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Waking up to a new sunrise, looking back from the other side, I can see now with open eyes.

Darkest water and deepest pain. I wouldn't trade it for anything.

Cause my brokenness brought me to You, and these wounds are a story You'll use.

So I'm thankful for the scars. Cause' without them I wouldn't know Your heart.

And I know they'll always tell of who You are, so forever I am thankful for the scars.

Now I'm standing in confidence with the strength of Your faithfulness

And I'm not who I was before. No, I don't have to fear anymore.

So I'm thankful for the scars, cause' without them I wouldn't know Your heart

And I know they'll always tell of who You are. So forever I am thankful for the scars

I can see, I can see, how You delivered me. In Your hands, In Your feet, I found my victory.

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I'm thankful for Your scars. Cause' without them I wouldn't know Your heart.

And with my life I'll tell of who You are. So forever I am thankful...

So I'm thankful for the scars. Cause' without them I wouldn't know Your heart.

And I know they'll always tell of who You are, so forever I am thankful for the scars.

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Psalm 34:18 *"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; He saves those whose spirits are crushed."*

Common English Bible<sup>1</sup>

From the I AM THEY website: "Scars is an anthem of rescue. We all tend to hide the ugliest parts of our lives. We bury our bruises under layers of perfectionism and pride."

Think of a time of brokenness in your life. Did you try to handle it on your own, or did you turn to God for help? Why? How do you feel about your choice?

Do you feel you are past that brokenness, that you are "looking back from the other side"?

Why? How does that make you feel?

"Now I'm standing in confidence with the strength of Your faithfulness

And I'm not who I was before. No, I don't have to fear anymore."

Do you stand in confidence, relying on God's faithfulness? Why? Do you feel like you're not the same person you were before? Explain.

Romans 8:37 -39 *“but despite all this, overwhelming victory is ours through Christ who loved us enough to die for us. For I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can’t, and life can’t. The angels won’t, and all the powers of hell itself cannot keep God’s love away. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, or where we are—high above the sky, or in the deepest ocean—nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ when he died for us.”* The Living Bible<sup>2</sup>

Paul goes into great detail about the strength of God’s love. Why do you think he did that? How does that make you feel?

Luke 24:39-40 *“Look at my hands! Look at my feet! You can see that it is I, myself! Touch me and make sure that I am not a ghost! For ghosts don’t have bodies, as you see that I do!”* As he spoke, he held out his hands for them to see the marks of the nails, and showed them the wounds in his feet.” The Living Bible<sup>2</sup>

How do Jesus’ scars reflect His love for us? How does that make you feel? Can you accept that love?

*“So I’m thankful for the scars, cause without them I wouldn’t know Your heart  
And I know they’ll always tell of who You are. So forever I am thankful for the scars”*

Think about your scars. Are you thankful for them? Why?  
Do you feel that God can use your scars, to help others? Why?

Spend some time with God, ask how you can use your story of brokenness to share God’s love.

Take some time to write down how your story can help someone else.

Step out in faith and share your story.

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