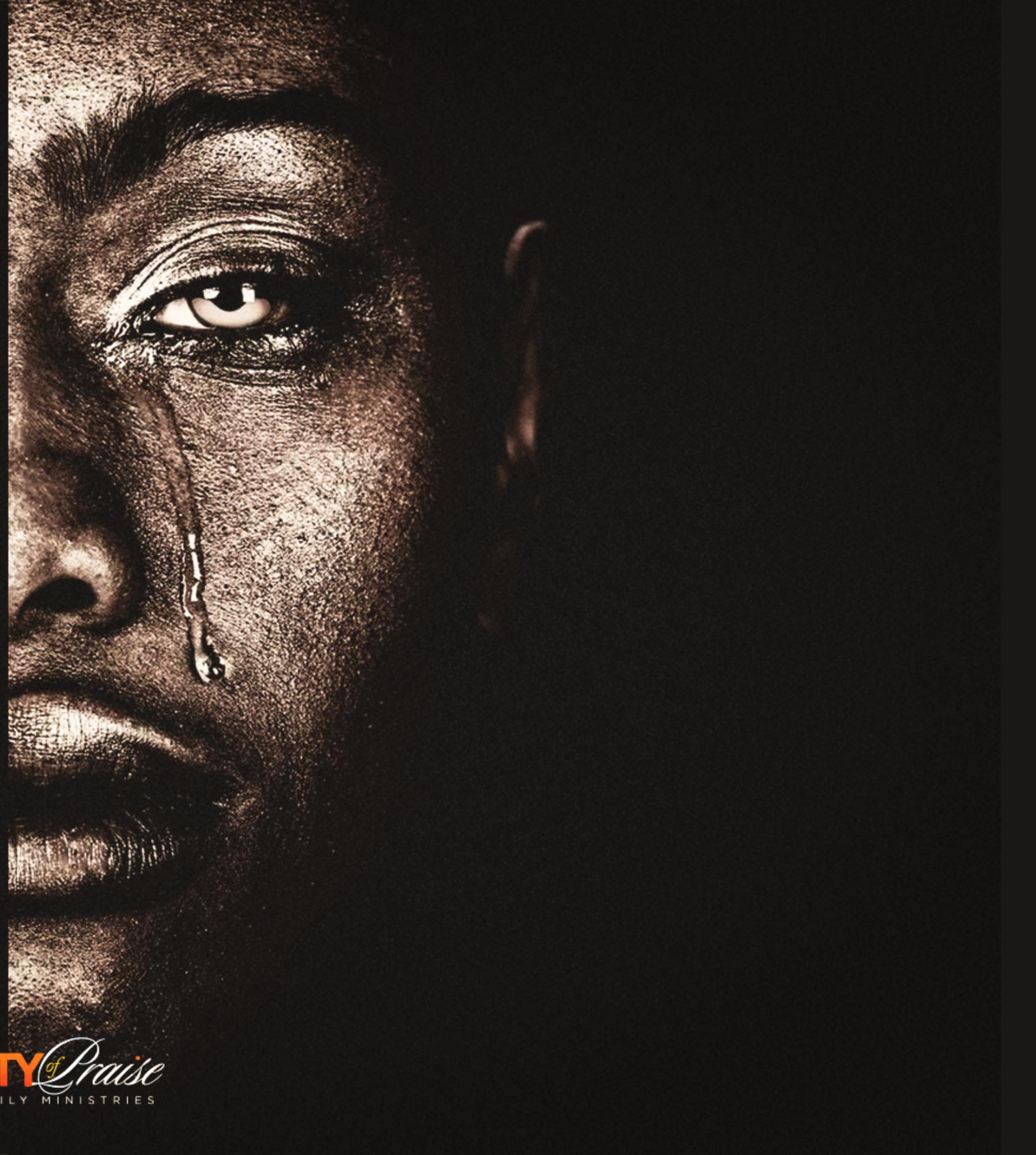


CHURCH HURT:  
HAS MY

PAIN

PARALYZED MY  
PROMISE?



**Most of the New Testament's Biblical writings of Apostle Paul were to solve conflicts in the church:**

- **Galatians to solve legalism (Galatians 1:6–7, 3:1–3, 4:9, 5:1).**
- **Colossians to solve heresy (Colossians 2:4, 8).**
- **2 Timothy to solve tension in succession (2 Timothy 4:9–16).**
- **Philippians to solve conflict and selfish ambition (Philippians 2:3–22).**
- **1 and 2 Corinthians to solve a whole host of problems centered around the issues of human pride in gifting and speaking that led to loveless and arrogant religious activity.**

## **Acts 15:37-41 (MSG)**

**37-41 Barnabas wanted to take John along, the John nicknamed Mark. But Paul wouldn't have him; he wasn't about to take along a quitter who, as soon as the going got tough, had jumped ship on them in Pamphylia. Tempers flared, and they ended up going their separate ways: Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus; Paul chose Silas and, offered up by their friends to the grace of the Master, went to Syria and Cilicia to build up muscle and sinew in those congregations.**

# **I. Church Hurt is a TRAP!**

**From the day you got saved  
satan has been plotting and  
planning to rip you away  
from the CHURCH and  
JESUS CHRIST!**

**Now the Spirit speaketh  
expressly, that in the latter  
times some shall depart  
from the faith, giving heed  
to seducing spirits, and  
doctrines of devils;  
Speaking lies in hypocrisy;  
having their conscience  
seared with a hot iron;  
1 Timothy 4:1-2 KJV**

**II. A broken Christian disconnected due to his pain is also disconnected from benefits of unity.**

**Matthew 18:19 (AMP)**

**19 - “Again I say to you, that if two believers on earth agree [that is, are of one mind, in harmony] about anything that they ask [within the will of God], it will be done for them by My Father in heaven.**

**Matthew 16:18 (ESV)**

**18 - And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

## A warning to those who are harsh or deceitful in church.

Jesus said to his disciples:  
“Things that cause people to  
stumble are bound to come,  
but woe to anyone through  
whom they come. It would be  
better for them to be thrown  
into the sea with a millstone  
tied around their neck than to  
cause one of these little ones  
to stumble.

Luke 17:1-2

**1. If you want to know if someone is mature, do not look at how many Bible verses they know but watch how they act when someone hurts them.**

**Psalm 139:23-24 (MSG)**

***Investigate my life, O God,  
find out everything about me; Cross-examine and  
test me, get a clear picture of what I'm about; See  
for yourself whether I've done anything wrong—  
then guide me on the road to eternal life.***

**But what if I've been  
HURT AT CHURCH?**

## **2. Most of the time, hurt is an opportunity to grow, not go.**

- How do you forgive if you're not placed in a position to forgive?
- How do you love if you're not put in a position where loving a person was difficult?
- How do you learn to heal if you've never been wounded?

### **3. Test everything through the scripture.**

**(I Thessalonians 5:21, I John 4:1, Acts 17:11) Only by using scripture as the lens through which we judge those around us will we see clearly.**

**4. The spiritual mind and fleshly mind will always interpret things differently.**

### **Romans 8:6**

***The mind of the flesh is death, but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace...***

**5. For every person who feels like they've been hurt in church there's often another person who feels as though that person did something wrong.**

**Ephesians 4:32**

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



IF YOU NOTICE THAT SOMEONE HAS BEEN

# MISSING

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ALSO, KINDLY TAKE A MOMENT AND REACH OUT TO THEM.

**THEY MAY NEED TO HEAR YOUR VOICE.**