

## 8-5-2026 – WACKY WORSHIP – Broken Things

Broken or perfect? World wants perfection. Ads. Social Media. . . the Best. The Enemy speaks to us – “you’re broken.” Unlovable. Limited. Less than.

God speaks, too. Whose voice do we hear? Whose / want to hear?

You’d think marred or broken things can’t be beautiful.

But – Crackle Glass – made by plunging hot, partially blown glass into cold water, then reheating it – it fractures the surface but keeps the inner walls smooth and structurally sound.

Beautiful. Light shines. Broken pieces of glass – a beautiful mosaic.

Tonight: share how **God makes broken things of our lives beautiful!**

Diamonds. Precious stone. Highly valued. But . . . **uncut** diamonds not pretty.

Std. diamond has 57 or 58 facets. Princess cut has 50 to 58 facets.

Radiant cut has around 70 facets. **Cuts make it beautiful**

Craftsman carefully **cuts** the facets, **polishing** them.

The quality of the cut (craftsmanship) makes it valuable.

- God is the **Master craftsman**. He carefully **polishes** the cuts He **allows**.
  - o **Malachi 3:3**: "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver."

Malachi 3:17 - [New King James Version](#) - “They shall be Mine,” says the LORD of hosts, “On the day that I make them My jewels.”

God is in the refining process. **Making us precious jewels.**

Each **cut**. **Cross** we bear. Catastrophic event. **Cutting diamonds!**

**Making you more beautiful thru the cuts of life.**

**To truly appreciate the diamond’s beauty, look at it thru light.**

**Through the light of Jesus, your beauty will shine/radiate.**

God sees us as His jewels. He takes pride in what we are becoming.

**Zechariah 9:16** – “On that day the LORD their God will rescue his people, just as a shepherd rescues his sheep. They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown.”

- Each of us are being prepared, cut by cut, to sparkle.
- God considers us **precious jewels**, not to be hidden, to be **displayed**.
- Displayed like a city on a hill.
  - o He sees us as **valuable**. Beautiful. Wants us to sparkle. **Shine**.

God’s light shines through us through all our cracks, tears, scars, fractures.

**2 Cor. 4:7** – “For God, who said, “Let there be light in the darkness,” has made this light shine in our hearts . . . **We now have this light shining in our hearts, but we ourselves are like fragile clay jars** containing this great treasure. . . .”

**The light of God shines thru us thru our cracks.** Flaws.

But the world displays Perfection. So we want to be perfect.

None are. Not one. Every person has flaws. Scars. Inside & out.

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10** - But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for **My power is perfected in weakness.**”

World view - humble isn’t great. Go big. Show pride. Arrogance even.

**James 4:6** - “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble”

God put us on this Earth to be His servants. To share His love, light, truth.

That’s done in how we relate to each other. Shared experiences.

We pour out our stories . . . struggles . . . triumph over obstacles.

An **egg isn’t useful** until it’s been broken and poured out.

We don’t show how amazing God is by perfect lives. Unreasonable.

Soil must be broken up for planting; it can then produce a harvest.

Broken clouds produce rain. Broken grain gives us daily bread.

Broken bread gives us strength.

It wasn't til the **alabaster box** was broken that the fragrance filled the room

All of our lives have **broken moments**.

- God doesn't break things so He can fix them. He fixes broken things so He can use them.
- All our Bible heroes are imperfect, broken people.
  - o Jacob cheated. Moses stuttered
  - o Noah got drunk
  - o David had an affair Rahab was a prostitute
  - o Sarah talked husband Abraham into sleeping with another woman
  - o Martha worried Thomas doubted
  - o Zaccheus was short Lazarus was dead
  - o Jonah ran away Gideon was afraid
  - o Peter was angry; known to draw a sword & fight
  - o James and John wanted special seats beside God

In our brokenness (awareness), we're receptive to God's tender voice.

John heard it. Knew he was loved. Called to greatness.

Ex: Want the Healer more than the healing. Whatever you want for me...

In that **surrender**, the healing began. The true miracle of life.

**Broken things are blessed things.**

And **broken things make beautiful things** if God is the artist of your life.

You aren't alone. God is with you. Strengthening you. Polishing.

[Psalm 34:18](#) - "The LORD is close to the brokenhearted; he rescues those whose spirits are crushed."