

## "BROKENESS"

*WHY DOES GOD USE BROKENESS IN OUR LIFE?*

*HOW DO I OVERCOME THE BROKEN AREAS OF MY LIFE?*

*GOD INSTRUCTS US THROUGH HIS WORD WHEN WE LIVE THROUGH THE BROKEN AREAS OF EVERY PART OF OUR LIFE.*

*JEREMIAH 18:1-6*

*WE ARE CREATED WITH PURPOSE. WHEN WE ARE MARRED OR DISFIGURED, WE BEGIN TO TAKE ON A FORM THAT IS NOT USEFUL FOR THE PURPOSE GOD INTENDED.*

*GOD KNOWS WHAT HIS WILL IS FOR OUR LIFE. WHEN IT BECOMES TO TAKE ON ANOTHER FORM. GOD HAS THE ABILITY TO MAKE US AGAIN INTO ANOTHER VESSEL. GOD TELLS US THAT HE HAS POWER OVER OUR LIVES.*

*WHENEVER WE EXPERIENCE BROKENESS IN OUR LIVES IT'S NOT ALWAYS BECAUSE THE ENEMY HAS CREATED IT. OFTEN TIMES GOD ALLOWS IT TO BRING A BROKENESS IN OUR LIVES TO MAKE US DIFFERENT FOR HIS WILL TO BE DONE.*

*BECAUSE WE ARE FLAWED IN OUR HUMANITY. WE OFTEN MAKE DECISIONS BASED ON SELF WILL CHOICES THAT MAKE US INDEPENDENT OF GOD'S WILL FOR OUR LIVES. WHAT I LEARNED IS THAT GOD DOES NOT LET US GET AWAY WITH DOING THINGS OUR WAY! (GALATIANS 6:7-8) WE ALWAYS REAP WHAT WE SOW. THIS IS THE PRINCIPLE THAT WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND WHENEVER WE BECOME INDEPENDENT OF GOD'S WILL.*

*PSALMS 51:17 UNDERSTANDING YOU ARE BROKEN BECAUSE YOU HAVE SINNED AGAINST GOD SHOULD BREAK YOUR HEART. WHEN WE ARE BROKEN THE RIGHT WAY, IT WILL PRODUE THE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUS IN US.*

*BROKENNESS IS GOD'S WAY OF DEALING WITH THE SELF-LIFE.*

*1. SELF NEEDS TO BECOME SUBMITTED TO GOD FOR US TO BE FRUITFUL.*

*2. WE CAN'T BE CONTROLLED BY SELF AND OBEY GOD EFFECTIVELY.*

*3. OUR MIND, EMOTIONS, AND BODY MUST COME INTO SUBMISSION TO GOD.*

*GOD BREAKS US TO BRING US TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY. (EXODUS 2:11-15 AND 3:1-4)*

*A. MATURITY INVOLVES THREE THINGS.*

*1. CHANGE; WE CANNOT HOLD ON TO OLD IDEAS ABOUT GOD AND GROW IN OUR UNDERSTANDING OF HIM.*

*2. GROWTH. A. WE MUST MOVE TOWARD A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF GOD. B. OUR BODIES, WILL, AND EMOTION MUST PURSUE GOD.*

*3. BROKENNESS. A. OUR BODIES, SOUL, AND WILL MUST COME INTO SUBMISSION TO GOD. B. THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN EASILY.*

*B. JOSEPH AND MOSES ARE EXAMPLES OF ONE BROUGHT TO SPIRITUAL MATURITY.*

*1. JOSEPH WAS SOLD INTO SLAVERY BY HIS BROTHERS.*

*A. HE WAS FALSELY ACCUSED AND SENT TO PRISON.*

*B. IN TIME HE WAS EXALTED AND VINDICATED.*

*C. GOD USED JOSEPH TO PROVIDE FOR HIS FAMILY IN EGYPT DURING FAMINE.*

*D. AFTER JOSEPH DIED A NEW PHARAOH AROSE THAT DIDN'T KNOW JOSEPH.*

2. MOSES WAS BORN IN THIS TIME WHEN ISRAEL IS ENSLAVED BY THIS NEW PHARAOH.

A. MOSES' MOTHER SENT MOSES INTO THE NILE TO ESCAPE DEATH.

B. AS AN ADULT MOSES KILLED AN EGYPTIAN THAT WAS BEATING A HEBREW SLAVE.

C. PHARAOH DISCOVERS MOSES' ACTION AND ATTEMPTS TO KILL HIM.

D. MOSES FLEES TO THE BACK SIDE OF THE DESERT SHEPHERDING SHEEP.

GOD ALLOWS US TO DEVELOP THE WAY HE PURPOSED THROUGH BROKEN AREAS OF OUR LIVES.

HOW HAS GOD USED THE BROKEN AREAS OF YOUR LIFE?

**Romans 8:29-31 - For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified. 31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?**

IT'S TEMPTING TO THINK WE DON'T NEED MUCH IMPROVEMENT. WHILE MANY PEOPLE CONCEDE THEY COULD PROBABLY USE A LITTLE BIT OF "MAINTENANCE" IN SOME AREAS, THEY WILL USUALLY ADD, "BUT I'M A GOOD PERSON." HOWEVER, THE TRUTH IS THAT THE FATHER REFUSES TO SETTLE FOR HUMANITY'S MEAGER VISION OF "GOOD ENOUGH." HE WANTS SOMETHING SO MUCH BETTER FOR US.

GOD SEES EACH BELIEVER AS THE PERSON HE OR SHE WILL BE WHEN FULLY YIELDED TO CHRIST. HE THEN SETS ABOUT

*ACHIEVING THAT COMPLETE RENOVATION BY TRANSFORMING THE PRESENT SELF INTO THE IMAGE OF HIS SON.*

*AN ESSENTIAL STEP IN GOD'S REMODELING WORK INVOLVES REMOVING WHATEVER IS UNGODLY IN OUR LIFE. THIS PROCESS IS OFTEN UNCOMFORTABLE, BUT IT'S WORTH IT! GOD TARGETS HABITS, ATTITUDES, AND RELATIONSHIPS THAT DON'T HONOR HIM. HE APPLIES PRESSURE TO DIRECT OUR ATTENTION TO THOSE PLACES SO WE'LL SURRENDER THEM TO HIM.*