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CC390 Steps to Freedom

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. . . the mount of testing, the victory of faith,
where Jehovah-jireh supplies every need.

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THE FIRST STEP TO FREEDOM

"I have seen how they acted, but I will heal them. I will lead them and help them, and I will comfort those who mourn. I offer peace to all, near and far!" Isaiah 57:18 (GNB)

The first step to R.E.C.O.V.E.R.Y:

Realize I'm _____; I admit I'm powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and my life is unmanageable.

"I don't understand myself at all, for I really want to do what is right, but I can't! I do what I don't want to -- what I hate! I know perfectly well what I'm doing is wrong . . . but I can't help myself! It is sin inside me that is stronger than I am that makes me do these evil things." Romans 7:15-17 (LB)

I. THE CAUSE OF MY PROBLEM: _____

How we "play" God:

By denying our _____ and by trying to _____ everything for selfish reasons.

? Our image

? Other people

? Our problems

? Our pain

II. THE CONSEQUENCES.

1. _____

(Adam) *"I was afraid because I was naked so I hid."* Genesis 3:10

2. _____

"It seems to be a fact of life that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong... something else deep within me... is at war with my mind and wins the fight and makes me slave to the sin..." Romans 7:21, 23 (LB)

"My dishonesty made me miserable and filled my days with frustration."

Psalms 32:3 (LB)

3. _____

"My strength evaporated like water on a sunny day until I finally admitted all my sins to You and stopped trying to hide them." Psalms 32:4, 5 (LB)

4. _____

"You will never succeed in life if you try to hide your sins. Confess them and give them up; then God will show mercy to you." Proverbs 28:13 (GNB)

III. THE CURE: _____

Admitting that I'm not God means I know I am:

powerless to change:

powerless to control:

powerless to cope:

"God opposes the proud but gives GRACE to the humble." James 4:6

GRACE IS: