

**WHATEVER IT TAKES**

**WEEK 2:  
THE CONVERSATION**

# HARVEST AMERICA



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ONE DAY \* ONE CHURCH \* ONE MESSAGE



# RISEN



# INTRODUCTION

- Any believer can share the Gospel with simplicity and clarity.
- There are many ways to share the gospel: Four Spiritual Laws, Steps to Peace with God, Roman Road, Evangelism Explosion
- Today we are going to look at a simple method using Three Circles, which is part of the *Life Conversation Guide* from *Life on Mission*.

# INTRODUCTION

- The 3 circles technique is designed to be simple enough that one could draw it on the back of a napkin.
- In an effort to be better understood and accepted by a lost person, this method avoids using formal theological language.

# INTRODUCTION

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## 3 CIRCLES: LIFE CONVERSATION GUIDE



Life change. It all begins with a conversation. The gospel of Jesus Christ is the most profound reality of life. But sharing it with someone can be as simple as three circles. Discover how you can share the gospel with anyone using the Life Conversation Guide, a companion resource to the new Life On Mission book.

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**CIRCLE 1:  
GOD'S DESIGN**

# CIRCLE 1

**Circle 1: God's Design**



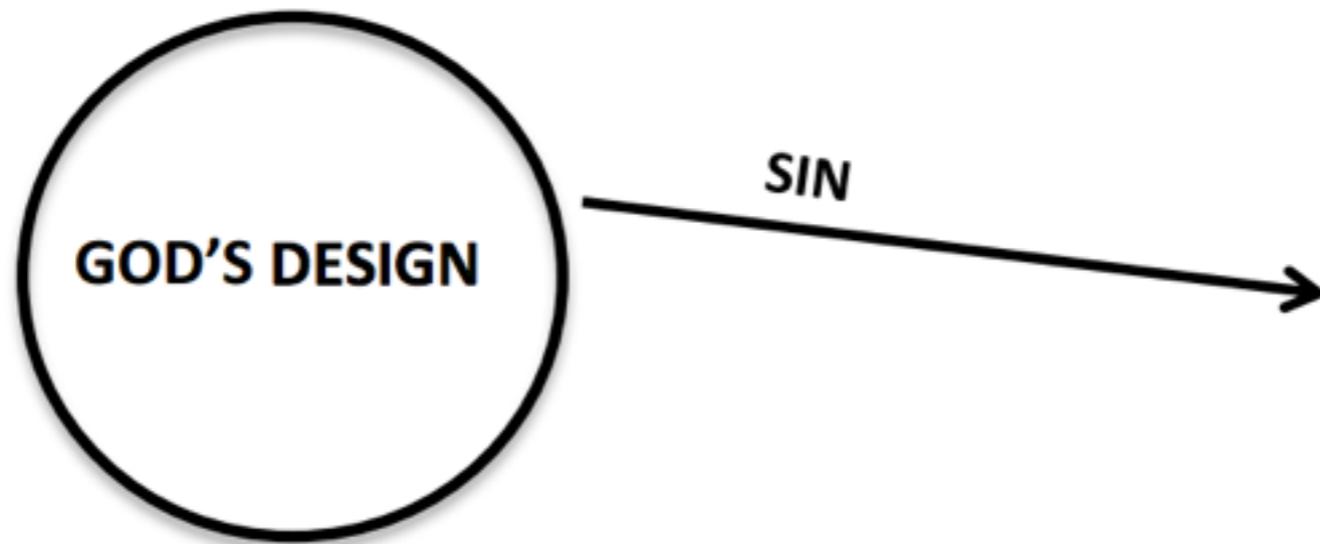
# CIRCLE 1

- From the very beginning, God had a plan for humans.
- Not only did God have a plan for humanity at large, He had and has a plan for every human individually.
- God has a design for the way we should treat our families, work our jobs, interact with others.
- God's plan is perfect.

# CIRCLE 1

- The Creator who knit together every being desires nothing more than for His plans to be implemented in every life.
- The challenge is that there is something within people that pushes us to depart from God's design, to go in our own direction.
- The Bible has labeled that departure from God's design "sin."

# CIRCLE 1



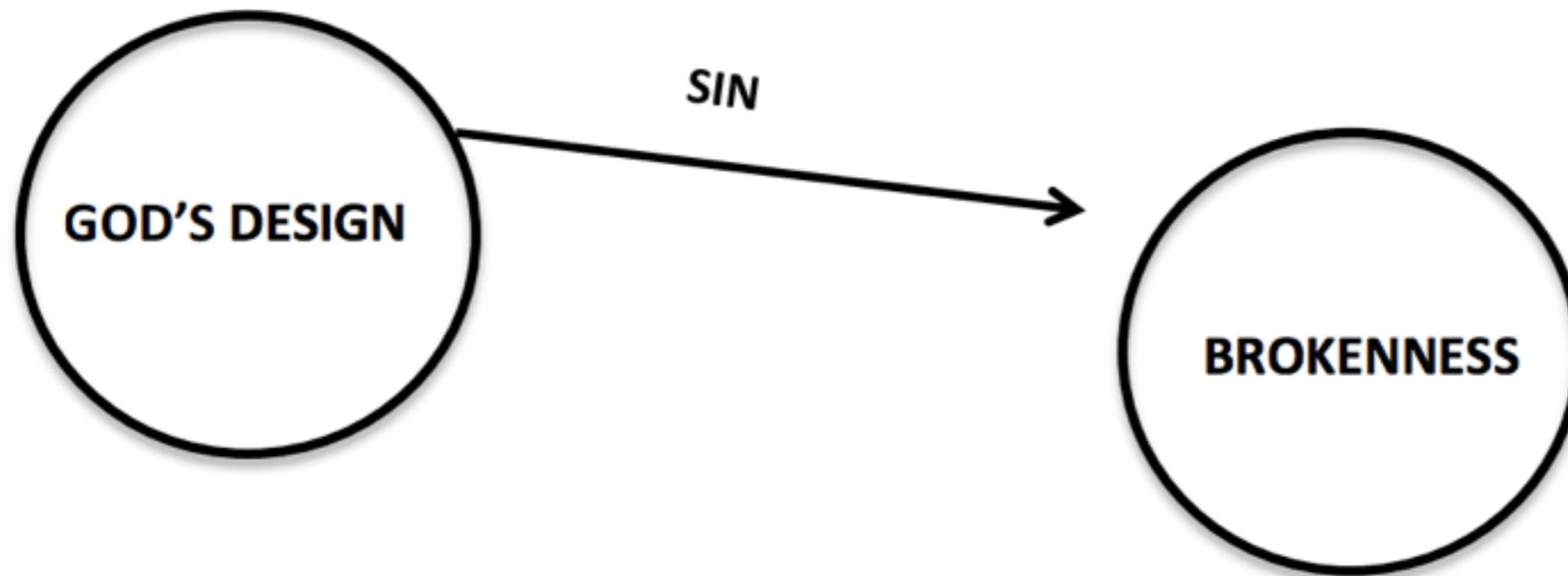
# CIRCLE 1

- Sin leads to many consequences in our lives.
- When we sin, we find ourselves in a place of “brokenness.”

**CIRCLE 2:  
BROKENNESS**

# CIRCLE 2

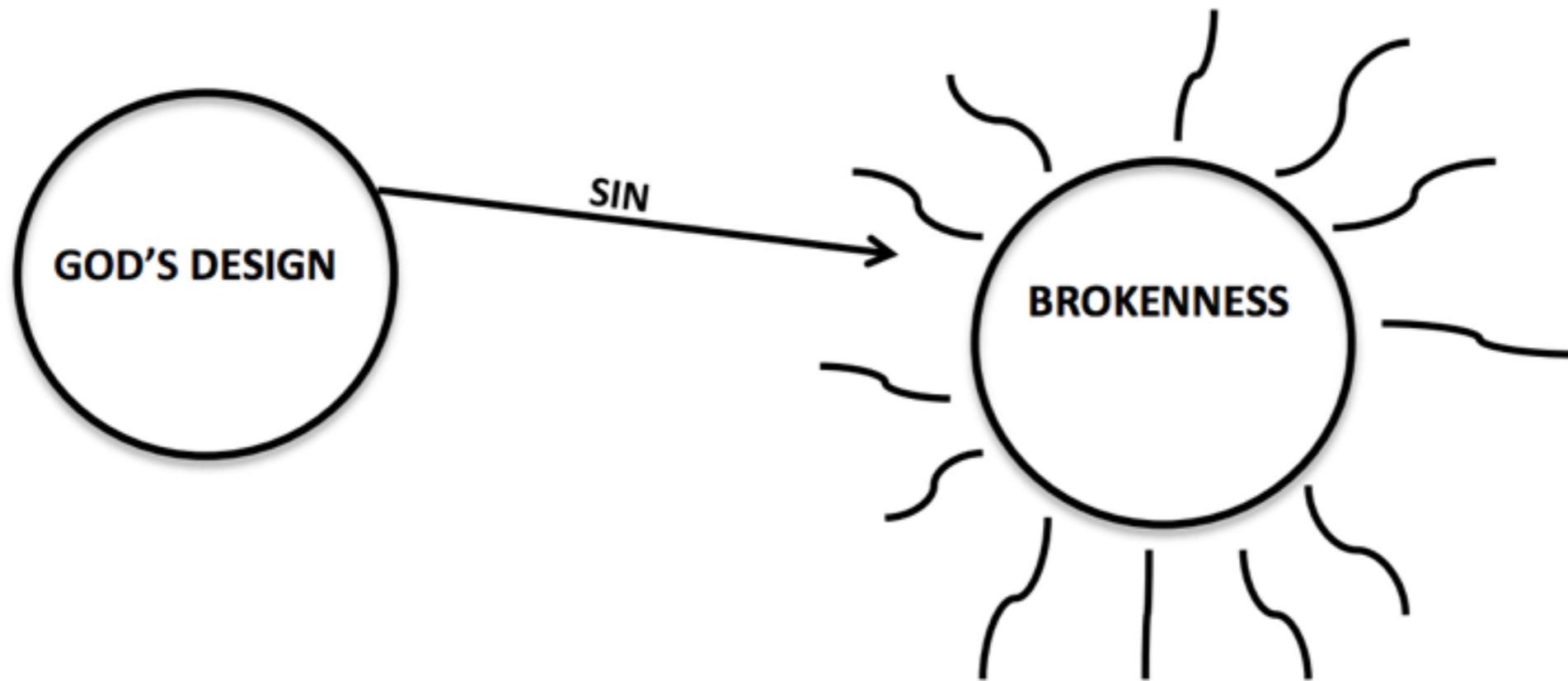
## Circle 2: Brokenness



# CIRCLE 2

- The feeling of brokenness is the result of our poor choices or even the choices of others that negatively affect us.
- This state exemplifies itself in ruined relationships, addictions, unease, fear and many other negative circumstances and states of being.
- Our brokenness, the feeling of emptiness and desperation, leads us to look in many different directions for healing.

# CIRCLE 2



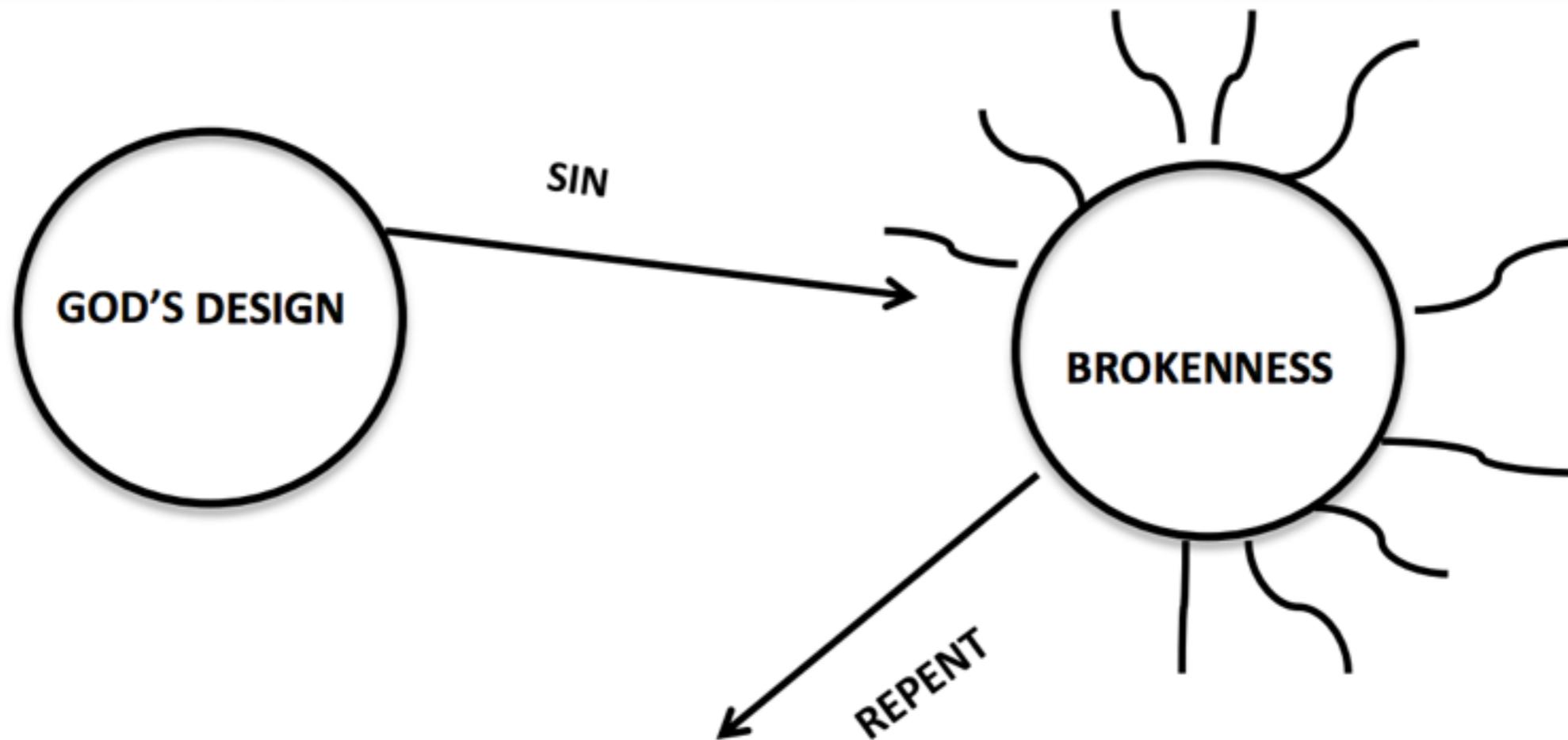
# CIRCLE 2

- We turn to religion, success, beauty, substances, anger and a litany of other seemingly filling solutions to fix the brokenness in our lives.
- The challenge is that none of the solutions we carve out for ourselves will work; the brokenness remains.
- Although brokenness is bleak, God uses it for good.
- God uses brokenness to help people understand that there is a problem that needs a solution.

# CIRCLE 2

- When we survey our life and recognize the destruction around us and acknowledge that our solutions have failed, we often become open to the idea of a different path.
- We become open to a genuine change in our life.
- The Bible's word for change is "repent."

# CIRCLE 2

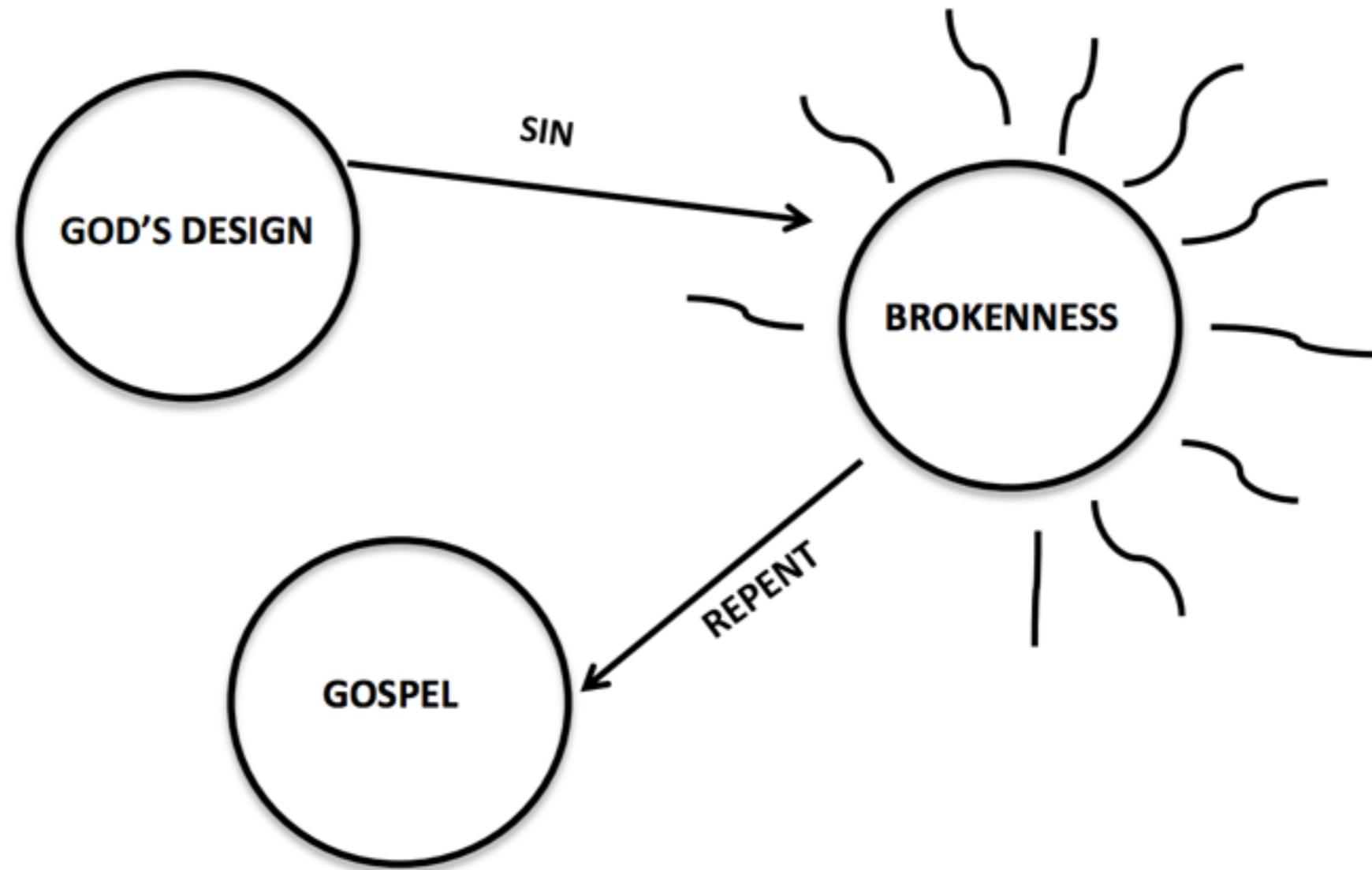


# CIRCLE 2

- We want to change and repent but we realize that we can't do much on our own (as evidenced by our own solutions to our brokenness).
- The good news is that God has a plan to fix the problem of brokenness; it's called the "Gospel."

**CIRCLE 3:  
GOSPEL**

# CIRCLE 3



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- The Gospel is the story of what Jesus did for us.
- Jesus, who is God in flesh, came and lived a perfect life. He never departed from God's design; He lived a life completely without sin.
- He taught people about God's love for them and His design for their lives.
- He healed the sick, spent time with the poor, and sought the outcasts.

# CIRCLE 3

- When He was around 33 years old, people that He loved nailed Him to a cross and murdered Him.
- While Jesus was on the cross, God did something incredible. He took the sins of the world and placed them on Jesus. So in His death, Jesus paid the penalty for all of our sin.
- After He had accomplished His mission on the Cross (bearing the consequences of the world's sins), Jesus died and was buried in a tomb.

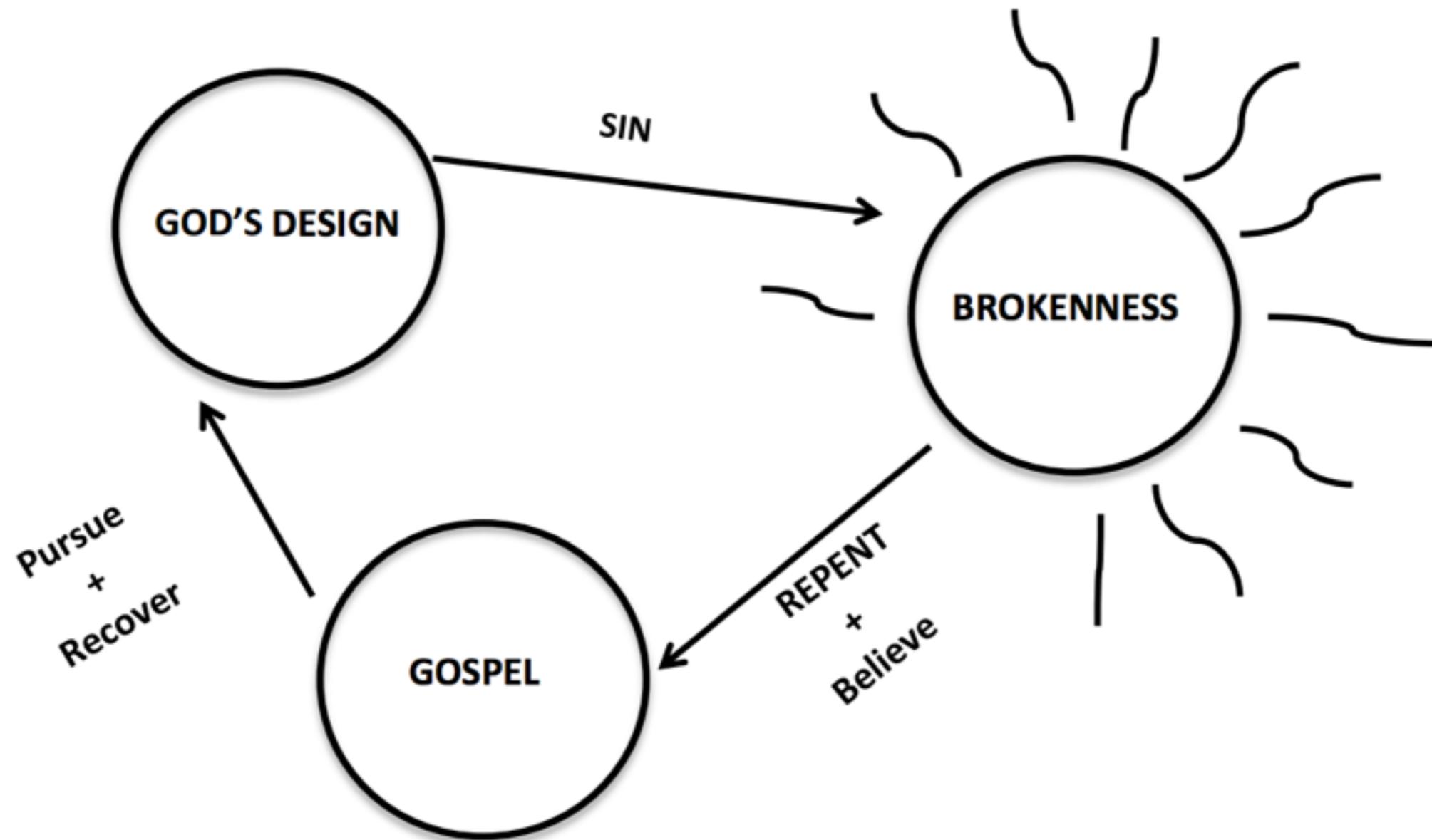
# CIRCLE 3

- Three days later, Jesus rose from the dead.
- In His conquering of death, Jesus proved that He was who He said He was, the Son of God.
- Jesus proved that He could do what He said He could do, forgive sin. And this is the Good News.
- The death and Resurrection of Jesus opens up the path by which we might return to the design of God.

# CIRCLE 3

- God's provision means that we can do no good of our own to fix brokenness, nor can we lose that provision by making mistakes.
- The path to restoration and redemption is this:  
Repent and believe.

# CIRCLE 3



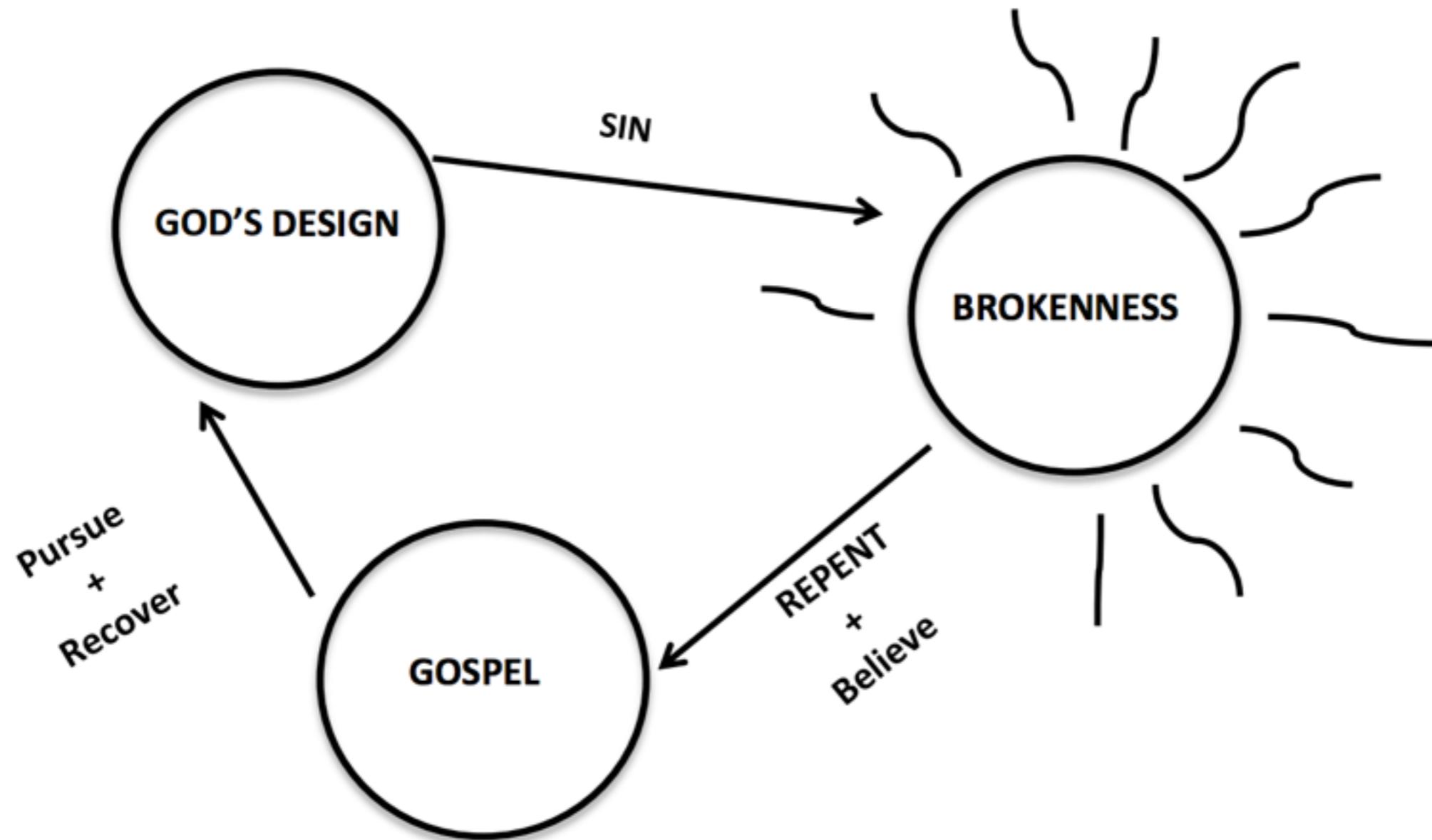
# CIRCLE 3

- When we make the step of turning from our sins (repentance) and turning toward Jesus (belief), God restores us.
- He does a work in our hearts that helps us to pursue and recover God's design.
- No matter what our brokenness looks like or how deep we are in it, God restores us to a right relationship with Him through Jesus.

# CIRCLE 3

- When we come to faith in Jesus and are restored to His original design for us, we begin to experience the good things that God intends for us to have: purpose, forgiveness, community, hope, joy.
- As we experience these blessings from God, He sends us back into the brokenness of the world to help others discover the Good News that we have found.

# CIRCLE 3



# SUMMARY

<b>Stage</b>	<b>Supporting Verses</b>
God's Design	Genesis 1:31; Psalm 19:1
Sin	Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23a
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## **Texas U.S. Senators**

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## **Texas U.S. Representative**

Congressional District 3--Congressman Sam Johnson  
[Texas Congressional Member Websites](#)

## **Texas State Senator**

Texas State Senate District 8--[Senator Van Taylor](#)  
Capitol Office: EXT E1.708  
Capitol Phone: (512) 463-0108  
Capitol Address: P.O. Box 12068, Capitol Station  
Austin, TX 78711  
District Address: 6301 Preston Road, Suite 700  
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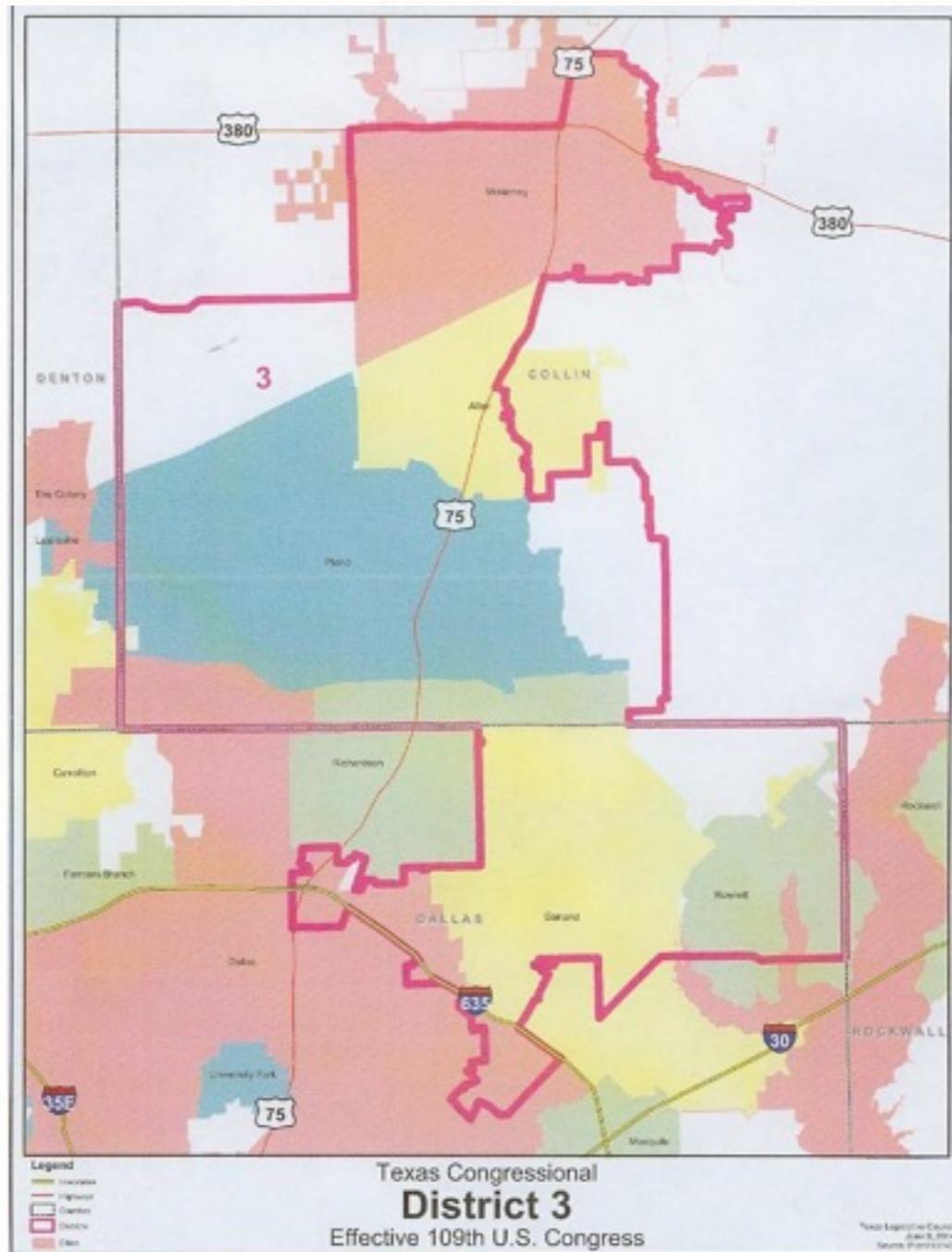
## **Texas State Representative**

Texas State House District 67--[Representative Jeff Leach](#)  
Capitol Office: EXT E1.314  
Capitol Phone: (512) 463-0544  
Capitol Address: P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, TX 78768  
District Address: 777 E. 15th Street, Ste. 202  
Plano TX 75074  
Phone: (972) 424-1419

## **Texas State Board of Education Member**

Texas State SBOE District 12--Ms. Geraldine Miller  
[State Board of Education Member Websites](#)

# DISTRICT MAPS



# WHO IS RUNNING?

- <http://www.collincountytx.gov/elections/Pages/default.aspx>



Primary early voting runs through Feb. 26. Here are times and [voting center locations](#).

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## Elections

### Appointed Official

Bruce Sherbet

Collin County Elections Department  
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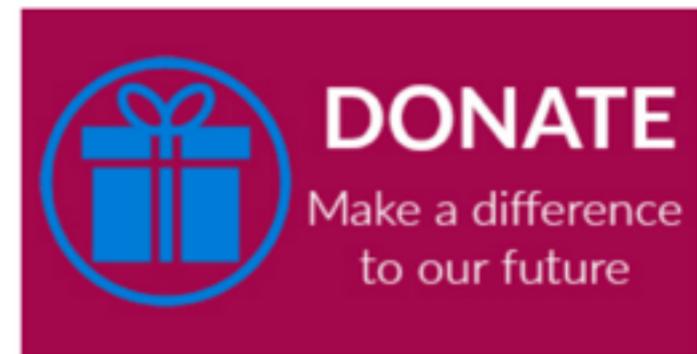
[election@collincountytx.gov](mailto:election@collincountytx.gov)  
972-547-1990 (McKinney)  
972-424-1460 ext. 1990 (Metro)  
800-687-8546 (Toll Free)  
972-547-1914 (Fax)

# SAMPLE BALLOT

## SAMPLE BALLOT (BOLETA DE MUESTRA)

Official Ballot <i>Boleta Oficial</i> Republican Party Primary Election <i>Elección Primaria del Partido Republicano</i> Collin County, TX <i>Condado de Collin, TX</i> March 1, 2016 <i>1 de Marzo, 2016</i>		
<p>"I am a Republican and understand that I am ineligible to vote or participate in another political party's primary election or convention during this voting year." (<i>"Yo soy Republicano y comprendo que no soy elegible para votar o participar en la elección primaria o la convención de algún otro partido político durante este año electoral."</i>)</p>		
<p>To vote, completely fill in the oval ● to the left of your choice(s). Use pen or pencil. DO NOT ERASE. If you make a mistake you may request a new ballot. If your vote for a candidate or question is marked in such a manner that your intent is not clearly demonstrated, your vote for that office may not be counted. To protect the secrecy of your vote, do not put your name, initials, or any identifying mark on your official ballot. <i>Para votar, rellene completamente el óvalo ● a la izquierda de su(s) elección(es). Marque solamente utilizando la pluma o lápiz provisto. NO BORRE. Si comete un error, puede solicitar una nueva boleta electoral. Si su voto por un candidato o pregunta está marcado de tal manera que su intención no es claramente demostrable, su voto por ese cargo podría no ser contado. Para proteger el secreto del voto, no escriba su nombre, sus iniciales o cualquier marca distintiva en la boleta electoral oficial.</i></p>		
<p>Preference for Presidential Ncminee (<i>Preferencia para un candidato nombrado para presidente</i>)</p> <p>You may vote for one presidential candidate whose name appears on the ballot by filling in the oval ● to the left of the candidate's name or you may vote as uncommitted by filling in the oval ● to the left of "Uncommitted". Make only one choice. (<i>Usted puede votar por un candidato para presidente cuyo nombre aparece en la boleta electoral llenando completamente el óvalo ● a la izquierda del nombre del candidato o usted puede votar como no comprometidos llenando completamente el óvalo ● a la izquierda de "no comprometidos". Haga solamente una selección.</i>)</p>	<p>Railroad Commissioner (Vote for one or none) <i>Comisionado de Ferrocarriles</i> (Vote for uno o ninguno)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Doug Jeffrey</p> <p><input type="radio"/> John Greytok</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Ron Hale</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Lance N. Christian</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Weston Martinez</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Gary Gates</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Wayne Christian</p>	<p>Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 5 (Vote for one or none) <i>Juez, Corte de Apelaciones Criminales, Lugar Núm. 5</i> (Vote for uno o ninguno)</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Scott Walker</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Steve Smith</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Brent Webster</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Sid Harle</p>
	<p>President</p>	<p>Justice, Supreme Court, Place 3 (Vote for one or none) <i>Juez, Corte Suprema, Lugar Núm. 3</i></p>

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-  [Culler, Anthony \(R\)](#)  Insufficient info available
-   [Gohmert, Louie \(R\)](#)  Very Conservative
-  [Winston, Simon \(R\)](#)  Moderate

### U.S. Rep., Dist.2 Republican

-   [Poe, Ted \(R\)](#) **Unopposed**

### U.S. Rep., Dist.3 Republican

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-  [Cornette, David \(R\)](#)  Somewhat Conservative
-   [Johnson, Sam \(R\)](#)  Conservative
-  [Slavens, John \(R\)](#)  Somewhat Conservative
-  [Thurgood, Keith L. \(R\)](#) Insufficient info available

### U.S. Rep., Dist.4 Republican

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-  [Gigliotti, Lou \(R\)](#)  Conservative
-  [Hall, Ray \(R\)](#) Insufficient info available
-   [Ratcliffe, John \(R\)](#)  Very Conservative

# CANDIDATES

 <b>Cornette, David (R)</b>	  <b>Johnson, Sam (R)</b>	 <b>Slavens, John (R)</b>
<i>Panel Evaluation: Somewhat Conservative</i>	<i>Panel Evaluation: Conservative</i>	<i>Panel Evaluation: Somewhat Conservative</i>
<b>Congress should repeal the Affordable Care Act (Obamacare).</b>		
<b>Cornette:</b> Strongly Agree	<b>Johnson:</b> Strongly Agree	<b>Slavens:</b> Strongly Agree
<b>Human life begins at conception and deserves legal protection at every stage until natural death.</b>		
<b>Cornette:</b> Strongly Agree	<b>Johnson:</b> Strongly Agree	<b>Slavens:</b> Strongly Agree
<b>I am in favor of construction of a wall and other necessary infrastructure on our border that gives complete control over entering and exiting the United States.</b>		
<b>Cornette:</b> Strongly Agree	<b>Johnson:</b> Strongly Agree	<b>Slavens:</b> Strongly Agree
<b>The U.S. military should wait for militant Islamic groups to directly threaten our national security on our shores, rather than eradicate them now wherever they may be worldwide.</b>		
<b>Cornette:</b> Strongly Disagree	<b>Johnson:</b> Strongly Disagree	<b>Slavens:</b> Strongly Disagree
<b>The United States must maintain a nuclear arsenal that is safe, reliable, modern and numerically superior to those of potential adversaries.</b>		
<b>Cornette:</b> Strongly Agree	<b>Johnson:</b> Strongly Agree	<b>Slavens:</b> Strongly Agree
<b>I support legislation such as the First Amendment Defense Act (FADA) that would prohibit discrimination against individuals, organizations and small businesses because of their belief that marriage is between a man and a woman.</b>		
<b>Cornette:</b> Strongly Agree	<b>Johnson:</b> Strongly Agree	<b>Slavens:</b> Strongly Agree
<b>The federal government should establish Common Core as a nationwide academic standard for high school graduation.</b>		
<b>Cornette:</b> Strongly Disagree	<b>Johnson:</b> Strongly Disagree	<b>Slavens:</b> Strongly Disagree
<b>I oppose the resettlement of Syrian refugees into the U.S. without proper vetting.</b>		
<b>Cornette:</b> Strongly Agree	<b>Johnson:</b> Strongly Agree	<b>Slavens:</b> Strongly Agree
<b>Current regulations on domestic oil exploration and drilling are more restrictive than are necessary.</b>		
<b>Cornette:</b> Strongly Agree	<b>Johnson:</b> Strongly Agree	<b>Slavens:</b> Strongly Agree

