

THE YEAR OF THE LORD'S FAVOR

LUKE 4:18-19

MISTAKEN IDENTITY

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

I know what you are like! But I will heal you, lead you, and give you comfort, until those who are mourning start singing my praises. No matter where you are, I, the LORD, will heal you and give you peace.

Isaiah 57:18-19 (CEV)

1. **ALL OF US** need freedom and/or recovery from something!
2. Our road to recovery begins when we realize that we **ARE NOT GOD**.
3. The truth is we attempt to play God through **CONTROL**.
 - We try to control our *image*.
 - We try to control other *people*.
 - We try to control our *problems*.
 - We try to control our *pain*.
4. Ultimately because we attempt to stay in control we experience:
FEAR
FRUSTRATION
FATIGUE
FAILURE
5. The **CAUSE** of my problem is my sin nature.
6. The **CURE** is God! Healing/recovery begins with four big admissions:
 - Admit—I am powerless to *change* my past.
 - Admit—I am powerless to *control* other people.
 - Admit—I am powerless to *cope* with my harmful behavior.
 - Admit—**I NEED GOD!**