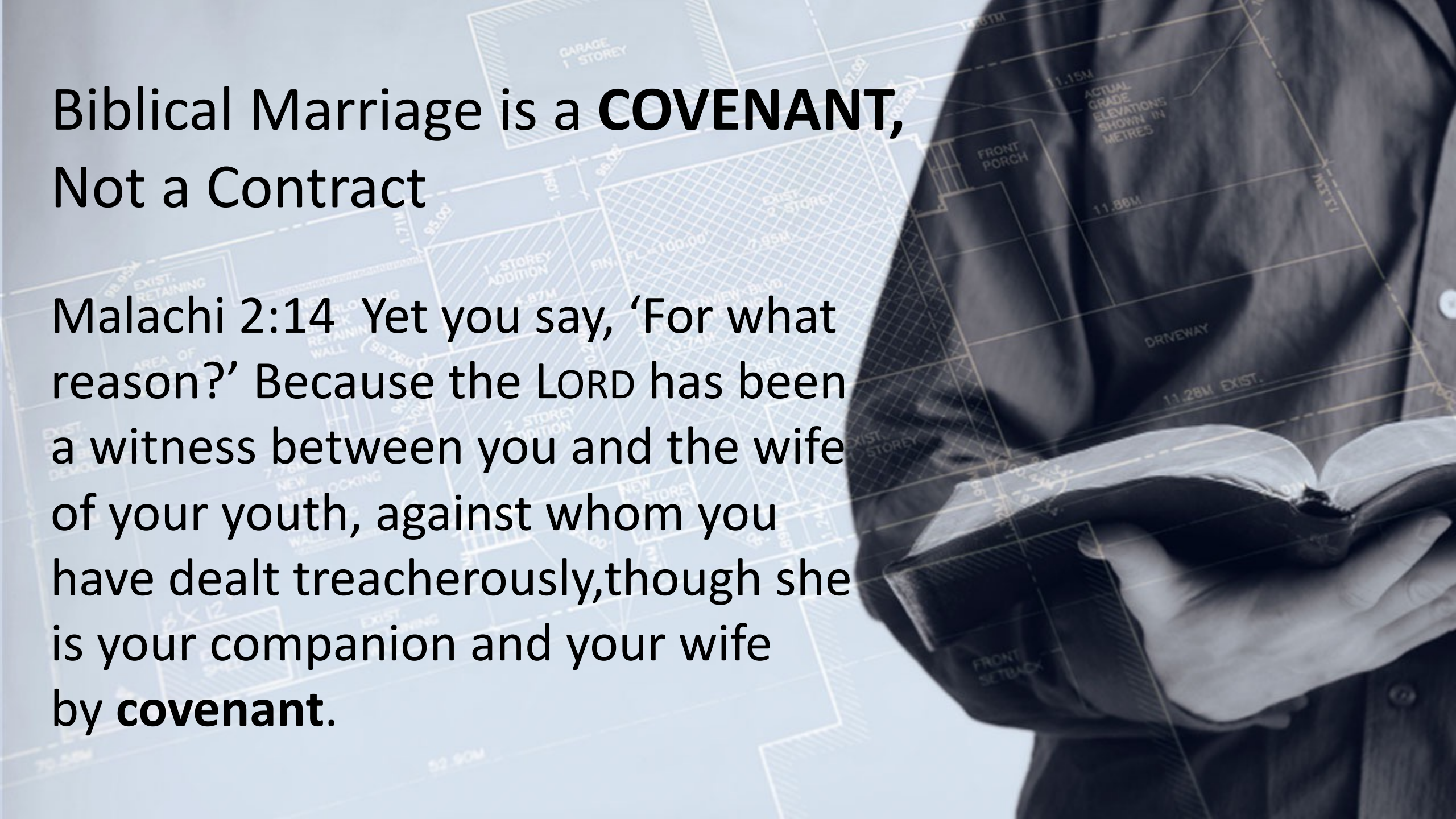




Building A Healthy Church: **MARRIAGE**

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A person in a dark suit is shown from the chest down, holding an open book. The background is a light blue color with a grid of white lines and various architectural labels such as 'GARAGE 1 STOREY', 'FRONT PORCH', 'DRIVEWAY', and 'ACTUAL GRADE ELEVATIONS SHOWN IN METRES'. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

Biblical Marriage is a **COVENANT**, Not a Contract

Malachi 2:14 Yet you say, 'For what reason?' Because the LORD has been a witness between you and the wife of your youth, against whom you have dealt treacherously, though she is your companion and your wife by **covenant**.



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Three parts of Marriage

Genesis 2:20-24, Matthew 19:4-6, Mark 10:6-9, Ephesians 5:31

⁴ And He answered and said, “Have you not read that He who created *them* from the beginning MADE THEM MALE AND FEMALE, and said, ‘FOR THIS REASON A MAN SHALL LEAVE HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND BE JOINED TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO SHALL BECOME ONE FLESH’? So they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate.” (NASB) Matthew 19:4-6

Three parts of Marriage

1. LEAVE

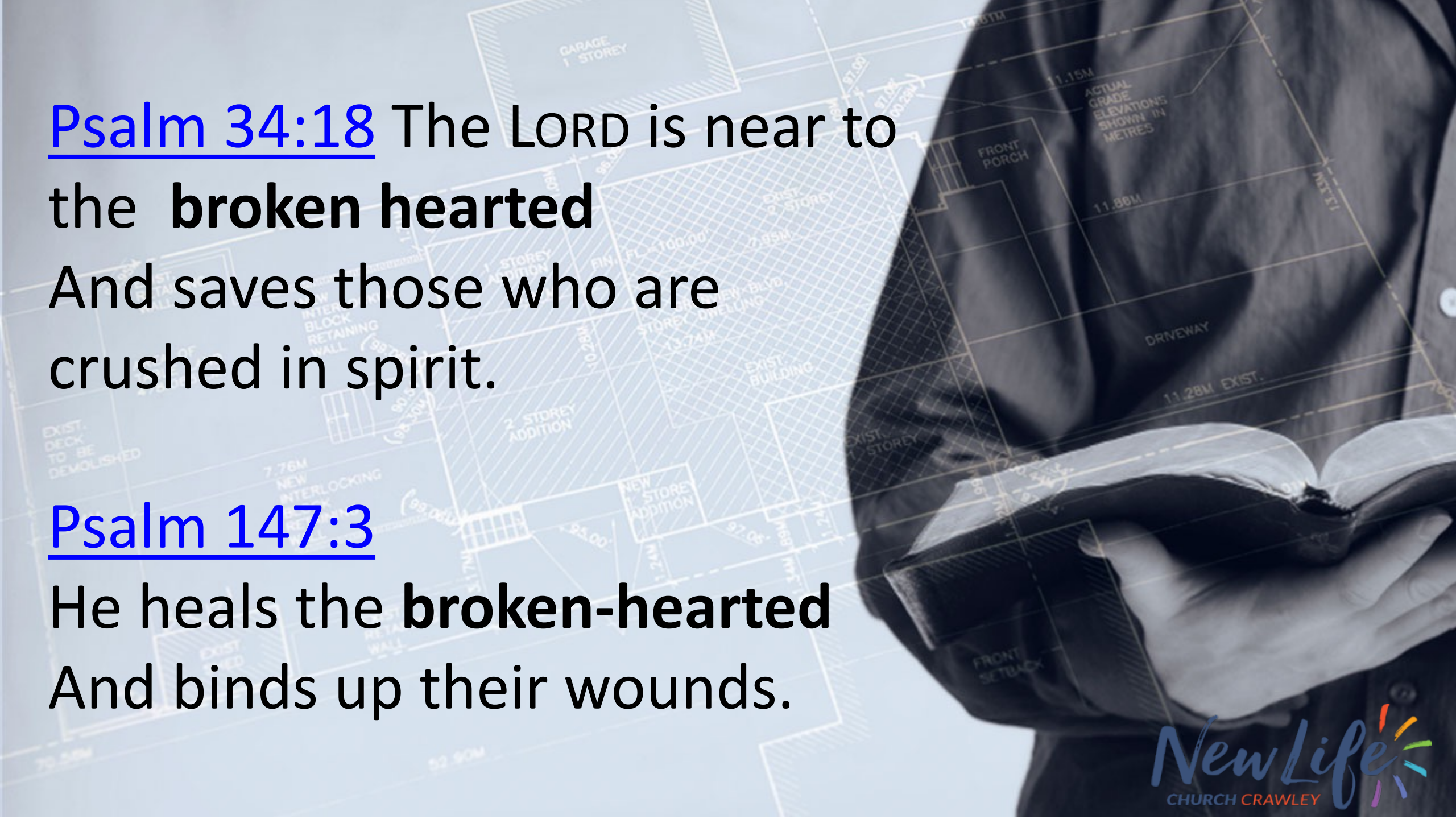
Three parts of Marriage

2. CLEAVE
Be Joined to
Be united with

Three parts of Marriage

3. BECOME ONE FLESH

Marriage should be honoured by all,
and the marriage bed kept pure, for
God will judge ... *(NIV) Hebrews 13:4*
Honour marriage, and guard the
sacredness of sexual intimacy between
wife and husband *(The Message)*



Psalm 34:18 The LORD is near to
the **broken hearted**
And saves those who are
crushed in spirit.

Psalm 147:3
He heals the **broken-hearted**
And binds up their wounds.

[Isaiah 61:1](#) The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, Because the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted; He has sent me to bind up the **broken hearted**, To proclaim liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners;