

Preparing For Life's Healing Choices Series

Easter Means I Don't Have To Stay Stuck

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"For by the blood of Christ we are **set free**, that is, our **sins are forgiven**"
Ephesians 1:7 GNB

"He has forgiven all our sins . . . and **canceled every record** of the debt we had to pay: Christ has done away with it by nailing it to the cross"
Colossians 3:14 JB

"So there is now **no condemnation** awaiting those who belong to Christ Jesus" *Romans 8:1 TLB*

- I don't have to be perfect to get to heaven, but I do have to put my faith in Christ

Because Jesus Gives Me Hope

"How incredibly great **his power is to help** those who believe him . . . the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead..."
Ephesians 1:19-20 TLB

"If you stick with this, living out what I tell you... you will experience for yourselves the truth, and the truth will free you." *John 8:31-32 MSG*

- People who find hope tend to have two things in common
 - 1) They turn to God
 - 2) They get the help of friends

Because Jesus Gives Me A Way Out

"Don't let the world squeeze you into it's mold, but **let God remake you** so that your whole attitude of mind is changed." *Romans 12:2 Ph*

"I am the **Way**—yes, and the **Truth** and the **Life**. No one can get to the Father except by means of me." *John 14:6 TLB*

Jesus: "I came to give life—life in all its fullness" *John 10:10 NCV*

"How incredibly great **his power is to help** those who believe him . . . the same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead..." *Eph 1:19-20 TLB*

Getting Unstuck Begins With Choice

"Do you want to get well?" *John 5:6 GNT*

1. I choose to accept God's love

"For God loved the world so much **that he gave his only Son...**"
John 3:16b GNT

2. I choose to believe that Jesus died and rose again on Easter

"... So **that everyone who believes in him** may not die but have eternal life."
John 3:16b GNT

3. I choose to commit my life, my hurts, and my hang-ups to Jesus Christ

"But whoever did **want him**, who **believed he was who he claimed** and would do what he said, He made to be their true selves, their child-of-God selves."
John 1:12 MSG