

## PART 1

### The Wound

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Faithful presence is rooted in the grand story of God and humanity, one that begins full of promise but descends into hardship before a joyful ending when God restores all things. We read this story across the pages of Scripture from Genesis through Revelation. But that story comes alive in everyday life amid all the joys and challenges we face in making the world a better place. In this week's video we watch as Phoebe and Greg wrestle with difficult circumstances. The way they respond to these challenges eventually sets the direction of their vocational lives.

## Day 1

### Assignment

Watch the video “The Wound”.

### Reflection and Practice

1. Phoebe Cade Miles, the co-founder of Cade Museum for Creativity and Invention notices the Bible's grand story begins with creativity. Read Genesis 1 and write down what you notice about God's creativity.
2. Draw, color, or paint a scene that stands out to you in Genesis 1. Don't worry if you are not an artist—enjoy the creative process! Then share your picture with God. What do you sense God saying to you in response?

## Day 2

### Assignment

Watch the video a second time.

### Reflection and Practice

1. Not only does God create, but “all humans were made . . . to create.” Phoebe states, “We are called into God’s story to be a partner” in the work God is doing. That’s what it means to be the “image of God” (Genesis 1:26-28). How did Phoebe’s father, James Robert Cade, creatively make a positive difference in people’s lives?
2. Think about your own life. Recall a time when you developed a creative solution to a problem that was negatively impacting you or others. It can be something small that no one else noticed or a major project you worked on. Audio or video record yourself describing your experience like you are a storyteller.

## Day 3

### Reflection and Practice

1. Greg Bradley, founder of Mirror Image Leadership Academy, states, “God calls people to this place, and it’s not just one person.” What places have you lived in or visited? Have you ever felt like God was calling you to a particular place for a purpose? Journal and pray about the topic of place, asking God for insight.
2. In addition to place, Greg notes that God often brings many people to the same place to work together. When have you seen several people come together in one place to make a difference? Journal about that story. How does it make you feel knowing you are not alone in working for the common good?
3. This week, look for an opportunity to work together with one or more people to resolve a problem in your household, school, workplace, or community. Then share that experience with your conversational partners.

### Day 4

#### Assignment

Watch “The Wound” for a third time.

#### Reflection and Practice

1. Both Phoebe and Greg thought they would leave Gainesville, Florida and never return. What hardships did each of them face that made them want to leave?
2. What motivated each of them to return anyway? What role did their Christian faith play in their decision?
3. The first time Greg heard God telling him to return Gainesville, things did not work out. But he and his family persevered, trying again a second time eight years. Journal about a situation where you persevered through difficulty and it bore good fruit. How does your faith help you to persevere?

### Day 5

#### Reflection and Practice

1. Greg started his non-profit organization because he knows his “assignment is to help people see themselves the way that God created them to be.” How does God see you? Journal and pray honestly about what you believe God thinks of you.
2. Read Psalm 139:1-18 and 1 Corinthians 13:4-8. What do you learn from these verses about how God feels toward you? Using these verses, write down specific words or phrases that describe the way God responds to you.

## Day 6

### Reflection and Practice

1. Phoebe says her father's creative work "all started with a question." What questions do you have about particular problems or situations in your community or the world? Write down as many questions as you can within ten minutes (don't overthink it, just let the thoughts flow).
2. From the list of questions, pick one that stands out to you the most. Journal possible resolutions to that question that results in a positive impact. Ask God for insight. Also ponder why this particular question and its resolution matter to you.