

Dominion Seat of Favor

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A BRUISED REED HE

WILL NOT BREAK

Matthew-12:20-21--“A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench, till he send forth judgment unto victory. And in his name shall the Gentiles trust.”

Isaiah 42:1-3--“Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delighteth; I have put my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles. He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.”

Life can leave people bruised--A person may be bruised by disappointment, rejection, betrayal, sickness, bereavement, financial difficulty, family conflict, ministry challenges, failure, or spiritual battles. A bruise may not always be visible. Some people appear strong on the outside while carrying deep pain on the inside. They continue to attend church, work, smile, pray, and serve, but their hearts are wounded. The good news is that Jesus does not abandon wounded people. He does not throw away those who are weak, discouraged, broken, or struggling.

“A bruised reed shall he not break, and smoking flax shall he not quench. “This reveals the compassion, gentleness, patience, and restoring power of Jesus Christ. Jesús does not crush the bruised. He restores them. Jesus does not extinguish the weak flame. He breathes upon it until it burns again.

1. The Bruised Reed Represents a Wounded Life

A reed is naturally fragile. It can easily bend under pressure. When it becomes bruised, it is even weaker and appears almost useless.

The bruised reed represents a person who has been wounded by the pressures and experiences of life.

A. People can be bruised emotionally

Emotional wounds can come through rejection, harsh words, betrayal, abandonment, disappointment, or loss.

Proverbs 18:14

“The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?”

A wounded spirit can be difficult to carry. Physical pain may be visible, but emotional pain is often hidden. David experienced emotional bruising when those close to him turned against him.

B. People can be bruised spiritually--A Christian may become spiritually weak because of temptation, unanswered prayers, prolonged trials, guilt, or discouragement. Elijah was a mighty prophet, but after confronting the prophets of Baal, he became discouraged and asked God to take his life.



1 Kings 19:4--“But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die.”

God did not condemn Elijah. God gave him rest, food, encouragement, direction, and a fresh assignment.

This teaches us that spiritual exhaustion does not mean that God has rejected us.

Psalm 34:18--“The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.”

C. People can be bruised by failure. Peter denied Jesus three times. He failed publicly and bitterly regretted his actions.

2. Jesus Will Not Break the Bruised Reed--The Bible does not say that Jesus ignores the bruised reed. It says He will not break it.

This means Jesus handles wounded people with mercy, patience, and tenderness.

A. Jesus is compassionate

When Jesus saw suffering people, He was moved with compassion.

Matthew 9:36

“But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.”

Jesus sees beyond outward appearances. He sees the hidden pain, silent tears, unanswered questions, and secret battles.

B. Jesus invites the weary to come to Him--Matthew 11:28-29--“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart.”

C. Jesus restores rather than condemns--The woman caught in adultery was brought before Jesus. The religious leaders wanted her condemned, but Jesus showed mercy while calling her to a changed life.

John 8:10-11--“Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.”

3. The Smoking Flax Represents a Weak Spiritual Flame--Flax was used as a wick in an oil lamp. When the oil was low, the wick would begin to smoke instead of shining brightly. A smoking flax is not completely extinguished, but its flame is weak.

A. Jesus values even small faith--Matthew 17:20

“If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, nothing shall be impossible unto you.”

God can work with small faith when that faith is placed in a great God. The father of the afflicted boy cried out:

Mark 9:24--“Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.”

Jesus did not reject him because his faith was imperfect. Jesus helped him. We should never think that God cannot use us because our faith feels weak. We must bring the little faith we have to Him.

B. Jesus can rekindle spiritual fire--2 Timothy 1:6

“Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee.” The gift was still there, but it needed to be stirred up.

There may be times when our prayer life becomes weak, our passion declines, or our zeal for God decreases. We must return to the presence of God.

Psalm 51:12--"Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit."

David did not ask for a new salvation. He asked for the joy of salvation to be restored.

C. The Holy Spirit renews our strength--Isaiah 40:29-31--"He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength... But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength. "God does not only give strength to strong people. He gives strength to the faint.

My dearly beloved, the message of the bruised reed and smoking flax is a message of hope. You may feel bruised, but Jesus will not break you. You may feel weak, but Jesus will strengthen you. Your flame may be low, but Jesus will not extinguish it. You may have failed, but Jesus will restore you. God bless you all !!!

First Bible Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

Second Bible Reading : Psalm 51: 1-14

REGULAR SERVICES:

Worker's prayer meeting @ 9.30- 9.45 a.m

Sunday School @ 10.00 a.m -10.45 a.m

Sunday Service@ 11.00a.m—12.30 p.m

Digging Deep—Every Tuesday 7pm-8pm

Wednesday prayer session—7.30 pm—8.00 pm

Zoom meeting ID-84263021723

Passcode: 010853

Early morning cry—Every First Saturday of the month—7 a.m-8 a.m. prompt in the Church.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

1. OPENING PRAYER
2. PRAISE AND WORSHIP
3. INTERCESSION
4. BIBLE READING
5. ANNOUNCEMENT
6. WELCOME OF GUESTS
7. OFFERING
8. SPECIAL MINISTRATION
9. CONGREGATIONAL HYMN
10. EXHORTATION
11. CLOSING GRACE AND BENEDICTION

2026 Motto—

This is my year of Divine Fulfillment. According to Isaiah 55: 11, "So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it" According to Romans 8: 28 And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. The glory and power of God protect and direct me this year and enable me to succeed in every aspect of my life.

Almighty God covers me with his safety blanket this year and I abide under His shadow. I decree that this year is pleasant for me and my family.

Wherever I go people see the glory of God shining upon my life. God's goodness favor and mercy rests upon me wherever I go this year. Almighty God makes a way for me to breakthrough in every aspect of my life. I am an overcomer. Grace and mercy are my daily companions. I abide everyday under the secret place of the most high God. The forces of heaven protect and defend me. This is a year of outstanding testimonies and triumph for me. I receive grace to walk with God faithfully and stand with God in prayer.

2026 delivers my expected blessings and miracles. My divine inheritance of peace and joy shall not be compromised. I reject spiritual, physical and financial embarrassment this year. According to Job 8:22; those that hate me shall be clothed with shame. I am not an image of failure, and I am not fashioned after the likeness of a God of the tail. I am the salt of the earth and inside of me is every Excellency of the power of God. According to Joel 2:4, my appearance is as the appearance of a horse, so I leap high like mighty men and if I fall upon the sword, it cannot hurt me. I seek first the Kingdom of God; therefore, everything I need is added unto me. I shall not labor in vain. I walk every day in victory. God's plans for my destiny are fulfilled. Jehovah is my rock and fortress. The everlasting God equips me and carries me through this year. I will not die prematurely; I experience all round wellness. It is well with me in Jesus mighty name.

Congregational Hymn

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to the throne thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
evermore God's praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise the Lord for grace and favor
to all people in distress;
praise God, still the same as ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glorious now God's faithfulness.

3. Fatherlike, God tends and spares us;
well our feeble frame God knows;
motherlike, God gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Widely yet God's mercy flows.

4. Angels in the heights, adoring,
you behold God face to face;
saints triumphant, now adoring,
gathered in from every race.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise with us the God of grace.

**JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND
TODAY, AND FOREVER" HEBREWS 13v8**

