# Hope and Healing for Teens in a Broken World



Discover how God uses teens to bring hope and healing amid a broken world affected by sin and injustice.





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#### Introduction

Life as a teen can feel overwhelming, especially when you take a closer look at the world around you. Everywhere you turn, there are signs of brokenness —wars that cause pain, injustices that rob people of dignity, and personal hardships that make life hard to bear. This brokenness is rooted in sin, a reality the Bible clearly reveals. But here's the good news: God is not distant or indifferent to this suffering. Instead, He longs to bring healing and hope.

As a teenager, you have a unique and powerful role in God's plan. Even though you're still growing and learning, God can use your passion, your voice, and your actions to make a difference. He invites you to be an agent of hope, shining His love into places darkened by pain and injustice. This study will help you recognize the brokenness in the world, understand God's heart for healing, and see how He calls you to be part of His plan to restore what sin has damaged.

Throughout these three days, you will dive into Scriptures that reveal God's desire to heal and renew our world. You'll explore stories where God's power overcame brokenness, and you'll be challenged to consider how you can be a light in your community. Whether it's standing up for fairness, caring for those hurting, or simply showing kindness in everyday moments, you can make a lasting impact. Get ready to discover the hope that is yours in Christ and the difference you can make in a world that so desperately needs Him.

















#### Your Verse

Romans 3:23 - "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Genesis 3:17 "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat food from it all the days of your life."
- Psalm 34:18 "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."







#### Devotional: Understanding Our Broken World

From the very beginning, the world was not what God intended. Sin entered through the disobedience of the first humans, and since then, everything has been affected. Romans 3:23 reminds us that everyone has sinned and fallen short of God's perfect standard. This brokenness is why we see so much pain, injustice, and hurt in the world around us. But understanding the problem is the first step toward finding hope.

It's easy to feel overwhelmed when you realize just how much is wrong in the world. Wars, bullying, inequality, and personal struggles can make life seem hopeless. Yet, Psalm 34:18 offers a comforting truth: God is close to those who are hurting. He sees your pain and cares deeply. Recognizing the broken world is not meant to discourage us but to help us rely on God's strength.

Your feelings of frustration or sadness are valid, but God's love provides a foundation for hope. When you see the pain around you, remember that God has not abandoned His creation. Instead, He longs to bring healing and redemption—not just on a global scale, but in your own life and community too.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	What aspects of the world's brokenness affect you the most and why?
	How does knowing that you and everyone else have sinned influence your view of others?
	In what ways do you experience God's closeness when you face difficult moments?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a time when you noticed injustice or pain in your community.
2.	Reflect on how your own mistakes or struggles show human brokenness.
3.	Describe what it means to you that God is close to those who are hurting.







#### Prayer for Today

**God,** thank You for loving me even in a broken world. Help me recognize the ways sin has affected everything around me without losing hope. Remind me that You are always near when I feel hurt or overwhelmed. Give me eyes to see where healing is needed and courage to trust Your plan for restoration. Use me to bring light to the darkness, one small step at a time. In Jesus' name, Amen.  $\bigwedge$   $\Leftrightarrow$   $\bigvee$ 

















#### Your Verse

Isaiah 61:1 - "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor... to bind up the brokenhearted."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- Matthew 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."
- Psalm 147:3 "He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds."







#### Devotional: Jesus, Our Healer and Restorer

Even though the world is broken, God has not left us without hope or help. Isaiah 61:1 proclaims the arrival of One anointed by God to bring good news to those in need and to heal the brokenhearted. This prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus, who came to restore what sin had damaged.

Jesus's invitation in Matthew 11:28 is personal: He calls to everyone who is weary and burdened, offering rest and peace. Whether you carry heavy emotional pain, feel lost, or struggle with the world's injustices, Jesus meets you with compassion. He doesn't just acknowledge your brokenness; He actively heals and restores.

In Psalm 147:3, we see again God's heart for healing—the God who created the universe cares deeply about your personal struggles and wounds. The amazing truth is that God's healing power includes both spiritual restoration and practical help in daily life.

As a teenager, you may feel small or powerless against all the world's problems. But God's power is not limited by age or circumstance. He wants to use your life to bring wholeness to others. When you trust in Jesus, you become a carrier of His healing, sharing hope with people around you who are hurting.







# Reflect and Apply

1.	How does Jesus's invitation to the weary encourage you personally?
	Where have you experienced God's healing in your life or the lives of others?
	What does it mean to you to be someone who brings healing to your community?







# **Journaling Prompts**

1.	Write about a moment when you felt Jesus's peace in a difficult time.
2.	List ways you see God healing brokenness around you.
	Describe how you can show God's healing love to a friend or family member.







#### Prayer for Today

**Dear Jesus,** thank You for being the healer of my broken heart and the source of true rest. Help me to accept Your invitation to come to You with my burdens. Fill me with Your Spirit so I can bring Your healing and hope to others who are hurting. Teach me how to be Your hands and feet in a world that needs Your love. In Your name, Amen.  $\bigwedge$ 

















Day 3: 💥 Living as Agents of Hope

#### Your Verse

Matthew 5:14 - "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden."

#### **Supporting Scriptures**

- John 13:34 "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another."
- Galatians 6:9 "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."







Day 3: 💥 Living as Agents of Hope

#### Devotional: Shining Light and Love Daily

Now that we understand the brokenness of the world and God's healing power, the next step is to live it out. Jesus calls His followers the "light of the world" (Matthew 5:14). As a teen, this means you have a role in shining God's hope and love in your school, family, and community.

God doesn't expect perfection or grand gestures. He calls us to love one another as He has loved us (John 13:34)—through kindness, patience, and standing up for what is right. Showing love is one of the most powerful ways to combat the darkness of injustice and hurt around us.

Sometimes doing good can be hard and discouraging. We might feel like giving up when our efforts seem small or unnoticed. But Galatians 6:9 encourages us not to grow weary because God will bring a harvest at the right time. Your consistent, faithful actions—even small ones—matter deeply in God's plan.

Take heart knowing that God equips you to be a bright light, reflecting His hope into a broken world. Your choices, words, and actions can inspire healing and change far beyond what you see right now. Trust God to use your life as a source of hope and believe that you matter in His mission to restore the world.







Day 3: 🎇 Living as Agents of Hope

# Reflect and Apply

	In what ways do you currently shine light in your surroundings? What more can you do?
2.	How does God's love motivate you to love others, even when it's difficult?
3.	What keeps you going when efforts to do good feel tiring or unseen?







Day 3: 🎇 Living as Agents of Hope

# **Journaling Prompts**

	Write about a recent moment when you chose to show kindness or stand up for justice.
2.	Reflect on ways you could shine God's light more intentionally this week.
3.	Journal your feelings about being called to make a difference as a teen.







Day 3: 💥 Living as Agents of Hope

## **Prayer for Today**

**Lord,** thank You for calling me to be a light in this broken world. Help me love others as You have loved me and to keep doing good even when it's hard. Fill me with Your strength and guidance so my life reflects Your hope and healing. Use me to make a difference in the lives around me. In Jesus' name, Amen.







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