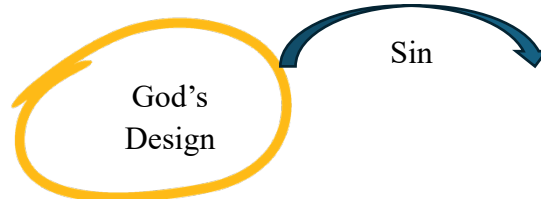


## Testify – Brokenness

Luke 7:36-50

Someone tells you about a personal problem or struggle. To transition to a spiritual conversation, you could say something like:

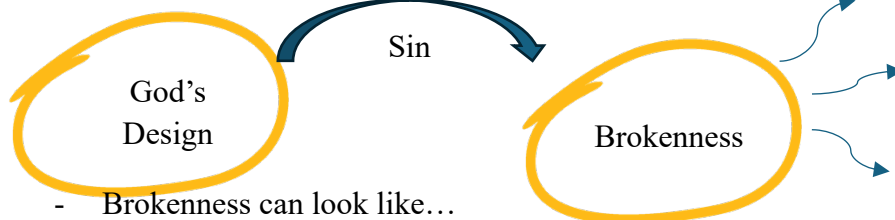
“I haven’t had the exact problem, but I’ve had similar ones. Can I share something that has really helped me?”



### 1. When we depart from God’s design, it’s called \_\_\_\_\_.

- I’m not the only one who struggles with this sin.
- The Bible says all have sinned and departed from God’s design.
- Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
- Isaiah 53:6 “All of us like sheep have gone astray. Each of us has turned to his own way...”

### 2. Our sin takes us to a place of \_\_\_\_\_.



- Brokenness can look like...
  - o struggling relationships, addictions, isolation, emptiness
- Luke 7:36-50

### Setting of the story:

Luke 7:36 Now one of the Pharisees was requesting Him to dine with him, and He entered the Pharisee’s house and reclined *at the table*.

### Three characters in the story:

- **The Woman** – \_\_\_\_\_  
Luke 7:37-38 And there was a woman in the city who was a sinner; and when she learned that He was reclining *at the table* in the Pharisee’s house, she brought an alabaster vial of perfume, 38 and standing behind *Him* at His feet, weeping, she began to wet His feet with her tears, and kept wiping them with the hair of her head, and kissing His feet and anointing them with the perfume.
- **Simon** – \_\_\_\_\_ **Pharisee**  
Luke 7:39 Now when the Pharisee who had invited Him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet He would know who and what sort of person this woman is who is touching Him, that she is a sinner.”
- **Jesus** – All-knowing \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 7:40-48 And Jesus answered him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." And he replied, "Say it, Teacher." 41 "A moneylender had two debtors: one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. 42 "When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both. So which of them will love him more?" 43 Simon answered and said, "I suppose the one whom he forgave more." And He said to him, "You have judged correctly." 44 Turning toward the woman, He said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave Me no water for My feet, but she has wet My feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. 45 "You gave Me no kiss; but she, since the time I came in, has not ceased to kiss My feet. 46 "You did not anoint My head with oil, but she anointed My feet with perfume. 47 "For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little." 48 Then He said to her, "Your sins have been forgiven."

• **The Woman – \_\_\_\_\_ Child of God**

Luke 7:49-50 Those who were reclining *at the table* with Him began to say to themselves, "Who is this *man* who even forgives sins?" 50 And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

- "The Sinner's Prayer"
- "Lord Jesus, I need You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive You as my Savior and Lord. Thank You for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life. Make me the kind of person You want me to be."
- Salvation doesn't come in response to carefully crafted words. It comes in response to a broken and repentant heart that is submitted to Jesus Christ.

Which person do you most identify with?

3. Only Jesus can \_\_\_\_\_ our brokenness for good.