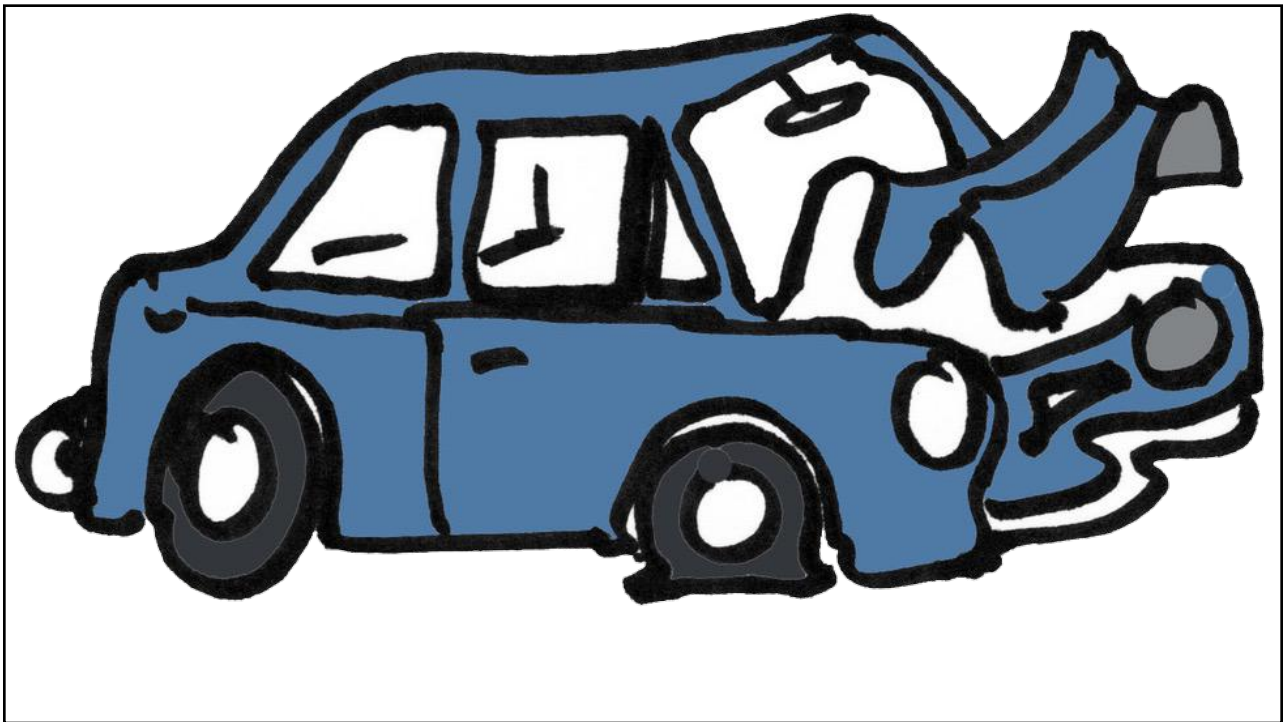
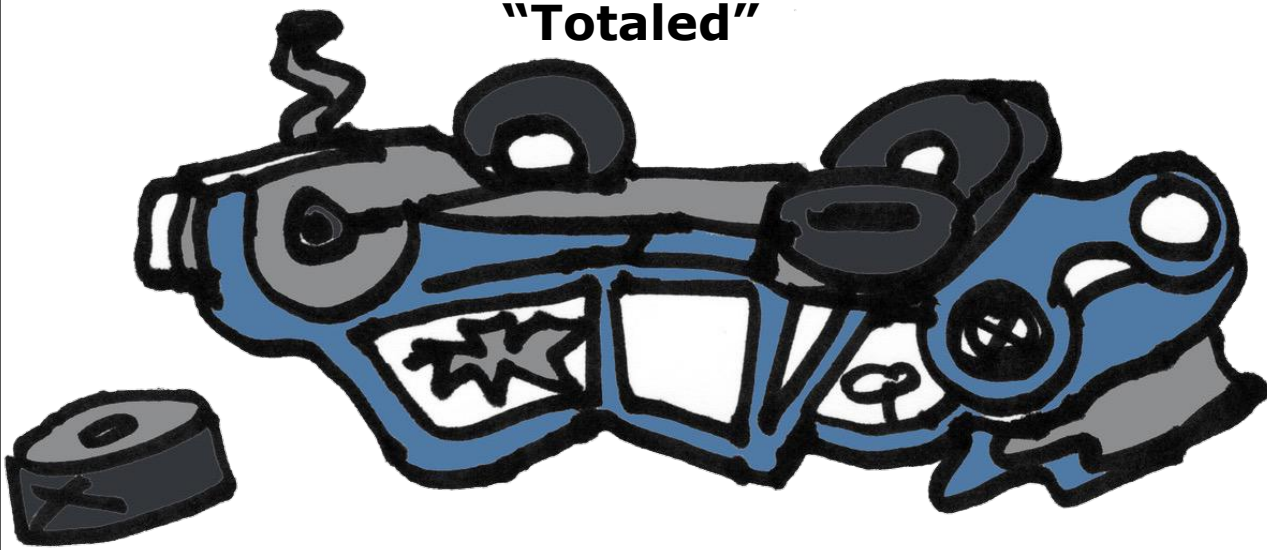


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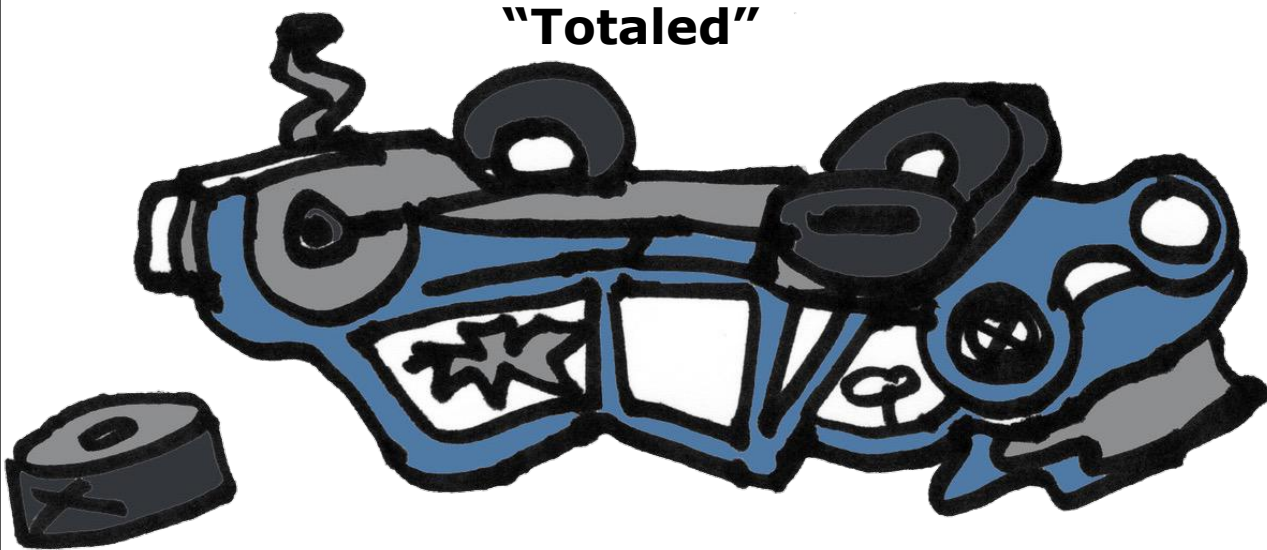
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- Unrepairable
- Cost of repair is greater than the value

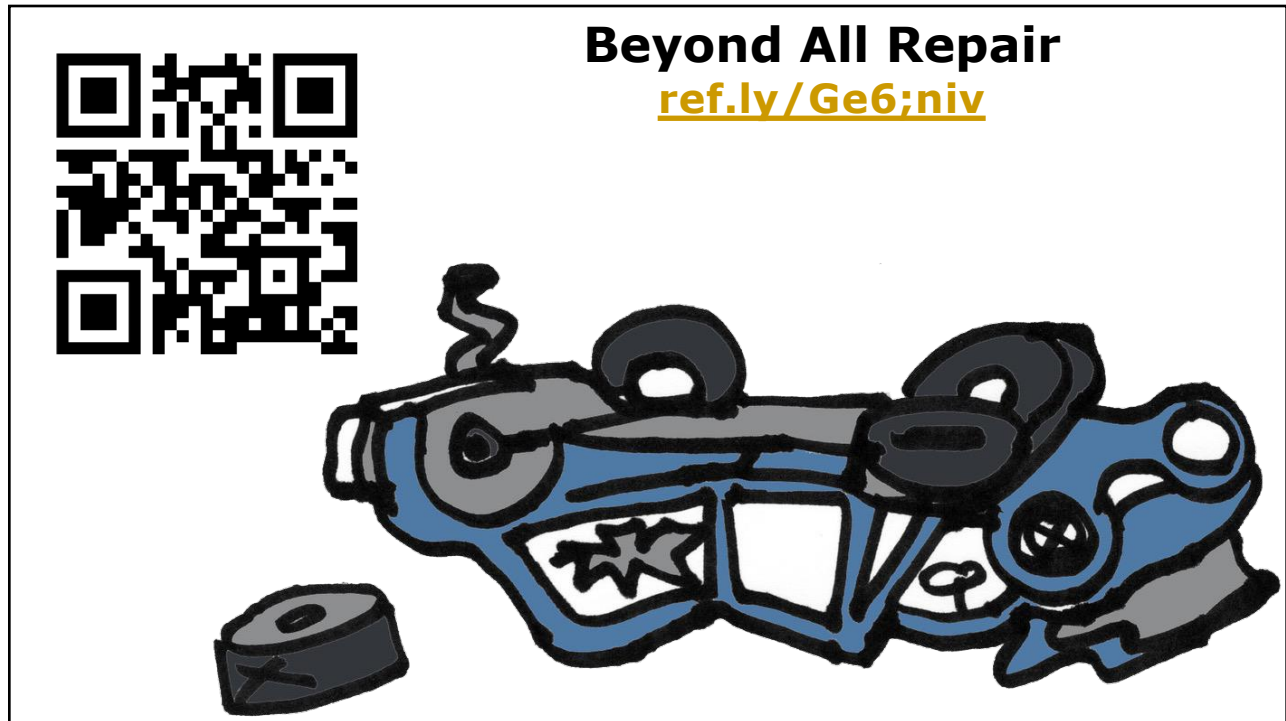
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"Totaled"



- Examples in our lives of "totaled" things
- What are we to do?

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Genesis and the Progress of Evil

Adam & Eve: Eating forbidden fruit & shame

Cain: Killing his brother & no shame

Lamech: Polygamy and multiplied killing & pride

And now...

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Genesis 6:1-3

When human beings began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, ² the sons of God **saw** that the daughters of humans were **beautiful** and they **married** any of them they chose. ³ Then the LORD said, "My Spirit will not contend with humans forever, for they are mortal; their days will be a hundred and twenty years."

Lots of questions

"Multiply and fill the earth" had gone horribly wrong

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Genesis 6:4

The Nephilim were on the earth in those days—and also afterward—when the sons of God went to the daughters of humans and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown.

Again: Lots of questions

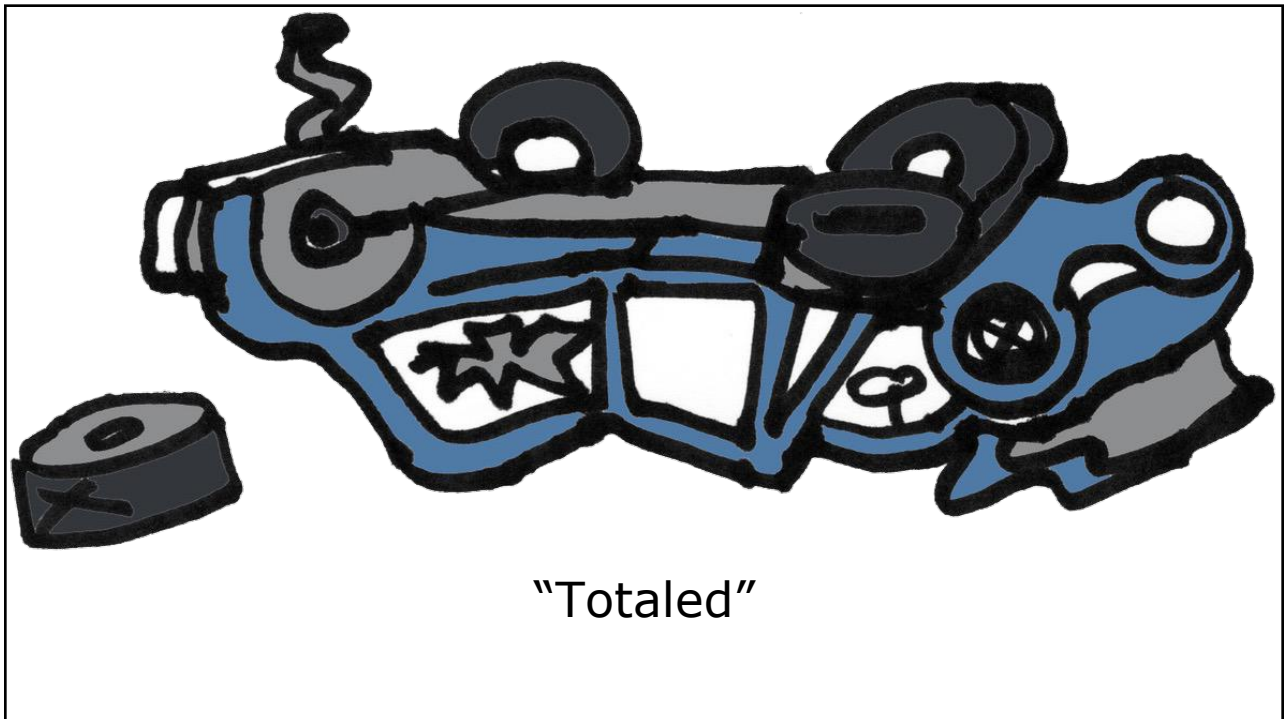
Evil got embedded powerfully in oppressive culture

Perhaps evil spirits and human oppression
combined

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Sometimes things go horribly wrong

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"Totaled"

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Genesis 6:5-7

⁵ The LORD **saw** how great the **wickedness** of the human race had become on the earth, and that **every inclination of the thoughts of the human heart was only evil all the time.** ⁶ The LORD **regretted** that he had made human beings on the earth, and his heart was **deeply troubled.** ⁷ So the LORD said, **"I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created—and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground—for I regret that I have made them."**

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Genesis 6:8

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

God made Noah to be the righteous one through whom He would rescue humanity from this judgment

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“God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished—he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as **to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.**”

Romans 3:25-26

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God made Noah to be the righteous one through whom He would rescue humanity from this judgment

God gave Jesus as the Righteous One through whom He would rescue each person from condemnation who trusts in Him

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Even in the worst situations of evil and oppression
God sees the mess
and in His self-giving love
**Jesus acts with perfect justice and rescuing grace
to rescue all who will trust in Him**

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Will you turn to Jesus?

- Submit to His justice
- Depend upon His mercy in Jesus

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