

MADE WHOLE

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WHOLENESS IN GOD



WHY THIS SERIES?

Mental health challenge is one of the greatest battlefields in the 21st century

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:23-24 (ESV)

2 EXTREME VIEWS ON MENTAL HEALTH DISORDERS

- Over-Spiritualized
- Over-Naturalized

Both perspectives over-simplify something that is complex.

BLIBICALLY

- No exact term for "Mental Health Disorder"
- "Madness" or "Insanity"
- 19x in the Old Testament
- 8x in the New Testament "Mainomai" in Greek. Root word for "maniac".

EXPRESSIONS OF 'MENTAL HEALTH' CHALLENGES

BIBLICAL REFERENCE

Depressed, downcast, sorrow, despair of spirit / soul, the pit	Psalm 42:5 Psalm 40:2
Hearts fail us, heart overwhelmed	Psalm 40:12 1 John 3:2
Waves overwhelmed, weary with crying, walk through fire	Psalm 69:1-3 Isaiah 43:1-4 Luke 4:46-49
Brokenhearted, crushed in spirit, afflicted, mourning, fainting spirit	Psalm 34:18 Isaiah 61:1-3
Deeply grieved to the point of death	Matthew 26:38

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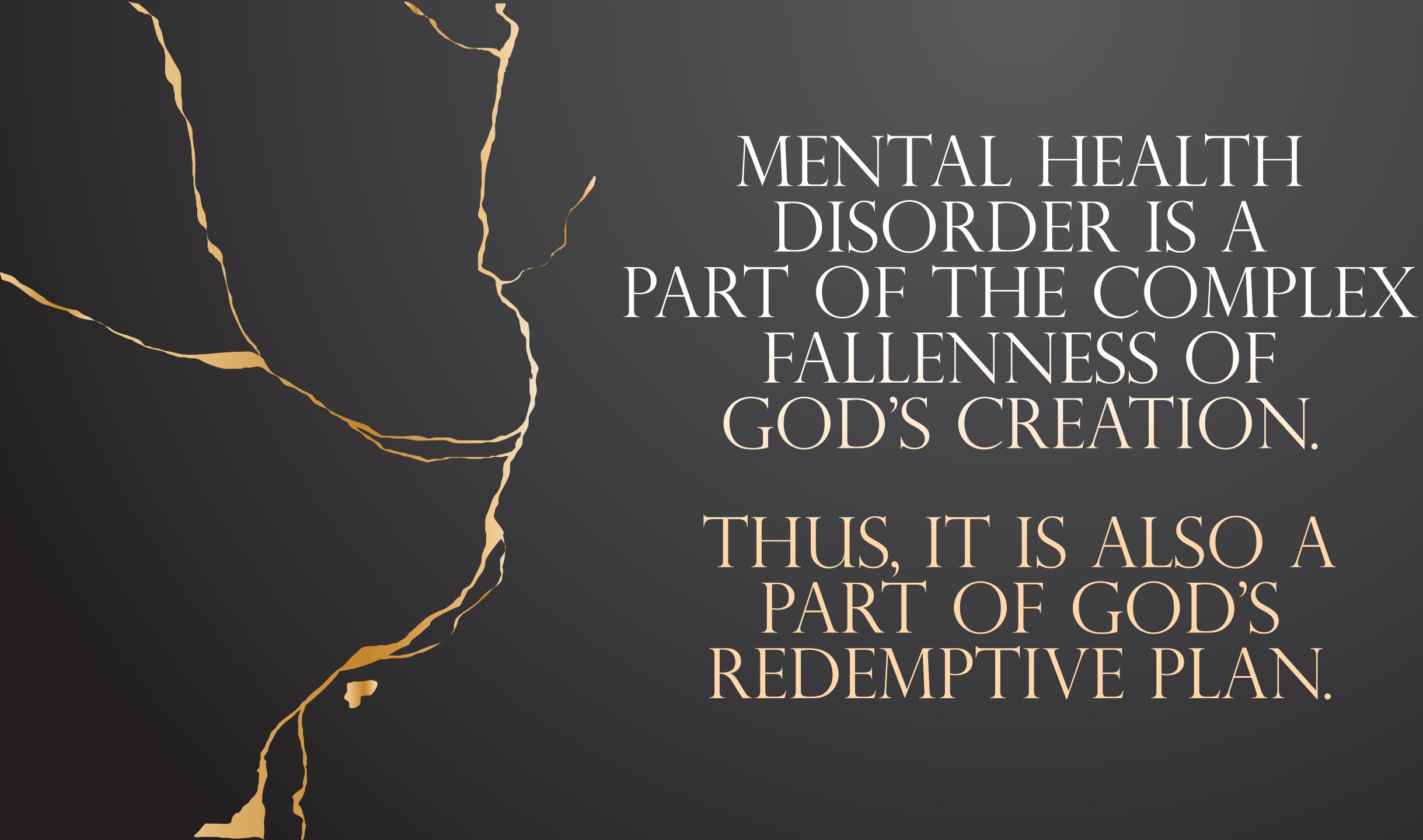
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OUR MINDS IN A FALLEN WORLD:

- Weakened Minds (Psalm 73:26)
- Defiled Minds (Titus 1:15)
- Blinded Minds (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)
- Futile / Useless Minds (Ephesians 4:17-18)
- Depraved / Evil Minds (Romans 1:28)
- Rebellious Minds (Romans 8:7)

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- 4. God restores every aspect of creation.





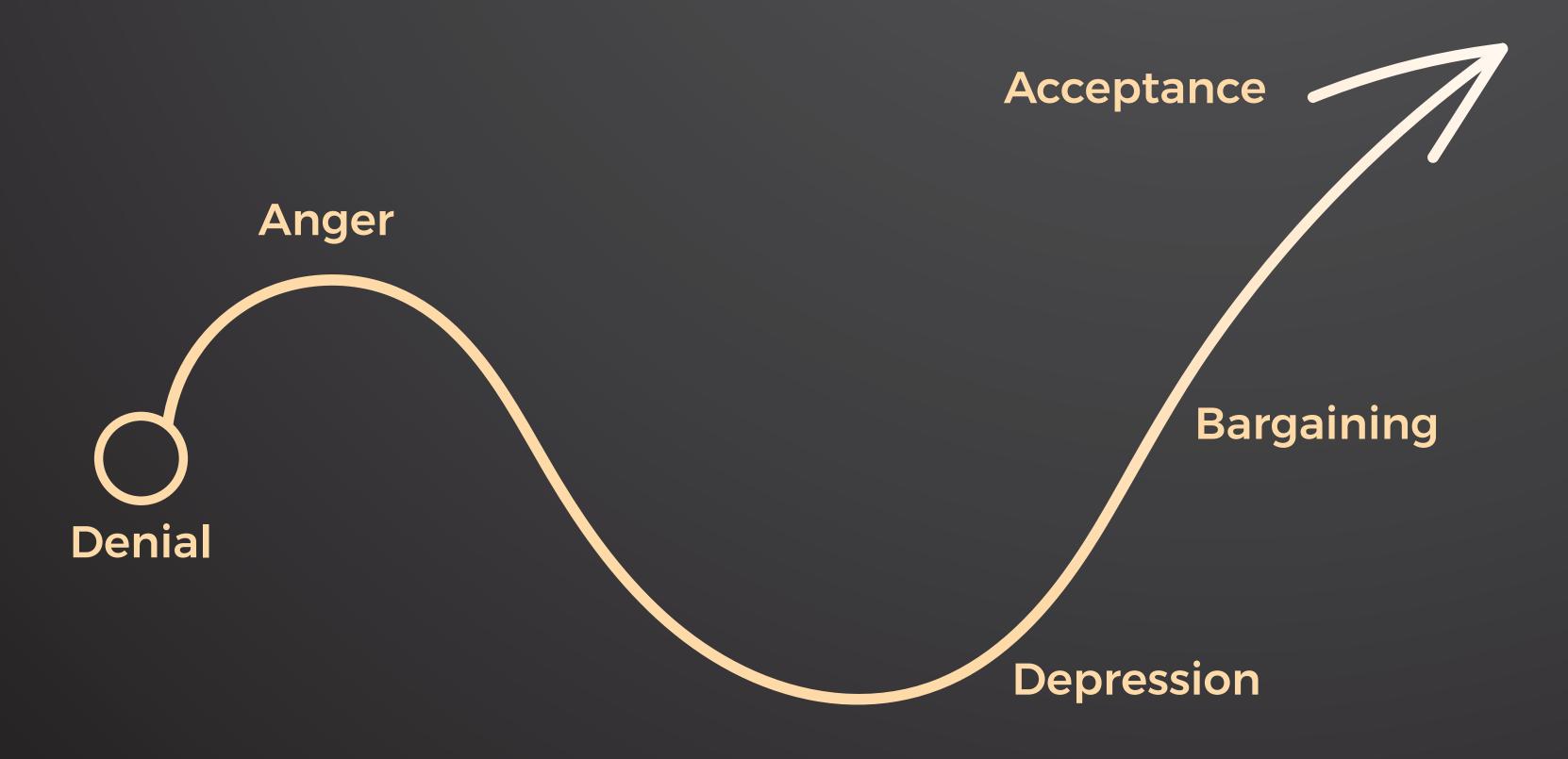
WHAT DO WE DO WHEN WE GO THROUGH MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES LIKE PAIN, GRIEF, AND PESSION?

⁹ Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye is wasted from grief; my soul and my body also. ¹⁰ For my life is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing; my strength fails because of my iniquity, and my bones waste away.

PSALM 31:9-10

HOW GRIEF IS EXPLAINED IN PSYCHOLOGY:

THE EXPERIENCE YOU EXPECTED:



HOW GRIEF IS EXPLAINED IN PSYCHOLOGY:

THE EXPERIENCE YOU GOT:



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GOD'S GRACE THROUGH IT ALL

PAUL'S THORN AND OPPRESSION

⁷ So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited. ⁸ Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-8

⁹ But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9-10



SILENT SUFFERER:

Why me?
Does God care?
Is there something wrong with my faith?
What would people think?

SILENT SUFFERER

Know that:

- 1. You are in Christ
- 2. You are not alone
- 3. You are in a journey of healing and recovery

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