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Listen Love Pray

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God Loves You So Much He will bring Beauty from Ashes

† *to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes,
the oil of joy instead of mourning,
and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair.*

—Isaiah 61:3 NIV

When one chooses to walk the path of recovery, one chooses to love themselves as God loves them.

The idea of recovery is not limited to drugs and alcohol, but it involves any unhealthy or ungodly way we have found to ‘deal with life.’

Recovery involves honestly looking at one’s self, our past, and our choices. The process is challenging because it is much easier to choose to run-away, ignore, stuff-down, fight, control, resent or self-medicate with food, TV, sex, alcohol, even over exercising.

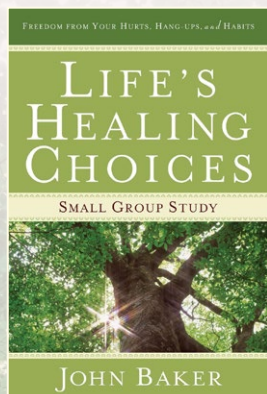
When we get honest and admit our need for God’s help, He responds and we can begin to recover. God truly wants freedom and good for all of us, but we must first recognize our problem and turn to Him for help.

Learning about the recovery process was the focus of LLP’s January class on *Life’s Healing Choices* (LHC) by John Baker. And now, in February and March, LLP is offering small groups (see below)! These weekly groups offer a safe space for you to get support as you work toward freedom from hurts, hang-ups and habits. Most importantly, these groups depend on God and the healing love of Jesus to help us. Join us as we follow God’s path to wholeness, health, and true happiness.

Life’s Healing Choices Small Groups

It can take years to develop unhealthy, destructive behaviors; similarly, freedom does not happen overnight. Find sustained support in a LLP small group. Your small group is a safe place where members follow specific, small-group guidelines to ensure respect and confidentiality.

Each small-group participant must buy their own LHC small-group study book and commit to completing that week’s reading and writing assignments before their group meets. Each meeting will be 75 minutes, or shorter (if your group has few participants).



\$9.69 from Amazon

The *Life’s Healing Choices* study guide uses biblically based teachings to offer real answers, real hope, and a real future, one choice at a time.

If you were not in LLP’s January class, that’s okay!
Please still join a small group.

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Revelation in a Life’s Healing Choices Breakout Group

As we were talking in our (LHC) small group, the question arose, “Would God replace a hurt, hang-up or habit that He had highlighted for us with an alternative?”

We all agreed; we BELIEVE Jesus is so gracious that He would! Then, someone beautifully said that she believed the time we gain—by giving up our hurt, habit, or hang-up—can be filled with TIME with Jesus! Time to be still, listen and receive His love!

And just like that, Jesus graciously revealed exactly what we pondered, affirming our belief that He would provide! Astounding! Immediate! Such LOVE! For all of us! Thank you, Jesus!

Text healing prayers to your friends and watch God respond!

(A real-life example from January 2023)

Admitting need: Thank you for putting these (Life’s Healing Choices class videos) on YouTube. I started a new job and for two days I’ve had really terrible headaches. I could not sit and stare at the screen last night (for an LLP class). I don’t like taking migraine meds (and hope the headaches are being caused by something less serious).

Healing Prayer: I am sorry that you’ve had headaches. In the name of Jesus, I pray for a sense of His peace and calm to touch the jagged places that are causing pain. Lord, I don’t know all the ins and outs of headaches, but You do. Thank you for loving (name). Thank you for being their healer and provider. Would You come now and gently help them through this episode. We love you Jesus. Amen.

God’s grace: Thank you, I read the prayer and started feeling immediately better. Before that I thought I was going to need to take another of the meds. Praise God!

ListenLovePray Events

February

- Feb 1/8/15/22 Women's Bible Study (Isaiah)**
Wednesdays • 9:30 am at NBNC
- Feb 6-Mar 31 Life's Healing Choices Small Groups**
Select a group (see panel to right)
- Feb 6/20 Ladies Recovery – Kelsey's House**
1st & 3rd Mondays • 5:30 pm
- Feb 6/20 Ladies Recovery Bible Study**
1st & 3rd Mondays • 7:00 pm (on Zoom)
- Feb 7/21 Healing Prayer Service (in person and now on YouTube Live)**
1st & 3rd Tuesdays • 7:00 pm at NBNC
- Feb 8 Recovery Ministry – Beacon House**
2nd Wednesday • 10:30 am at FRM
- Feb 8/22 Ladies Recovery – Andrea's House**
1st & 3rd Wednesdays • 5:30 pm (on Zoom)
- Feb 9 Deep Healing Training**
Thursday • 7:00 pm at NBNC
- Feb 9/23 Celebrate Recovery at Beacon House**
1st & 3rd Thursdays • 7:15 pm at FRM
- Feb 11 Paint Morning for Recovery Ladies**
Saturday • 10:00am - 12:00 pm at NBNC
- Feb 14/28 Zoom Healing Prayer Service**
2nd & 4th Tuesdays • 7:00 pm (on Zoom)
- Feb 26 Men's Recovery – Beacon House**
4th & 5th Sundays • 6:00 pm at FRM

March

- Mar 7/21 Healing Prayer Service (in person and now on YouTube Live)**
1st & 3rd Tuesday • 7:00 pm at NBNC

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You will just need to purchase the *Life's Healing Choices* book in order to read along with the small group assignments. Also, you can view all 8 LHC classes from January on the LLP YouTube Channel.

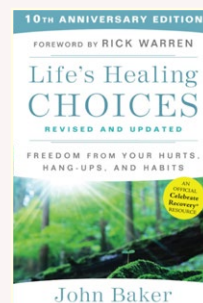
Groups start the week of February 6 and will run for 8 weeks. Email lucinda@listenlovepray.org to register.

Women's Groups

- Mondays at 9:45 am at NBNC
- Wednesdays at 6:30 pm on Zoom
- Thursdays at 12:00 pm on Zoom

Men's Group

- Wednesday 7:00 pm on Zoom



\$12.19 from Amazon

Deep Healing Training for All LLP Prayer Ministers

February 9th at NBNC at 7:00 pm

Deep Healing — a way to gain freedom from recurring issues including: physical illness, emotional turmoil, relationship difficulties, or spiritual maladies. This 2-part process starts with healing prayer, where prayer ministers listen-love-pray for healing as Holy Spirit brings revelation. Next, the need for deliverance is explored, as unholy spirits might have caused or become attached to the persistent issue. The recipient participates in specific deliverance prayers while LLP ministers add powerful scripture at each step.



LLP team praying for Cliff at Beacon House (Cliff graduated the Changed Life Recovery Program and works at FRM)

Donations

Joanne Ranshaw

In Honor of all who work in recovery ministries

In Memory of her husband, Dick Ranshaw, who was passionate about helping youngsters find their way, and her brother-in-law, Ernie Ranshaw, who fought hard to find sobriety

LLP's YouTube Ministry Goes Global

This email is from someone who lives in another country. They now subscribe to LLP's YouTube channel!

Dear Lucinda,

My heart is full of gratitude! This video about relationship is a gift from God! Thank u! In this modern world, we can all be evangelists simply by subscribing to the LLP YouTube channel (it is free) and sharing a link to one of the 273 videos with a loved one.

Try clicking the icons!

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LLP works in recovery centers, churches, and the community. Jesus still heals and delivers people today!