

CRISIS

Eyes Wide Open



SCAN ME

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Before entering a crisis scenario—whether emotional, relational, spiritual, or circumstantial—pause and recognize the spiritual atmosphere you are entering.



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WISDOM

Before choosing to get involved, recognize:

Crisis is under the influence of the demonic.



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Have I prayed and listened?



Is Jesus inviting me into this and if so, to what extent?



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Will my presence reflect the nature and character of Christ?



Am I emotionally regulated right now, or am I entering from a place of personal distress?



What is my motive? Am I trying to fix, rescue, or control?



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Am I trying to seek justice, or relieve my discomfort?



Is my perspective clear or am I projecting past wounds onto this moment?



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What does obedience look like for me?



PARTNER WITH AND BE PRESENT

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What they need:

- Someone who listens but does not languish.
- A calm, confident presence.
- Connection not solutions.



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Confidence

"I only do the works that I see my Father doing... and only say what the Father is telling me to say."

John 5:19;12:49



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Key phrases:

- "I hear you..."
- "I don't know, but I understand..."
- "I can't imagine... tell me."



GIVE LANGUAGE

Give language

What they need:

- Their own language for what they are experiencing and feeling.



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Key phrase:

- "What you're feeling is real. Do you have a word for it?"
- "You have permission to feel whatever you want."



Reorient to truth

What they need:

- Loving truth — not opinions or cliches.



Refrain from making judgements about how things will be

- "It's going to be OK."
- "You're (they are) going to be fine."
- Refrain form spiritualizing traumatic events.



How to help:

Listen for agreement with lies and inner vows -

- "This will never get better."
- "God doesn't care."
- "It's all my fault."



Key phrases:

- "I hear you, but who told you that?"
- "What has Jesus told you?"



RETURN TO IDENTITY

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What they need:

- A reminder of who they are — not just what they are going through.



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How to help:

They may not have the capacity to reconnect to their God-given identity. You are to model it for them.



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Key phrases:

- "Who does God say you are - even in this?"



OFFER NEXT STEPS

Offer next steps:

What they need:

- Questions – not answers.



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How to help:

Don't push for a resolution.



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Steward don't own.

This is not YOUR crisis, as an outsider you may not agree with some of their choices — let them choose anyway without judgement.



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DIVISIONAL BREAKOUTS

A1: Atrium - Peyton Coker

A2: Rooms A101-A109 - Dietrich Blakes

A3: The Commons - Mark Matthews

A4: The Commons - Jonathan Adkins

A5: West Wing - Alan Moore

Open: Connection Room - Matt Mullins

Young Singles: Worship Entrance B - Peyton Coker

Single Adults: Sports & Fitness Center - Brandon McFarland



