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JOURNALING PROMPTS

Part 1

Who are you? What is your name, your background, some of your life experience?

What part of your character's life or story or identity makes it difficult for you to be in the church?

What does it feel like to feel excluded?

Part 2

How do your struggles in relationship to the church impact your relationship with God?

Imagine that Jesus overturns those barriers and welcomes you into God's house. What does that look like? What does that feel like? What does that change for you and your life?
