Broken things

I will seek that which was lost, and will bring back that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick; Ezekiel 34:16

Have you ever felt like you are too lost or Broken for God to use you? Maybe you just can’t get it right. Maybe you have tried to follow God but feel like you have failed miserably or maybe you feel to broken to even try.

Broken things are a normal part of life here on earth. We start out as Children getting upset over broken toys but as we get older we find bigger and bigger things in our lives start breaking.

Normally if we break something we try to fix it. The usual intent of fixing something that is broken is to make it as good as new or at least look as good as new. Now days If we break something we might feel like it takes too much work to try to restore it so we just throw away the old and replace it with something new.

It is not that easy with life. So, when our lives start feeling broken we try to hide it so no one will see our broken flaws. We try to cover up the broken mess with a fake smile, nice cloths maybe a new iPhone.

The enemy will use our brokenness to convince us that we are worthless and unworthy of God’s attention. The Enemy will whisper to you” You’re not good enough for God’s blessing” or “God could never use some-one messed up like you” or even “Love someone like you”

If you remember in Gen3:1, the first time the enemy is heard from in the bible he says to the Woman “Did God really say…? The enemy loves to create doubt in our minds.

* How can God love someone who is so messed up?
* How can God forgive someone with so much sin?
* How can God use someone who is so worthless and broken?

The enemy tried to do the same thing with Jesus when he was in the wilderness for 40 days. He even used scripture to try and create doubt but Jesus knew scripture and did not allow the enemy to create a foothold in his life.

* **We need to know the Word of God to overcome the lies of the enemy**

You might feel like everything that is broken in your life has rendered you useless. You might even feel beyond repair, tossed aside, forgotten, shamed and rejected.

2 Corinthians12:9 God said “My grace is sufficient for you for my power is made perfect in your weakness “There for I will boast all the more gladly in my weakness so that Christ power may rest on me

God can break through all that mess. You are never beyond healing. You are never too broken for restoration. You are never too shattered for repair. Don't be ashamed of your scars, or the broken places of your life. They have an amazing story to tell.

### Psalm 34:18 The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

What we see as broken, God sees as potential. We always think we have to take what is broken in our life and make it perfect to be used by God. But we need to understand that God took everything that was right and perfect in his son and broke it so that we could be whole again in Him. It is through this act that we can find God’s amazing grace.

Jesus told a story of a prodigal son who left home and messed up his life big time.

Luke 15:20 So he got up and went to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him.

This is how God receives us when we come to him no matter how far we have wandered or how much we have messed up.

Sometimes we feel like we just don’t have anything to offer. But Jesus can take what little we have and turn it into something great. Look at the Miracle when Jesus feed 5000 men (Not counting women and children) with just “ five small barley loaves and two small fish” and then “filled twelve baskets” with the leftovers (John 6:1-14).

What looked like little to nothing in the apostle’s hands was more than enough in Christ hands. When you give Jesus all that you have he will return it back in huge portions

* Don’t worry about the things you cannot do– start doing the things you can and trust God for the rest

Hebrews 4:16 Let us then **with confidence** draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Here is the truth.

* Just because we’ve been broken doesn’t mean that we are thrown away.
* Just because we’ve been broken doesn’t mean that we are un-usable,
* Just because we’ve been broken doesn’t mean that we are forgotten.

Throughout the Bible we see God uses broken people

* Jacob Deceived his Father
* Moses was a murderer
* Arron made the Golden Calf but became head of the Israelite priesthood.
* The Israelites kept doubting God and wanted to go back to Egypt and worshipped idols.
* Rahab Was a prostitute and yet she is in the line of Christ
* David stole someone’s wife and killed her husband
* Solomon married hundreds of wives and set up idols
* Paul was persecuting Christians
* Peter denied Christ 3 times
* **God doesn’t call the qualified he qualifies the Called**

Brokenness has the power, unlike anything else, to bring forth new beauty, strength, and inspiration to others. Because it’s often in those moments that we’ve tasted deep suffering, that we noticed, we were made for more. For a purpose.

Jesus Christ is a healer who repairs the broken pieces that no longer seem to fit right into our perfect design.

2 Cor. 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

# Men throw broken things away, but God uses broken things! God makes things “better than new.”

He can make your life better than you ever dreamed possible. He makes all things beautiful. Especially in brokenness. All from His grace.

Remember while Jesus was on earth he did not hang out with kings and priest he hung out with Tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners and he told those who questioned him that” I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” (Mat 2:17)

The truth of the matter is until you are broken and get out of your own way, God cannot use you. It is in your brokenness that you can see clearly the path God has for you.

Psalm 51:17 My sacrifices oh God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Even the Lord Jesus Christ took the bread at the Last Supper and said, “This is My body which is broken for you.” He had to be broken before he could save the world.

God is with us every moment and never leaves us. He just sits patiently waiting for us to realize how much we need him. Usually that means setting aside yourself and all you want for the things God wants for you

[Psalm 147:3](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+147%3A3&version=ESV) He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

### [Matthew 5:3-4](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5%3A3-4&version=ESV) “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Behold, I am making all things new.” Rev. 21:5

**Isaiah 53:11** (About the messiah) Therefore, I'll reward him extravagantly' the best of everything, the highest honors' Because he looked death in the face and didn't flinch, because he **embraced the company of the lowest**. **He took on his own shoulders the sin of the many**, **he took up the cause of all the black sheep.**

I will end with this story: After Jesus crucifixion the disciples probably felt pretty low. They had all deserted Jesus. Peter Denied him 3 times, Only John showed up at the cross. The rest stayed in hiding behind locked doors. After Jesus briefly appeared to the disciples several times, we find the disciples fishing. They didn’t know what else to do. They stayed out all night and caught nothing but when Jesus showed up in the morning he simply says “throw your net on the other side” and they catch so many fish they can’t haul them in the boat.

This is a great lesson for us. We can go about our lives doing our own thing our own way and never get anywhere but it is only when we decide to listen to God and do what he tells us to do that we find his blessings overflowing in our lives.

It is easy to sit back and say God can’t use you or come up with excuses why he won’t use you. But if we just yield to him he will fill our lives with blessings

Don’t look for excuses why God can’t use you. Look for opportunities where he can and then be like Isaiah when God ask “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” and respond “Here am I Lord. Send me!” (Isaiah 6:8)

I love the way the Matthew West Song, Broken things, put it

The pages of history they tell me it's true

That it's never the perfect; it's always the ones with the scars that You use

It's the rebels and the prodigals; it's the humble and the weak

All the misfit heroes You chose Tell me there's hope for sinners like me

Now I'm just a beggar in the presence of a King

I wish I could bring so much more

But if it's true You use broken things

Then here I am Lord, I'm all Yours