



PEACE BY *piece* SERIES

WEEK ONE: PROBLEM

We Fall Down

And behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth shook and the rocks were split. Matthew 27:51

At the dawn of Creation, God intended for Adam and Eve and their descendants to live in perfect communion with Him. He desired to walk among them and do life with them as a father with his children, but Adam and Eve fell. They are cast out of the garden, and weren't able to have that same face-to-face relationship with Him. We were created to be loved and blessed by the leadership of our father, God. We were designed to live with Him, for Him, and because of Him.

After the fall, we see in the old testament God established rules and procedures so He could come and sit in this room in the temple where a priest would come and sacrifice on behalf of the people. There was a big thick curtain (the veil) from the top of the temple down to the floor behind which, the presence of God would sit and dwell, it was The Holy of Holies, and on the other side of the curtain was where man lived, separate from God, knowing He's there, but unable to personally communicate with Him. But Jesus.

Jesus came to restore our intimacy with God. Matthew 27:50-51 tells us, as Jesus breathed his final breath the veil in the temple was torn from the top to the bottom. Not from bottom to top. No man could have torn that curtain. For that curtain to be torn from top to bottom, God himself had to tear it. Through the death and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ we now have the right to come before God our Father on our own. There are no rules, regulations, policies, nor procedures that we have to abide by to enter into the presence of God Almighty. We can come before Him as imperfect and messed up as we are. He's waiting for us, ready to love us just as we are. If Jesus had not come, we could not go before the Father. There would be a hole in our hearts craving intimacy with God our Father because we were created for relationship with Him. We were made to intimately know God, hear His voice, live for and through Him.

If you're still craving intimacy with God, my hope is you will read these words and allow them to swell in your heart as a prayer of praise and thanksgiving for Jesus - the one who gave his life, so that we can live in the fullness of communion with God.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for sending Your Son to stand in the gap, pay the penalty for my sin, so that I can come before you and know you. Because of your son, Jesus, I have inherited the kingdom of God and live as Your child. You have stitched into every fiber of my being a desire to know You. With the final breath of Your Son, You tore the veil so that I can live out who I am in You. Your child.

