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We all desire to walk free from shame and brokenness. People don't lose their dreams. They lose their hope.

Shame is when I conclude that something is wrong with me and I cannot be redeemed.

Culture pretends the darkness is light. It tries to convince you are rising, when in fact you're sinking. A lie with the best intentions is still a lie and will imprison you. It all just fine until it's someone you love that is trapped in the dark

Jesus is the one who bore our shame on the cross. God takes us broken and restores us to wholeness. He desires to start a relationship with you just like you are.

<u>Acts 4:13 (KJV)</u> - Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marveled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.

God pours His grace through the cracks.

II Corinthians 12:7-10 - And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. ⁸ Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. ⁹ And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰ Therefore I take pleasure in weaknesses, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

People feel shame because they need God in their weaknesses, so they won't yield to his grace. Self-Sufficiency rejects God's grace and says, "I'll do it on my own." Both are a trap that seek to eliminate His divine help.