

Trinity Sunday, June 12, 2022

## Scripture Reading: Romans 5:1-5

*The LORD is near to the brokenhearted,  
and saves the crushed in spirit. —Psalm 34:18*

The November 2021 issue of *National Geographic* reports that France now requires some products to be labeled with a “repairability” score. What’s that? Let’s look at some background.

You may remember the days when products seemed to last longer than similar items do today. In fact, planned obsolescence is an accepted idea in today’s manufacturing and consumerist culture. What’s more, many objects you bought a generation or two ago were easier to repair. You could take the radio or typewriter into a shop and have it repaired for a buck or two, for example.

France, in an effort to protect consumers, now requires a label on some products that gives the buyer a clue as to the ease or difficulty of repairing the object and how much the repairs might cost.

But move for a moment from *objects to salient, living human beings*. We know that somehow, sin came into the world. Theologians argue about just how this happened. But it is clear that the human race in many respects is broken.

What is its repairability number? Are humans easy to repair?

Can the arms of love comfort a human back into wholeness?

Can the balm of forgiveness heal broken hearts?

Can the justice of restoration and restitution reset the human condition?

God sent his Son to heal the broken relationship between the divine and the human.

Do you ever feel wounded, scarred, broken and falling apart? You, too, can be “repaired.” That’s what Jesus is all about. As the gospel song puts it:

*He’s the healer of broken hearts, / He’ll mend your shattered dreams.*

*He’ll pick up all the threads / Of your broken life*

*And weave them together again.*

*To your soul, He’ll bring peace and joy / A friend in need He’ll be*

*The healer of broken hearts / Is Jesus of Galilee.*

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: Lord Jesus, thank you for your healing and restoring touch. You restore my soul; you give peace to my heart. You heal me in all the broken places. Your faithfulness is beyond my understanding. Amen.*

*Blessings in the name of the Father, Son, & Holy Spirit  
on this Trinity Sunday!  
Love & Pastor Ben Motz*

## WORD SEARCH

Find the words listed to the right that are from the readings in the Old Testament book of Numbers. Remember that the words are hidden forward, backward, vertically and diagonally.

### Daily Bible Readings

Sunday: John 11-13

Monday: Amos 7-9

Tuesday: 2 Kings 15-17

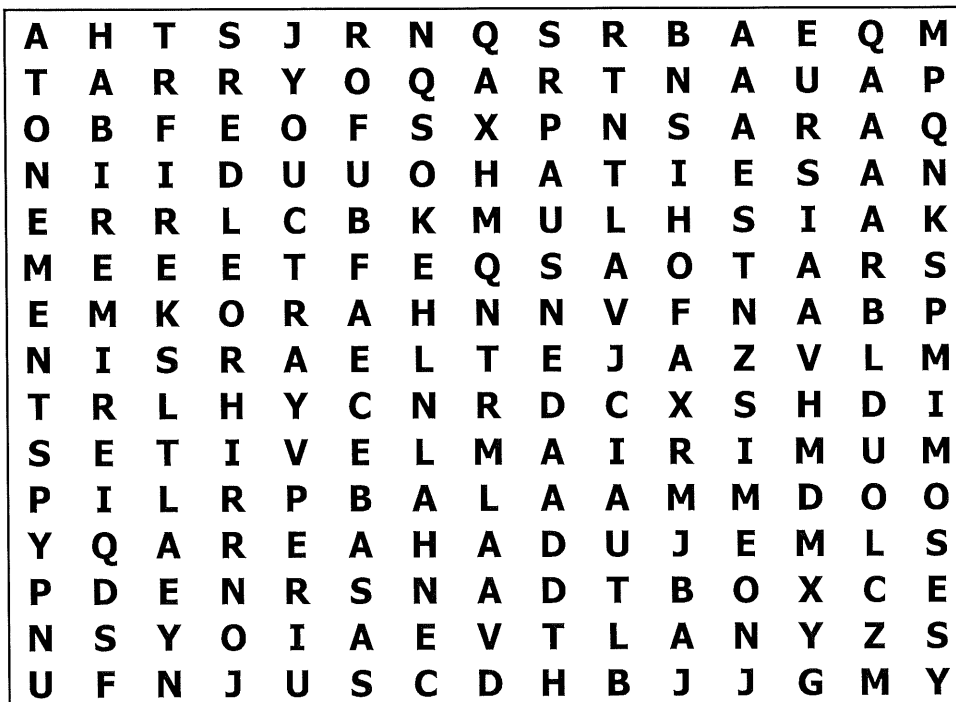
Wednesday: Hosea 1-4

Thursday: Hosea 5-7

Friday: Hosea 8-10

Saturday: Psalms 61-63

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**Library Books:** Louisa was asked by her mother to go to the city library and check out some books. She was given two slips of paper. On one was a list of TWELVE authors and on the other was a list of SEVEN titles. Help Louisa check out the books by correctly matching the authors with the titles.

1. *The Pilgrim's Progress* by \_\_\_\_\_
2. *David Copperfield* by \_\_\_\_\_
3. *Jane Eyre* by \_\_\_\_\_
4. *Silas Marner* by \_\_\_\_\_
5. *War and Peace* by \_\_\_\_\_
6. *Far from the Madding Crowd* by \_\_\_\_\_
7. *Pride and Prejudice* by \_\_\_\_\_

**Choose the correct authors from this list:** William Thackeray, Henry James, Leo Tolstoy, John Updike, Charlotte Bronte, Stephen King, George Eliot, Jane Austen, Thomas Hardy, John Bunyan, William Shakespeare, Charles Dickens.

**Answers:** 1-Bunyan; 2-Dickens; 3-Bronte; 4-Eliot; 5-Tolstoy; 6-Hardy; 7-Austen.