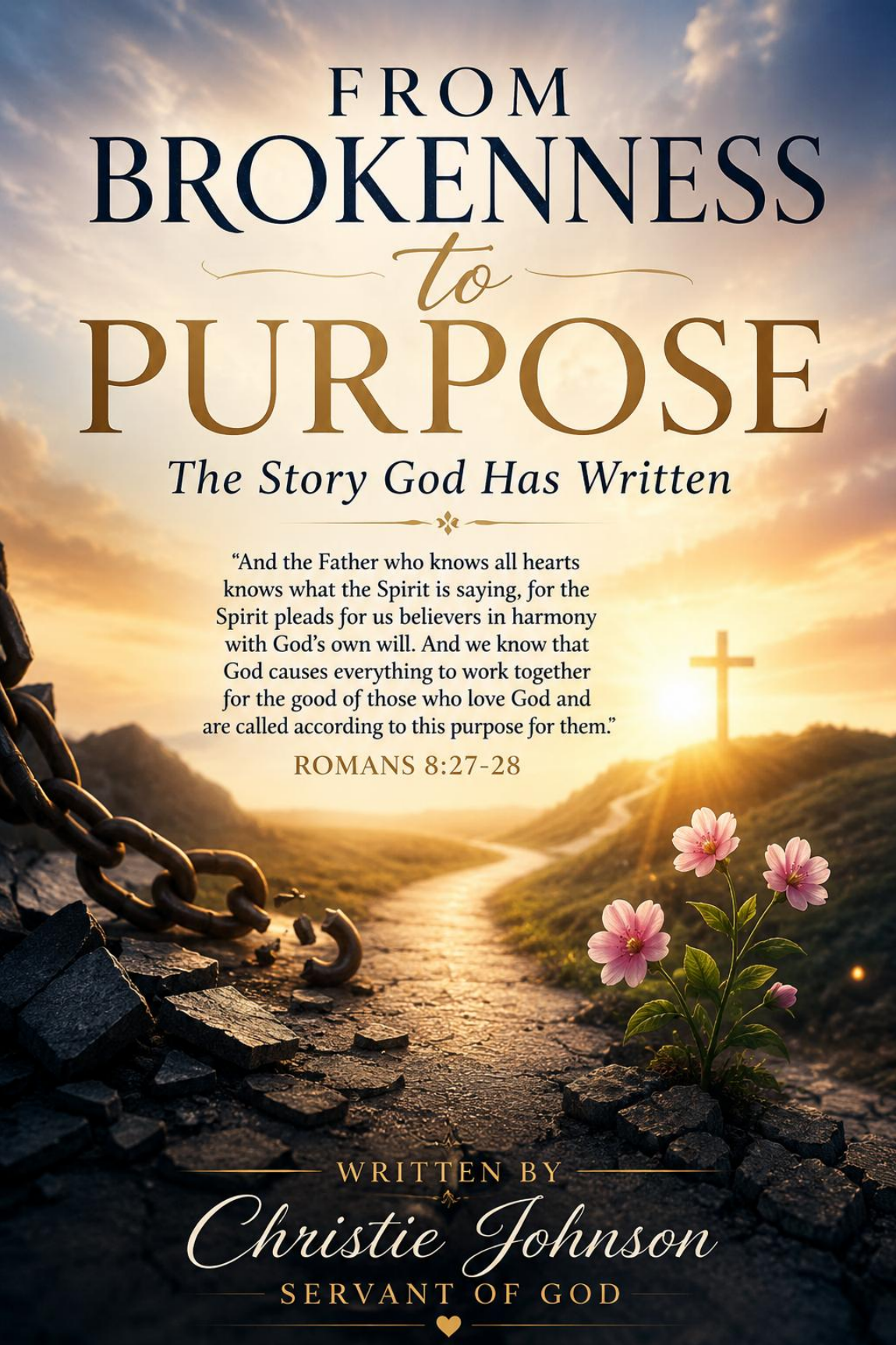




FROM BROKENNESS *to* PURPOSE

The Story God Has Written

“And the Father who knows all hearts
knows what the Spirit is saying, for the
Spirit pleads for us believers in harmony
with God’s own will. And we know that
God causes everything to work together
for the good of those who love God and
are called according to this purpose for them.”

ROMANS 8:27-28

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Thank you for taking the time to study God's Word through this resource.

My prayer is that every page points you to Jesus Christ rather than to me. Any wisdom found in these pages comes from God's Word and from His faithful work in my own life. My desire is simply to faithfully teach His Word, encourage your walk with Him, and help you continue growing into the disciple He has created you to be.

Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, I pray this study strengthens your faith, deepens your understanding of God's truth, and encourages you to live as a faithful follower of Jesus Christ.

“Pointing people to the hope, healing, and transformation found in Jesus Christ.”

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When I Saw Only Broken Pieces

There was a time when I looked at my life and saw only broken pieces. I saw pain, rejection, mistakes, and wounds that seemed impossible to overcome. If someone had told me then that God would one day use those very experiences to draw me closer to Him and help others find hope, I would not have believed it.

Yet that is exactly what He has done.

The Early Years of My Story

I was born on August 3, 1972, into a family that would experience significant change early in my life. When I was five years old, my parents divorced. Within a short period of time, our family dynamics changed dramatically, and I found myself struggling to understand where I fit. As a child, I often felt different from those around me. I was overweight, shy, and had difficulty making friends. School became a place where I felt isolated rather than accepted.

Although I worked hard academically and often earned excellent grades, success in the classroom could not fill the emptiness I felt inside. Like many people who struggle with rejection, I spent much of my early life searching for acceptance and trying to prove my worth.

As the years passed, additional challenges entered my life. I experienced abuse, emotional wounds, and circumstances that left deep scars on my heart. Instead of learning that I was valuable and loved, I often felt responsible for problems that were never mine to carry. I became skilled at hiding my pain, protecting others, and pretending everything was fine while silently struggling within.

Those experiences shaped how I viewed myself. I believed I had to earn love. I believed my value depended on what I could do for others. I believed my needs mattered less than everyone else's. Looking back now, I can see how those beliefs influenced many of the decisions I made throughout my life.



Searching for Acceptance

As a teenager and young adult, I searched for belonging in places that could never truly satisfy the needs of my heart. Like many people who are hurting, I looked for acceptance through relationships and other unhealthy choices. I wanted to be loved, valued, and understood. Yet no matter what I achieved or who accepted me, the

emptiness remained. What I did not realize at the time was that the deepest need of my heart was not something another person could fulfill. What I truly needed was a relationship with the God who created me.



When Jesus Changed Everything

Everything began to change when I came to know Jesus Christ.

For the first time in my life, I discovered what unconditional love looked like. I learned that my worth was not based on my appearance, my accomplishments, my failures, or the opinions of others. My worth was found in being a child of God.

The more I studied Scripture, the more I began to understand that God had never abandoned me. Even during the darkest seasons of my life, He was present. He had been protecting me, sustaining me, and preparing me for a future I could not yet see.

God Wastes Nothing

One of the greatest truths God has taught me is that He wastes nothing.

The painful experiences I once wished had never happened became opportunities for Him to reveal His faithfulness. The wounds that once defined me became places where His healing power was displayed. The struggles that once made me question my purpose became part of the testimony; He would later use to encourage others.

Romans 8:28 became more than a verse I memorized. It became a reality I experienced. God truly does work all things together for good for those who love Him and are called according to His purpose.

That does not mean everything that happened to me was good.

It means God is so powerful, so loving, and so sovereign that He can redeem even the most painful chapters of our lives and use them for His glory.

As my relationship with Christ deepened, He began transforming my heart.

- He taught me forgiveness when I wanted to hold on to bitterness.
- He taught me trust when fear seemed easier.
- He taught me to find my identity in Him instead of with the approval of others.



My Story Was Never About Me

Most importantly, He showed me that my story was never about me.

- It was about Him.
- It was about His grace.
- It was about His mercy.
- It was about His ability to take what the enemy intended for harm and use it for good.
- Today, when I look back over my life, I no longer see a story defined by brokenness. I see a story defined by God's faithfulness.
- I see a God who never gave up on me.
- I see a Savior who pursued me long before I knew Him.
- I see a Father who patiently healed wounds that seemed impossible to overcome.
- I see the Holy Spirit continually transforming me into the person God created me to be.

That transformation is still happening today.

I have not arrived. I am still learning, growing, and surrendering new areas of my life to Christ. But every step of the journey has convinced me of one thing: **God is faithful.**



God's Calling on My Life

Because of what He has done in my life, I now feel called to help others who are hurting, discouraged, broken, or searching for hope. My desire is not simply to tell my story. My desire is to point people to Jesus and help them discover the same hope, healing, and transformation that He has given me.

This ministry exists because of God's grace.

It exists to help people know Jesus, grow in Him, and then go help others do the same.

If there is one thing I hope you take away from my story, it is this: no matter what you have experienced, your story is not over. God specializes in bringing beauty from ashes, hope from despair, and purpose from pain.

If He can do that in my life, He can do it in yours as well.

Closing Scripture

"For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope."

Jeremiah 29:11



A Thank You to God

Father,

Thank You for Your faithfulness through every season of my life. Thank You for meeting me in my brokenness, pursuing me with Your unfailing love, and transforming my heart through Your grace. Thank You for taking the painful places I once thought had no purpose and using them to point others to Jesus Christ. May every word of this testimony bring glory to Your name, encourage the wounded, strengthen the weary, and remind every reader that You are still able to redeem, restore, and make all things new. All honor, praise, and glory belong to You alone.

Amen.

Prayer for the Reader

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for every person reading this testimony. You know their story, their pain, their questions, and the places in their heart that still need Your healing touch. Remind them that they are seen, loved, and never forgotten by You. Help them believe that no broken place is beyond Your reach and no painful chapter is beyond Your power to redeem. Draw them closer to Jesus, strengthen their faith, restore their hope, and help them trust that You are still drafting a beautiful story of healing, purpose, and transformation in their life. In Jesus' name,

Amen.



A Final Encouragement

No matter where your journey has begun or what chapters you have lived through, never believe that your story is beyond God's redemption. The same God who met me in my brokenness, healed my heart, and gave my life new purpose is able to do the same for you. As you continue walking with Jesus Christ, trust Him with every part of your life—even the painful places. He is still authoring your story, and His plans for you are always greater than anything you could imagine.

May you find hope in His promises, strength in His presence, and peace in knowing that your life is held securely in His hands. Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus, continue following Him one step at a time, and allow Him to transform your brokenness into a testimony of His grace and faithfulness.

A Scripture to Carry With You

"And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns."

Philippians 1:6

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