

Every Scar Tells a Story

(Galatians 6:17)

- Introduction:
1. Have you ever had someone show you or ask you about a scar?
 2. Surely, we all have.
 3. And when asked, we have a story to tell about how we received that scar.
 4. In today's lesson, let's examine some of the stories our scars tell.

I. Scars Remind Us that Sin is Painful

- A. (Psalm 38:18) I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sin.
- B. (Proverbs 6:27) Can a man take fire to his bosom and his clothes not be burned?
- C. Through the years, I have listened to numerous people, through their tears, recount how sin scarred their lives.

II. Scars Remind Us We Don't Want to Make the Same Mistakes Again.

- A. (1 Corinthians 10:11) These things happened to them as examples and were written for our admonition.
 1. They lusted after evil things (1 Corinthians 10:6).
 2. They practiced idolatry (1 Corinthians 10:7).
 3. They committed sexual immorality (1 Corinthians 10:8).
 4. They complained (1 Corinthians 10:10).
- B. Do you have scars that remind you not to do the same thing ever again?

III. Scars Remind Us that Healing Doesn't Remove the Scar

- A. (Galatians 6:7) We reap what we sow.
- B. (Proverbs 13:15) The way of the transgressor is hard.
- C. Repentance doesn't remove consequences.

IV. Scars Remind Us that Past Failures Don't Make Us Useless

- A. (John 21:15-19) Restoration of Peter.
- B. (Acts 15:36-41; 2 Timothy 4:11) Reconciliation of Paul and John Mark.
- C. And then there's your story.

- Conclusion:
1. As I stated at the beginning of this lesson, every scar has a story.
 2. Not all the stories of scars are due to foolishness, recklessness, and regret.
 3. Some scars are due to love.
 - a. (Galatians 6:17).
 - b. Jesus on the cross.
 4. I hope our love for Jesus will grow when we consider his scars, and may we live in such a way that we can share in his scars for the kingdom's sake.