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**Learning #1: Hell is real but it was never God's original plan for people.**

Matthew 25:41 (NLT) - *Then the King will turn to those on the left and say, 'Away with you, you cursed ones, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his demons.'*

2 Peter 2:4 (NLT) - *For God did not spare even the angels who sinned. He threw them into hell, in gloomy pits of darkness, where they are being held until the day of judgment.*

Genesis 6:5-6 (NLT) - *The Lord observed the extent of human wickedness on the earth, and he saw that everything they thought or imagined was consistently and totally evil. So, the Lord was sorry he had ever made them and put them on the earth. It broke his heart.*

**Learning #2: God allows people to choose their own path.**

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 (NLT) - *Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. Now I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, so that you and your descendants might live! You can make this choice by loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and committing yourself firmly to him. This is the key to your life.*

John 3:18-20 (NLT) - *There is no judgment against anyone who believes in him. But anyone who does not believe in him has already been judged for not believing in God's one and only Son. And the judgment is based on this fact: God's light came into the world, but people loved the darkness more*

*than the light, for their actions were evil. All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed.*

*Ephesians 4:18 (NLT) - Their minds are full of darkness; they wander far from the life God gives because they have closed their minds and hardened their hearts against him.*

**Learning #3: Hell is a place of separation, suffering, and darkness.**

*Matthew 8:12 (NLT) - (They) will be thrown into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*

*2 Thessalonians 1:9 (NLT) - They will be punished with eternal destruction, forever separated from the Lord and from his glorious power.*

*Colossians 1:13 (NLT) - For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son.*

*Proverbs 4:19 (NLT) - But the way of the wicked is like total darkness. They have no idea what they are stumbling over.*

**Learning #4: Knowing the reality of hell should move us toward love, not judgment.**

*2 Peter 3:9 (NLT) - The Lord isn't really being slow about his promise, as some people think. No, he is being patient for your sake. He does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants everyone to repent.*

*Philippians 1:3-6 (NLT) - Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy, for you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.*

*Philippians 1:8-11 (NLT) - God knows how much I love you and long for you with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus. I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge*

*and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return. May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.*