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Wandered Away

There is no doubt about that. **There is no doubt about what?** I wandered away from you. I went and did my own thing. I turned to my own way. I lived for my own comfort and pleasure. I did what I wanted when I wanted. I pursued all that this life had to offer. I lived solely for myself. I acquired things and used people and of that I am not proud. I followed my own counsel. I neither wanted or needed any advice, especially from you, or so I thought, at the time. **Where did your life lead you?** I thought my life led me on a path farther and farther away from you. Now, I know that I was incorrect. **How so?** The life I was living brought me pain and suffering. I was bruised and battered and broken by my own poor choices. To some, especially me, that my seemed like being farther and farther from you. But pain and suffering got my attention. Being bruised and battered and broken caused me to cry out to you. And you were not distant from me. You would not let me go. You relentlessly pursued me. You heard my cry because you were very near to me. It is true, without a doubt, that you are close to the broken hearted. **Yes, I am.** And that is where I was, at the end of my rope, stuck in the muck and mire of life, so to speak. I asked you to show yourself to me if you were real. Asked is an understatement, I shouted at you, in what I now know was the prayer of my heart. **That was quite a prayer.** I was crying out to you and asking for your help. I was asking you to rescue me from a life without you. **Did I hear your prayer?** Yes, you heard my prayer. You helped me to confess and turn away from my sins. You forgave all my sins and cleansed all my unrighteousness. You came into my life and filled me with your Spirit. Now, for all these many years you have been molding and shaping me. You have been leading me on the path of life as I love and follow and serve you. You have given me a fresh and new life to live now and forever. You are my Savior and Lord. **Yes, I am.** For that, I give all my thanks and praise to you for all you have done for me. **That is very good.**

Lord, I was like a stubborn sheep determined to go my own way. What a bruised, battered, and broken life I lived. But you sought me out. Like a good shepherd you came after me. You forgave all my sins and cleansed all my unrighteousness as I turned to you. Amen

Promises*We Are Healed*

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NIV

Isaiah 53:4-6

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Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

ESV

Isaiah 53:4-6

Promises*So We Could Be Healed*

Yet it was our weaknesses he carried; it was our sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, a punishment for his own sins! But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed. All of us, like sheep, have strayed away. We have left God's paths to follow our own. Yet the LORD laid on him the sins of us all.

NLT

Isaiah 53:4-6

Promises*We Are Healed*

Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

NKJV

Isaiah 53:4-6

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Surely he has borne our infirmities and carried our diseases; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his bruises we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

NRSV

Isaiah 53:4-6

Promises*We Get Healed*

But the fact is, it was *our* pains he carried— *our* disfigurements, all the things wrong with us. We thought he brought it on himself, that God was punishing him for his own failures. But it was our sins that did that to him, that ripped and tore and crushed him—*our* sins! He took the punishment, and that made us whole. Through his bruises we get healed. We're all like sheep who've wandered off and gotten lost. We've all done our own thing, gone our own way. And GOD has piled all our sins, everything we've done wrong, on him, on him.

MSG

Isaiah 53:4-6

Promises*We Are Healed*

Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows *and* pains [of punishment], yet we [ignorantly] considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God [as if with leprosy]. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt *and* iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace *and* well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed *and* made whole. All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord has made to light upon Him the guilt *and* iniquity of us all.

AMP

Isaiah 53:4-6

Promises*We Were Healed*

Yet it was *our* grief he bore, *our* sorrows that weighed him down. And we thought his troubles were a punishment from God, for his *own* sins! But he was wounded and bruised for *our* sins. He was beaten that we might have peace; he was lashed—and we were healed! *We*—every one of us—have strayed away like sheep! *We*, who left God's paths to follow our own. Yet God laid on *him* the guilt and sins of every one of us!

TLB

Isaiah 53:4-6

Promises*We Are Healed*

Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

NASB

Isaiah 53:4-6

Promises*We Are Healed*

But he took our suffering on him and felt our pain for us. We saw his suffering and thought God was punishing him. But he was wounded for the wrong we did; he was crushed for the evil we did. The punishment, which made us well, was given to him, and we are healed because of his wounds. We all have wandered away like sheep; each of us has gone his own way. But the LORD has put on him the punishment for all the evil we have done.

NCV

Isaiah 53:4-6

We are Healed

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

Promises – Isaiah 53:4-6

In Context: *Read Isaiah 53*

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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Considering The Words: ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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Praying The Scripture: ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

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What It Means: ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

When have been most like a stubborn and lost sheep that has gone its own way?

Why is turning away from the Lord and going your own way a dangerous and disastrous way to live?

How was your life bruised and battered and broken because you turned to your own way?

How did the Lord, like a good shepherd, seek you out and draw you back to Him?

When did you confess and turn from your sins to receive forgiveness and cleansing from the Lord?

How is the Lord healing your bruised and battered and broken life as you love, follow, and serve Him?

How has the Lord set a new course for your life as you live in a new and intimate relationship with Him?

Living It Out: ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Confess and turn away from your sins so you can be forgiven and cleansed of all your unrighteousness.

Seeing It Happen: ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will forgive your sins and cleanse your unrighteous when you turn your life over to Him.

Get Ready To Share: ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has given you a new life to live with and for Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you confess and turn from your sins so you can receive forgiveness and cleansing from the Lord.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will confess and turn from my sins so I can receive your forgiveness and cleansing.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what sins do I need to confess and turn from today?
