



## 3 CIRCLES FOR HYFI

When we look at the world and the people around us, we often see things like violence, sadness hurting people, hatred, and even death.

### **Draw circle 2**

On any given day, we can see the brokenness of the world around us. Something just seems off, or broken, doesn't it?

There is a reason things seem this way.

### **Draw circle 1**

In the beginning, God, the perfect Designer, created everything, and He created everything on purpose for a purpose. In the beginning, everything God made was perfect and good.

As part of God's good creation, He created people: Adam and Eve. Of everything God created, God made people special. The Bible says God made people in His image. This means that who WE are is supposed to reflect to other people who GOD is.

So how did we get from here, God's perfect design (circle 1), to here, brokenness (circle 2)?

In God's goodness, He gave Adam and Eve a lot of freedom. He told them they were free to enjoy and eat from any tree He had created, except the fruit from one tree: The Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. Adam and Eve chose their own way and broke this rule that God had given them. This is called sin. Sin is choosing my own way and disobeying God. Adam and Eve broke the perfect relationship that God had with them. They felt ashamed, and the consequence of their sin brought death and brokenness into all of God's creation.

Sadly today, our world is broken and we do

not live how God designed us to live. We all live in a world broken by sin. Sin broke our relationship with God. The first people, and all people since then have run away from God by trying to do things our own way. We've chosen to reject God's good identity for us and try to figure out who we are on our own, apart from God.

Many people try to fix this brokenness on their own. Trying to get good grades, be a good person, or get lots of followers and likes on social media. But all of those things don't really work. They pull us back into this identity of brokenness like a bungee cord.

### **Draw arrows around Broken circle**

We can't do it on our own. Instead, we live in shame and guilt and fear.

But God—the One who created all things, even you, and knows everything about you—had a master plan.

### **Draw circle 3 and arrow between circles 2 and 3**

A plan to make you new again and fix the relationship that was broken by sin. God loves you, and He never wanted you or me to live in this brokenness. God's plan was to send His only Son, Jesus.

In our brokenness, we tried to act like God, like we were in charge, but Jesus did the opposite. Even though He was God's own Son, Jesus gave up everything that was rightfully His. He came to earth as a man and lived life perfectly. He completely trusted and depended on God and was obedient to Him in every way. Jesus lived a perfect life, suffered, and died on a cross to take the punishment for our sin deserved.

### **Draw Cross in circle**

Then to show that Jesus truly was God's Son, He rose back to life again, showing His power even over death and all brokenness.

### **Draw Crown above circle**

So how do we get back to God's good design?

### **Draw arrow back to God's Plan**

Admit to God that He is in charge, and you are not. Tell God that you are sorry for trying to take His place and turn away from your sin. Next believe in Jesus by faith—that He really is God's Son, that He came and died the death you deserve for your sin and rose again to restore your relationship with God. And then, confess your faith in Jesus Christ as the Savior and Lord of everything. When you confess your faith in Jesus, you willingly choose to give over your identity, your plans, your everything to Him, and let God be the good King of your life.

When God restores our relationship to Him, we begin to discover our true identity and the meaning and purpose for our life, even while still in a broken world. We are able to pursue God's Plan in every area of our lives. The truth is, we will still fall and fail from time to time. But even when we do, we know that our relationship with God has been restored and that God will lead us. The Holy Spirit gives us the power to pursue His Design and gives us confidence that He is always with us now and forever.