until the infection had advanced too far. The discovery of the antibiotic revealed that there was a cure for a disease that, silently, was killing thousands.

This is how sin works. Many consider it a religious invention; others reduce it to human mistakes or social flaws. But the Bible presents it as the universal spiritual disease that corrupts, separates us from God, and leads to death. It is not an abstract concept or an ancient myth: it is the root of human pain and the reason why we need a Savior.

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CONCLUSION



What's broken doesn't define you. What's broken doesn't doom you. But what's broken does need healing. And God doesn't get close to expose your failures, He gets close to show you what He can rebuild. The Bible doesn't say, "Fix yourself and come." It says, "Come... and I'll restore you." Because what sin breaks, God can piece back together stronger than before.

When everything breaks, it's not the ending. It's the moment God begins to write your way back home.

EVALUATE YOUR LEARNING

1. Mark with a T if the statement is true or F if it is false.

() According to the Bible, sin is only a series of bad actions that can be corrected through personal effort.

() Sin is presented as a deep condition that affects human nature and the relationship with God.

() The final consequence of sin, according to the Bible, is separation from God and death.

2. What does it mean biblically that sin is “missing the mark”?

3. What is the hope presented by the lesson in light of the reality of sin?

WHAT MOST CAUGHT YOUR ATTENTION IN THIS LESSON

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