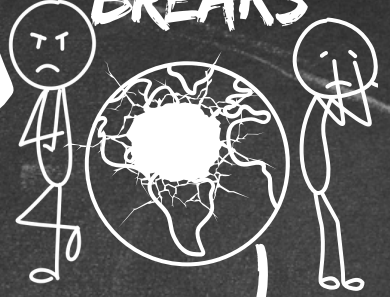


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Yes!

JESUS

RESCUES



ACTS 2:38-39



THE SPIRIT  
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# THE FRAMEWORK OF GRACE

A WORKSHOP ON HOW TO USE THE FRAMEWORK TO SHARE YOUR FAITH

This Gospel Framework was developed by Grace's Pastoral Staff several years ago as a way to serve and strengthen our church family. Our desire was to help our community understand the good news of God's love and Jesus's saving work on the cross in a way that is clear, meaningful, and easy to remember—and that can be naturally shared with others.

One of our core values at Grace is being a people who live from the Gospel, not just believing it once but relying on it every day. This framework is a tool to help us grow together as a Gospel-dependent family, shaping how we think, follow Jesus, and love others.

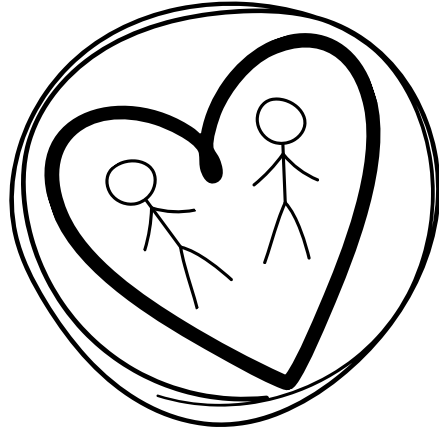
Our thinking was shaped in part by Greg Gilbert's *What Is the Gos\*pel?* as well as Gordon T. Smith's *Beginning Well*, both of which helped hone this communication tool.

We pray that this training will lead you to a deeper grasp of the Gospel and greater confidence and faithfulness in sharing it, as the Spirit opens doors and invites you into meaningful conversations.

***BUT IN YOUR HEARTS SET CHRIST APART -AS HOLY-ACKNOWLEDGING HIM AS LORD.  
ALWAYS BE READY TO GIVE A LOGICAL DEFENSE TO ANYONE WHO ASKS YOU TO  
ACCOUNT FOR THE HOPE AND CONFIDENT ASSURANCE THAT IS WITHIN YOU, YET DO IT  
WITH GENTLENESS AND RESPECT.***

***1 PETER 3:15***

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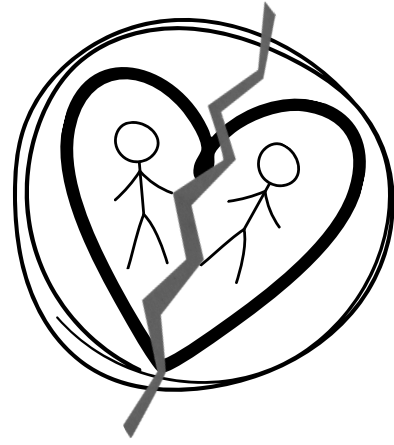


God creates – In the beginning God created everything, and it’s hard for us to imagine this, but everything was perfect. Not only was everything created perfect, but everything was in perfect relationship with each other including humans’ relationships with each other and their relationship with God. This creation was VERY GOOD!

- *Genesis 1:1 – God created the heaven and the earth*
- *Genesis 1:31 – God saw all that He made, and it was very good.*
- *John 1:1-3- In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made.*

**Questions you could ask in this section:**

*What are some “very good” things you can see in creation?  
Do you think God did a good job creating you?*



Sin breaks – In the middle of the perfect garden where humans were living God placed a tree that He asked them not to eat from. It did not take long for humans to rebel against God and eat from the forbidden tree. With that one choice sin entered the world and sin breaks everything. Sin is simply going your own way and ignoring God’s way. All of the brokenness that we see in our world today can be traced back to the effects of sin. Most importantly sin broke humans’ relationship with God.

- *Genesis 2:17 – You must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil*
- *John 1:10-11- He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.*
- *Romans 3:23 – All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*
- *Romans 6:23 – The wages of sin is death*

### **Questions you could ask in this section:**

*What are way you see brokenness in the world?*

*How do you think God feels about sin breaking his creation?*



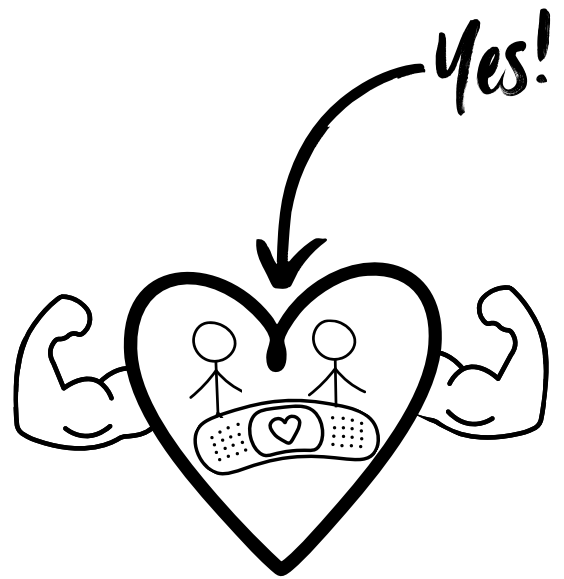
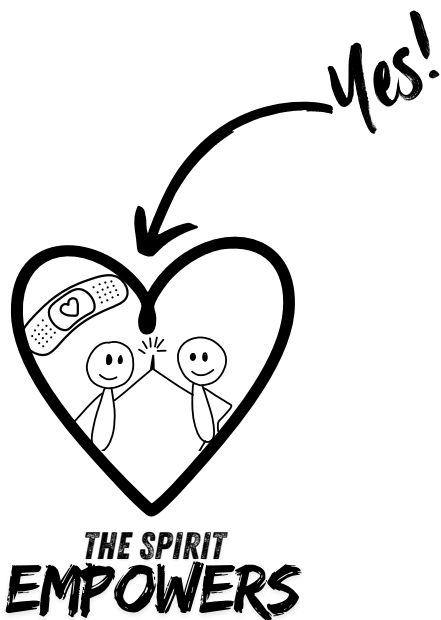
Jesus rescues – But God loved humans so much that He put in place a plan to rescue them from their brokenness and restore their relationship. That plan was to send His son Jesus to earth to be born as a baby and live a human life but without any sin. Jesus would then become the perfect sacrifice for the sins of all humans by dying on the cross and paying the penalty that sin deserved (required?). Jesus rescues humans when they say yes to accepting His forgiveness and payment for their sin and choose to follow Him.

- *John 3:16 – For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*
- *Acts 2:38-39 – Repent and be baptized, everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off.*

### **Questions you could ask in this section:**

*Why do you think God wanted to rescue us from sin and brokenness?*

*How does it make you feel that Jesus came to rescue you and has rescued everything?*



The Spirit empowers – When humans say yes to Jesus they receive the Holy Spirit, God’s presence living inside of them, so they are never alone as they live in a broken world. The Holy Spirit guides, comforts, heals, convicts, teaches and empowers Jesus followers to use the gifts He has given them to build up the church and bring healing to the world.

- *Acts 1:8 – You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*
- *Ephesians 3:16-19 – I pray that out of His glorious riches He may strengthen you with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord’s holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God*

### **Questions you could ask in this section:**

*Is there are area of your life that you would like to experience God’s power?  
Is there an area of life you would love to see healing?*



God restores – God’s plan from the moment sin entered the world and broke everything was to bring restoration. When humans say yes to following Jesus their relationship with God is restored and as the Spirit empowers them they begin to partner with God in the restoration work that he will complete. God promises that some day there will be a new heaven and a new earth when all of creation will be restored to the perfection God intended.

- *2 Corinthians 5:17-21 – Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting people’s sin against them, And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God. God made Him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.*
- *1 Thessalonians 5:23-24 – May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and He will do it.*
- *Romans 8:19-21 – For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.*

### **Questions you could ask in this section:**

What are things in the world you long to see restored?

How would you feel if you got to be a part of God’s restoration work?

***PRACTICE***

# ***YOUR STORY & THE FRAMEWORK***

## ***ASKING QUESTIONS; HITTING ROADBLOCKS & THE SPIRIT***

***FINDING THE WHO TO SHARE THIS WITH***

# Yes!

## Transition questions to get to the YES!:

How do you respond to this view of reality?

What is keeping you from saying yes today?

Would you be open to saying yes to Jesus's rescue?

Response – You can say yes to following Jesus today with a simple ABC

# ABC's



**Admit** you are a sinner and need Jesus to rescue you.



**Believe** that Jesus is the son of God. That he came and lived a perfect life, died to pay the penalty for your sin and rose from the dead conquering sin and death.



**Commit** yourself to Jesus, proclaiming that he is your Lord and Savior, turning from your sin and committing to follow Him.



**Depend** on Jesus to forgive all your sins (past, present and future) and to bring you close to God again.

Romans 10:9 - That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.