



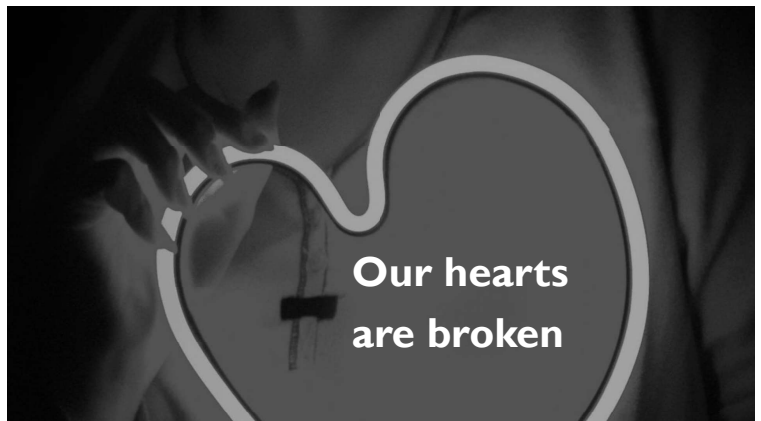
Message



**'For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight...
Surely I was sinful at birth,
sinful from the time my mother
conceived me.'** (Ps. 51:3-5)

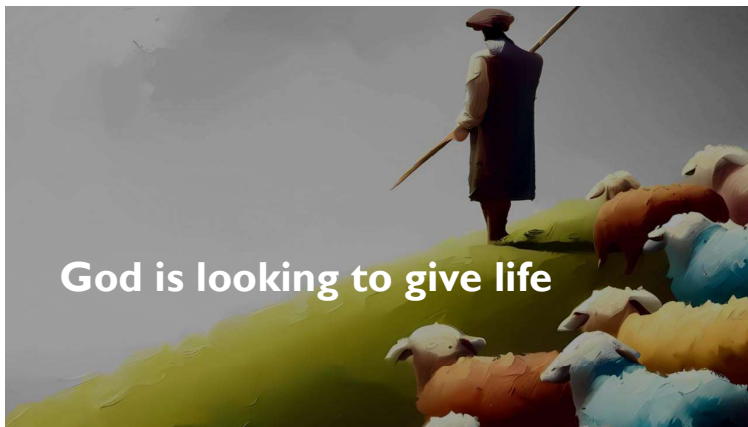
**'Sin inhibits us from doing what we
were made to do best – love – to
receive love and give it...as Eugene
Peterson defines it, "Sin is a refused
relationship with God that spills over
into a wrong relationship with
others."'** (Tyler Staton, pg76)

**'the reason to avoid sin at all costs is
to avoid sin's price, which is always
death. Sometimes sin causes literal
death, but most often it kills
something we love – a relationship, our
integrity...Sin is always on the prowl
looking to destroy.'** (Steve Cuss, pg23)



**'Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.'**
(Psalm 51:1-3)

**'Cleanse me...and I shall be
whiter than snow...
Hide your face from my sins
and blot out all my iniquity...
Do not cast me from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from me.'**
(Psalm 51:7, 9, 11)



**'Create in me a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit
within me...
Restore to me the
joy of your salvation
and grant me a willing spirit,
to sustain me.'** (Psalm 51:10, 12)

