**CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES for Sunday, December 2, 2018**

**BREAKOUT**

**Transfer Your Experience**

**BE HONEST . . . You’re Not God!**

The Reality Step

“I am not God. I don’t have it all together

and I can’t get it all together on my own.”

**REMEMBER . . . You Matter to God!**

The Hope Step

“God knows me. God loves me. He has the power to help me BREAKOUT!”

**ENTRUST Your Life to God.**

The Commitment Step

“I need God; His way is the right way; And I am committing my life  
to Him”.

**ADMIT your faults; Acknowledge your hurts.**

The Clean-Up Step

“You are only as sick as your secrets.”

**KEEP Close to God**

The Intimacy Step

“I walk with God. He and I do life together.”

**ORDER Your Relationships**

The Make it Right Step

I forgive those who’ve hurt me and I make amends for the hurt I’ve caused, except when to do so would harm others.

**UPHOLD Your Freedom**

The Stay-on-Track Step

“God wants to use my weaknesses for His glory.”

“We may impress people with our strengths but we connect with people through our weaknesses.”

“The evidence you are recovering is that you want to help others. You move beyond just focusing on what’s happening to you and start to think about how God can work through you.”

**2 Corinthians 1:3-11**

“troubles, trouble, sufferings, distressed, sufferings, suffer, sufferings, trouble, pressure, despaired, death, peril”

THE PROBLEM OF PAIN AND EVIL

How can God be good and all powerful with all this evil in the world?

Truth #1 – There is awful, ugly, painful evil in the world.

Truth #2 – God is not the cause of the evil in the world.

Truth #3 – God took evil on when Jesus fought it through the cross.

Truth #4 – The battle against evil is not over yet. God is going to win.

All things work together for the good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

God will redeem every aspect of our lives one day.

**1. TROUBLE ALLOWS ME TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S COMFORT:**

**Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles . . .**

2 Corinthians 1:3-4

**2. TROUBLE ALLOWS ME TO EXPRESS GOD’S COMFORT:**

**so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.**

2 Corinthians 1:4

**3. TROUBLE ALLOWS ME TO ENHANCE MY ENDURANCE:**

If we are distressed, it is for your comfort and salvation; if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which produces in you patient endurance of the same sufferings we suffer. And our hope for you is firm, because we know that just as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in  
 our comfort.

2 Corinthians 1:6-7

**4. TROUBLE ALLOWS ME TO ENLARGE MY FAITH:**

**But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.**

2 Corinthians 1:9b

DON’T KEEP YOUR BREAKOUT TO YOURSELF.

MANY OF US NEED YOUR HELP.