



GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

He Forgives



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1. Legal guilt
2. Social guilt
3. Personal guilt
4. Divine guilt

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Subjective Guilt

Occurs when we **feel** we have done something wrong or failed to do something we should have done, *whether or not that is **true.***

Why Do We Feel Guilty?

- a. Upbringing and unrealistic expectations
- b. Inferiority and social pressure
- c. The evil one
- d. Conviction of Holy Spirit

Romans 3:23-24

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²⁴ and all are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.



YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN

Luke 7:36-50

Luke 5:17-26

Luke 23:26-34

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39 When the Pharisee who had invited him saw this, he said to himself, “If this man were a prophet, he would know who is touching him and what kind of woman she is—that she is a sinner.”

40 Jesus answered him, “Simon, I have something to tell you.”

“Tell me, teacher,” he said.

41 “Two people owed money to a certain moneylender. One owed him five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. **42** Neither of them had the money to pay him back, so he forgave the debts of both. Now which of them will love him more?”

43 Simon replied, “I suppose the one who had the bigger debt forgiven.”

“You have judged correctly,” Jesus said.

44 Then he turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. **45** You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. **46** You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet.

47 Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

48 Then Jesus said to her, “**Your sins are forgiven.**”

49 The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

50 Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Luke 5:17-26

²⁰ When Jesus saw their faith, he said, “**Friend, your sins are forgiven.**”

²¹ The Pharisees and the teachers of the law began thinking to themselves, “Who is this fellow who speaks blasphemy? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

²² Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, “Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier: to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up and walk’? ²⁴ ***But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.***” So he said to the paralyzed man, “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.”

Luke 23:26-34

³⁴ Jesus said, “**Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.**”



We are all **GUILTY**

Jeremiah 17:9

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.

Who can understand it?

1. BURY IT

- ❖ Rationalise and find excuses
- ❖ Deny wrongdoings
- ❖ Compromise

Proverbs 28:13

Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper,
but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.

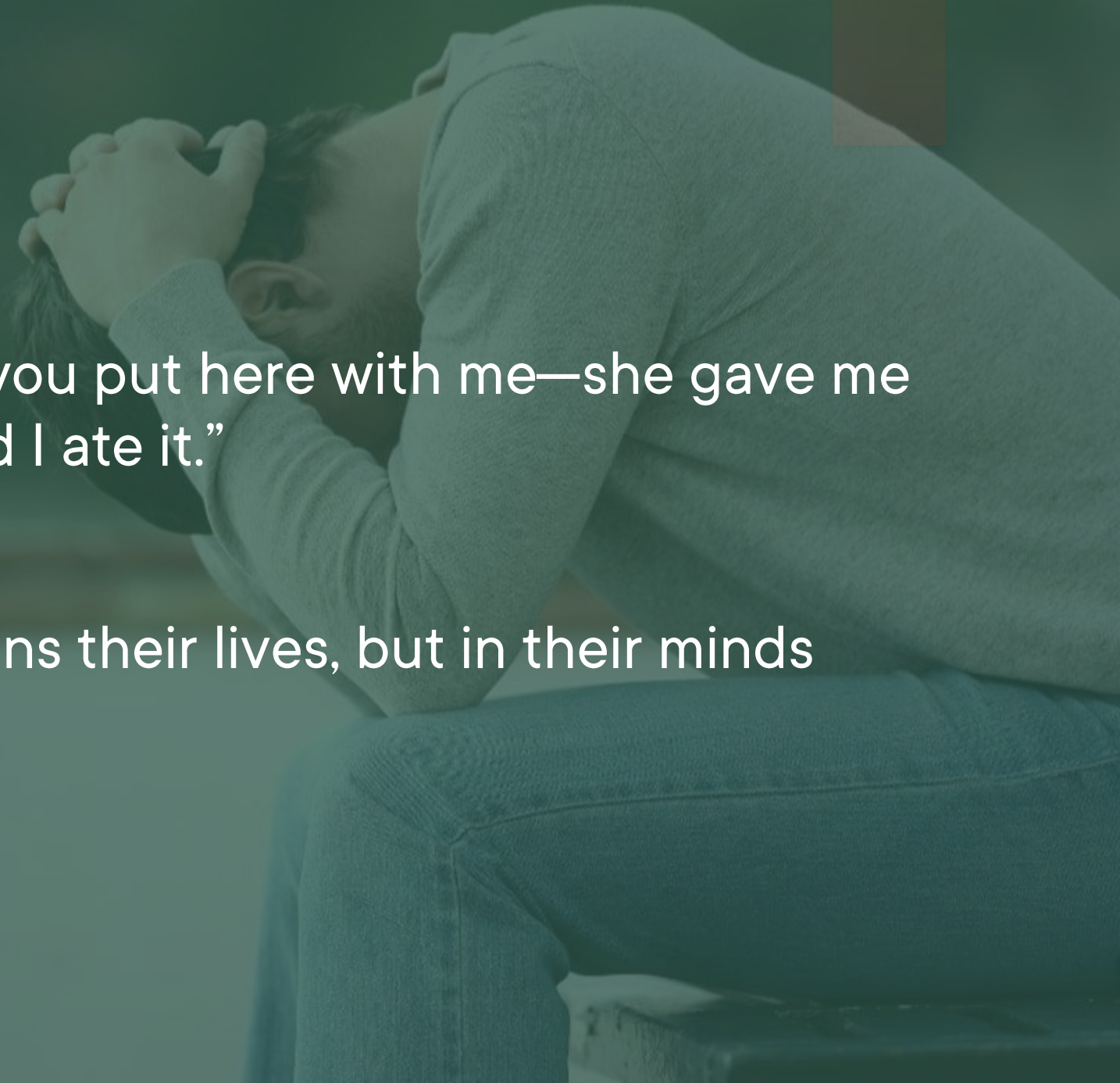
2. BLAME OTHERS

Genesis 3:12

The man said, “The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”

Proverbs 28:13

People’s own foolishness ruins their lives, but in their minds they blame the Lord.



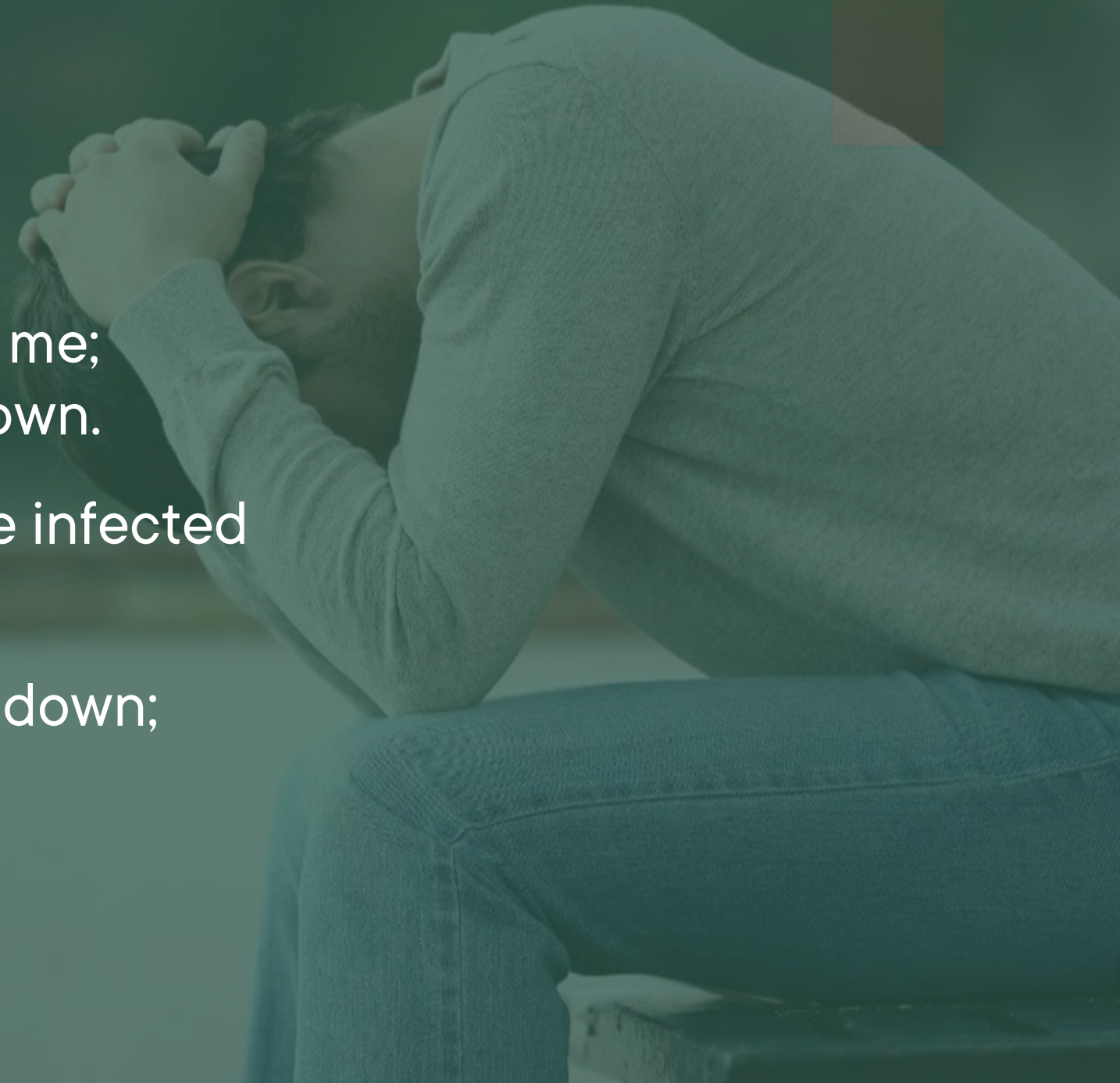
3. BEAT OURSELVES UP

- Self-condemnation
- Pessimism
- Refusal to accept compliments
- Inadequacy
- Low esteem



Psalm 38:4-6

- ⁴ My guilt has overwhelmed me;
like a load it weighs me down.
- ⁵ My sores stink and become infected
because I was foolish.
- ⁶ I am bent over and bowed down;
I am sad all day long.



REPENT FROM OUR SINS

2 Corinthians 7:10

Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.

Colossians 2:13-14

¹³ You were dead because of your sins and because your sinful nature was not yet cut away. Then God made you alive with Christ, for **He forgave all our sins**. ¹⁴ He canceled the record of the charges against us and took it away by nailing it to the cross.

1. ADMIT IT

1 John 1:8

If we say we have no sin, we are fooling ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

2. ACCEPT RESPONSIBILITY

Psalm 51:1-2

¹ Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.

² Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.

3. ASK FOR FORGIVENESS

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

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James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.

FORGIVE OTHERS

Matthew 6:12

And forgive us our sins, as we also have forgiven those who sin against us.

Mark 11:25

If you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them so that your Father may forgive you.

Ephesians 4:32

Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

FORGIVE SELF



A Story of Faith and Forgiveness

Sherlita Faith Chua

When I was young, I lived in fear and grew up in an unhappy family.

My parents were both alcoholics and my mother was also a gambler.

Being the eldest of six children, it pained me to see my sibling suffer due to their neglect.

Thankfully, my grandmother became a source of support for us.



At 18, I secretly decided to work overseas to support my siblings. When my father found out, he refused to let me go.

He became very angry, and we had a major argument. He then took out his gun and pointed it at me. I ran away.

Those feelings of hurt motivated me even more to leave home to find work in Singapore. I resented them.



Unfortunately, my first employer here was a very difficult one with constant verbal and physical abuse. I had very little rest from working longer hours than allowed.

I was later allowed to transfer to my second employer who treated me with dignity and respect. They even encouraged me to attend skills training and I stayed with them for seven years before they were posted overseas.

Before they left, they ensured my well-being and even demonstrated care as I prepared to marry my Singaporean husband.



Marriage was full of ups and downs. Being a very insecure person and dealing with rejection issues since young, I was jealous of my husband, and we quarrelled very often. I hated my life and even wanted to end it.

A friend tried to console me with the scripture Jeremiah 29:11

“I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

It was strange hearing that but I held on.

Years later, someone from BBTC reached out and encouraged me to attend church.

I slowly began to understand about a loving God who forgives. I discovered that God really has a plan for me, to bless me when I learn to put my trust in him.

In 2011, while pregnant with my third child, I gave my life to Christ. I became a Christian.

His forgiveness, grace and love overwhelmed me.

But receiving His forgiveness was just the beginning.

I knew I had to forgive my husband, forgive myself, and ultimately forgive my parents.

I kept praying for their salvation after that.



In 2012, my father was involved in an accident and was in coma after that. I prayed for God's mercy for him and he woke up after three days.



That was the start of a change in his life.
He asked for God's forgiveness, and he
even asked for my forgiveness.



He began to read the Bible, attend church and was later baptized. Not only that, my parents and sibling began to actively serve the Lord and would lead a church in my home province, constantly sharing the gospel to the neighbours.



As for my marriage, God restored our relationship and today, we are more loving towards one another. My husband has been very supportive of my children and me serving at BBTC.

Today I am grateful to be able to stand here to say that we have a God who forgives and redeems us from our past.

Whatever your situation has been, I believe God's love and grace has the power to change us for good. I hope that you will also have a chance to receive His great love and forgiveness.