

## GOD'S HEART FOR HURTING PEOPLE

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*“Jesus and his companions went to the town of Capernaum. When the Sabbath day came, he went into the synagogue and began to teach. The people were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike the teachers of religious law.” (Mark 1:21–22, NLT)*

*“That evening after sunset, many sick and demon-possessed people were brought to Jesus. The whole town gathered at the door to watch. So Jesus healed many people who were sick with various diseases, and he cast out many demons. But because the demons knew who he was, he did not allow them to speak. Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to pray.” (Mark 1:32–35, NLT)*

*“He heals the brokenhearted and bandages their wounds.” (Psalm 147:3, NLT)*

### 1. Jesus Gives Us a Purpose for our Life.

*“Jesus called out to them, “Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!” And they left their nets at once and followed him.”*  
(Mark 1:17–18, NLT)

### 2. Jesus Delivers Us from the Influence of Unclean Spirits.

*“Suddenly, a man in the synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, “Why are you interfering with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God!” But Jesus reprimanded him. “Be quiet! Come out of the man,” he ordered.”*  
(Mark 1:23–25, NLT)

#### A. Evil is complex.

*“News about him spread as far as Syria, and people soon began bringing to him all who were sick. And whatever their sickness or disease, or if they were demon possessed or epileptic or paralyzed—he healed them all.” (Matthew 4:24, NLT)*

## Four Reasons for Depression

- a. Physiological – You need medicine, better nutrition, sleep, and rest
- b. Moral – You need confession, forgiveness, and grace
- c. Psychological – extreme discouragement and emotional burnout.  
You need love, support, conversation, and community
- d. Demonic – You need prayer and the Word of God

### B. Evil has a pattern.

*“When Jesus climbed out of the boat, a man possessed by an evil spirit came out from the tombs to meet him. This man lived in the burial caves and could no longer be restrained, even with a chain. Whenever he was put into chains and shackles—as he often was—he snapped the chains from his wrists and smashed the shackles. No one was strong enough to subdue him.”*

(Mark 5:2–4, NLT)

- a. Though they have knowledge, they are not omniscient.
- b. They are wicked, unclean, and vicious.
- c. They seek to defeat the purposes of God and extend the power of Satan.

*“I will give it all to you,” he said, “if you will kneel down and worship me.”* (Matthew 4:9, NLT)

- d. Though they are strong, they are no match for Jesus.

*“As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon possessed begged to go with him. But Jesus said, “No, go home to your family, and tell them everything the Lord has done for you and how merciful he has been.”* (Mark 5:18–19, NLT)

### 3. Jesus Comes to Us as Our Healer.

*“Now Simon’s mother-in-law was sick in bed with a high fever. They told Jesus about her right away. So he went to her bedside, took her by the hand, and helped her sit up. Then the fever left her, and she prepared a meal for them.”* (Mark 1:30–31, NLT)

#### 4. Jesus Touches the Untouchable.

*“A man with leprosy came and knelt in front of Jesus, begging to be healed. “If you are willing, you can heal me and make me clean,” he said. Moved with compassion, Jesus reached out and touched him. “I am willing,” he said. “Be healed!” Instantly the leprosy disappeared, and the man was healed.” (Mark 1:40–42, NLT)*

Clearly, it is God’s Heart of Compassion that is revealed in the life of Jesus Christ.

Clearly, it is God’s Heart to Care about where you and I hurt.

Clearly, it is God’s Will to Heal you and me!