

Broken: The Beauty of Brokenness

Various Texts

When Broken Becomes Brokenness

- When we understand that we are broken people who live in a broken world, we can respond two different ways:
 - Revel in our sin & rebellion
 - Living as we please, as we continue to hurt God, ourselves, and others
 - See our need for healing & embrace our brokenness
- Brokenness: The state of surrender before God as a result of the realization of our sin and hurt

The God of Broken Things

- God works wonder when we live in brokenness before Him (Ps. 51:17; 34:18; 147:3)
- This was the mission of Jesus (Isa 61:1; see Luke 4:18)
 - He came to meet people in their brokenness and offer healing

Living as Broken Vessels

- When we acknowledge and embrace our brokenness before God and others, He uses it to glorify Himself (2 Cor 4:7-10)
 - And draw others to Him (1 Tim. 1:15-16)
- We need to show our scars, not hide them
 - So that others might experience the healing we have known in Jesus
- When we hide our struggles, we also hide God's work in us to meet us in them
- This is why those who have experienced brokenness are so suited to minister to others in their brokenness
- Kintsugi: The Japanese art of putting broken pottery pieces back together with gold — built on the idea that in embracing flaws and imperfections, you can create an even stronger, more beautiful piece of art.
 - It reveals how to heal and shows that we are better with our cracks
 - A picture of redemption
 - God turning our garbage into gold
- Even Jesus has scars
 - Evidence of God's ability to heal the consequences of sin and rebellion (John 20:27)

So What?

- Are we embracing brokenness?
- And letting God's work in us show through to others?

Meditation Verse: *2 Corinthians 4:7*