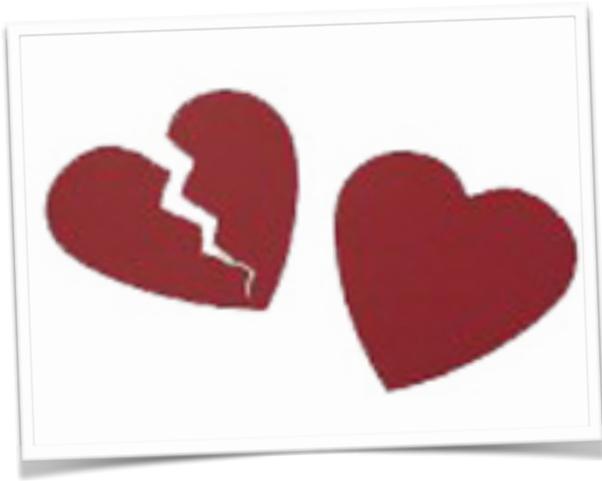


# Torn & Restored Heart



## TALKING POINTS

**The following script will give you an easy and funny talking points:**

“I brought a paper heart with me tonight and I want to get to know you better...”

- How many of you have ever been in love? (You married people better put your hands up!)
- How many of you have been in love at some point in the past but are not in love today? (You married people better put your hands down!)
- How many of you have ever had a broken heart? (Don't worry...The rest of you all will hit puberty some day.)

Sometimes we get a broken heart because we do something wrong. (*Tear the heart in half.*) But sometimes we do everything right but someone else does something wrong and because they did something wrong, we get a broken heart. (*Tear the heart in half again and begin folding the pieces in, as explained in the instructions for the illusion.*)

So, what do you do with a broken heart? If I were to give this paper heart to you, what would you do to fix it? (*Take a few answers.*) Would anybody use staples? Glue? Would any of you men use duck tape? I heard about one child who said, "I'd throw it away. It's just trash!" Aren't you glad that God doesn't throw you away when you get broken.

And that's the amazing thing about God...(*Begin to slowly unfold the heart.*) God doesn't need tape or glue or Band-aids to take the pieces of a broken heart (*finish unfolding it*) and make you whole again.

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## What's Next?

There are two other illusions that can help in continuing a conversation about how to trust God when bad things happen.

1. **Disappearing Water** - Have everyone watch as you pour water into a cup. Ask, "Do you believe that I can turn this cup upside down without a drop of water coming out of it?" Ask people to raise their hands and from these people choose a volunteer. Ask a volunteer to come up. Ask again, "Do you believe that I can turn this cup upside down without a drop of water coming out of it?" After they say yes, say, "I want you to go a step further. Would you be willing to let me hold this cup over your head and turn it upside down?"



Once they agree, explain: "He doesn't have any idea how this illusion works—He doesn't have all the answers but you don't have to have all the answers to be able to trust." Turn the cup upside down and nothing comes out.

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2. **Fire Cylinder** - You can make the same point using the fire cylinder. Do you believe I can light this on fire and let it burn down but it won't burn (whatever you've put it on - This can be a paper plate, a picture, somebody's wallet - We've even used a person's hand although this can sometimes be difficult to balance on. Whatever you use, be sure to practice is on something similar beforehand and make sure to never use it on a highly flammable object. The cylinder will burn down and lift into the air just before reaching the bottom. Again, the point is that you don't have know how everything is going to turn out in order to trust. Trust is not about what you see in the situation but WHO you see beyond the situation.



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## Biblical Truth

A great story to share is Elisha in 2 Kings 6:8-33. He wasn't scared because he was looking beyond what his servant saw (the situation) to what only God can do. (*He does the same thing earlier in this chapter with the floating axe head.*) This is the reason that we can give thanks in all things (1 Thess. 5:18), not because we like what happened but because we know who is the on the throne. We're looking beyond what we see to who God is.