

The Burnt

*(Where to find your misplaced hope
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“Truly God is good to Israel, to those whose hearts are pure. **But as for me**, I almost lost my footing. My feet were slipping, and **I was almost gone.**”
(Psalm 73:1-2 NLT)

The 6 People

The Broken need **healing**.

The Beat-up need **grace**.

The Betrayed need **trust**.

The Bothered need **comfort**.

The Bored need **a mission**.

The Burnt need **hope**.

Losing Hope

“For I envied the proud when I saw them prosper despite their wickedness. They seem to live such painless lives; their bodies are so healthy and strong. They don’t have troubles like other people; they’re not plagued with problems like everyone else. They wear pride like a jeweled necklace and clothe themselves with cruelty. These fat cats have everything their hearts could ever wish for!” (Psalm 73:3-7)

Where there is **comparison**.

Where there is **envy**.

Where there is **anger**.

Having Hope

“Then I went into your sanctuary, O God, and I finally understood the destiny of the wicked. Truly, you put them on a slippery path and send them sliding over the cliff to destruction. In an instant they are destroyed, completely swept away by terrors. When you arise, O Lord, you will laugh at their silly ideas as a person laughs at dreams in the morning. Then I realized that my heart was bitter, and I was all torn up inside. I was so foolish and ignorant—I must have seemed like a senseless animal to you. Yet I still belong to you; you hold my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, leading me to a glorious destiny. Whom have I in heaven but you? I desire you more than anything on earth. My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; he is mine forever.” (Psalm 73:17-26)

Where there is **worship**.

Where there is **awe**.

Where there is **repentance**.

Where there is **confession**.

“The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need. He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams. He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name. Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me. Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.” (Psalm 23:1-4 NLT)