

## PART 2

### The Healing

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As we enter into God's grand story of human flourishing, we increasingly realize we are part of something much bigger than ourselves. As Phoebe observes, "We're born into a story and we continue that story." We are interconnected with God and other people, working together to make a difference in the world. We don't have to invent the story on our own. Significantly, this story involves God's redemptive work. God is bringing healing to us all, even creation itself (Romans 8). That good news gives us the courage and strength to partner with God in this important work.

## Day 1

### Assignment

Watch the video "The Healing".

### Reflection and Practice

1. Phoebe says knowing she is part of a grand story that began long before her gives her the confidence she needs to take action. Read Isaiah 58 and 1 John 4:7-21. What would it look like for you to step into this grand story and become part of it?

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### Day 2

#### Reflection and Practice

1. The story we step into includes Christians who have gone before us who have contributed to God's vision for the common good of all people. We stand on their shoulders. For example, Phoebe's non-profit work builds upon the contributions of her own father. Contemplate those who have gone before you, whether a parent, mentor, or Christian leader in the past. Who do you admire for the way their work contributed to God's mission of healing, justice, and love? Whose good work might you want to build upon and expand?

### Day 3

#### Assignment

Watch the video a second time.

#### Reflection and Practice

1. Phoebe and her husband had a goal of creating a museum that would "support inventors and entrepreneurs" whose ideas "would ultimately change the world." Yet that dream was difficult to implement. Have you ever had a dream for making a difference that seemed too hard and overwhelming to achieve? Spend some time journaling and talking with God about that dream.
2. When Phoebe became discouraged, one thing that helped her was meditating on the life of Jesus. What story of Jesus from the Gospels inspires you to press on in your dreams of making a positive difference? Read that story, then write a prayer to God about it.

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### Day 4

#### Reflection and Practice

1. Greg says “without the experiences, the pain, and the set-backs” he would not be where he is today as the founder of a non-profit. What wisdom have you gleaned from hardship, failures, or set-backs? How might those experiences better prepare you for the work God has for you?
2. Phoebe observes that she ministers from her scars and not her wounds. What does she mean by that? Why is serving others from a place of healing a better approach?

### Day 5

#### Assignment

Watch the video a second time.

#### Reflection and Practice

1. Scripture reading, on-going prayer, and perseverance through set-backs all played a role in Greg’s and Phoebe’s discernment of what God was calling them to do. Greg also states “I’ve never had a time in my life that I felt more at peace about what I’m doing.” Even when it required hard work to start the non-profit, he felt peace. Have you ever felt God’s peace even when something was difficult? Journal about that experience.
2. Having a dream or vision for the common good is one thing. Acting on it is another. Greg talks about how he had to go from the idea of his non-profit to stepping out in courage to act on that vision. Ask God to show you someone in need today, then take a risk to act on meeting that need.

### Day 6

#### Assignment

Watch the video “We Are Better Together” a third time.

#### Reflection and Practice

1. Another way Greg discerned God’s direction was through the way the non-profit vision persisted in his heart and mind over a long period of time, even after he initially abandoned the work. This persistence was reinforced by his wife who experienced the same prompting, leading them to try again. What specific desire for the common good has surfaced repeatedly in your own heart over time?
2. Phoebe came to better understand God’s call on her life by walking through her community and praying, “God, show me how you see that person or institution, and give me the same heart you have.” God opened her eyes to see what she had not seen before. This week, write down Phoebe’s prayer and begin walking through you own community, workplace, or school, saying the same prayer. What do you sense God showing you? Journal about your experience of praying this prayer