

I've been Broken

Sometimes you have to be broken...before you can shine!

***Last week - I MAY BE BROKEN...BUT I AM STILL WORKING! (Purpose) You have nothing to share until you are broken - And even broken crayons ...still COLOR!**

Jeremiah 18:1-6 – NKJV - The Potter and the Clay

18 The word which came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying: ²“Arise and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will cause you to hear My words.” ³Then I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. ⁴And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make.

⁵Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: ⁶“O house of Israel, **can I not do with you as this potter?**” says the Lord. “Look, as the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel!

- We have heard this message many times
- We go to the potters house
- He molds us...
- When we get to where we think HE wants us...
- He breaks us down
- Then reshapes us into what he wants

It appears that ***God tries to let us do it ourselves...the 1st time...***

- But we can't seem to get it right
- Therefore...when we get ready to stop resisting
- He can ***break us down***

Why is it that we feel to be broken is a BAD thing?

- This is what **the Potter** did...representing Jesus
- He **built it up**... and **broke it down**
- People would ask...**why break** something that looks so good?
- **BECAUSE Jesus sees GREATER!!**

Psalm 51:16-17 - NKJV

¹⁶ For You **do not** desire sacrifice, or else I would give it; You **do not** delight in burnt offering.

¹⁷ The sacrifices of God **are a broken spirit, A broken** and a contrite heart—
These, O **God, You will not despise**.

- David says: **MY SACRIFICE** is a **BROKEN Spirit**
- God is wanting to **BREAK us!**
- God is wanting to make us into something **Greater** but you have to be WILLING!!

It reminds me of this **GLOW STICK!** - It has to be **BROKEN**...in order to **SHINE!**

- **Has anyone been broken?**
- Anyone **Shining** because of **what you been through?**

Tell your neighbor... **I DON'T LOOK LIKE WHAT I BEEN THROUGH!**

Psalm 34:18 - NKJV

¹⁸ The LORD **is near** to those who have a **broken heart**, And saves such as have a contrite spirit.

- The Lord is **CLOSE** to the broken...
- **Why...** because ... we have to **surrender our will**
- **WHEN** we surrender our will... **God will then build us up!**
- You have to be **BROKEN... to SHINE!**

John 12:24 - NKJV

²⁴ Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain.

- Unless we die...**we cannot LIVE!**
- We have to die to the **FLESH!**
- We have to **Surrender ...our will**
- We have to be willing to **let God remold us** and remake us
- **Unless** the wheat falls to the ground!
- Unless it dies... it can **NEVER grow**
- **Unless** it is crushed...It cannot spring forth more seed
- But **when it dies**...it **reproduces and Multiplies**

That **thing** that you thought was going to **KILL you...** **It IS MULTIPLYING YOU!**

UNLESS YOU ARE BROKEN... YOU **CANNOT SHINE**

Joseph was betrayed by **ALL** his brothers

- They decided to **kill him**
- Then they **sold him...**
- They meant to **destroy him**
- They tried to **break him**
- They wanted him **crushed!**
- **BUT...** Joseph finally understood what they were doing!
- Look at Genesis 50:20

Genesis 50:20 - NKJV

²⁰ But as for you, **you meant evil against me;** **but** God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as *it is* this day, to save many people alive.

- That thing that **broke you...** **God is going to let you shine** through it
- What was **meant** to harm you... **God intended it for good**
- **WHY?** **TO accomplish** what is now being done
- For the **SAVING** of many lives!

BROKEN things can become **BLESSED THINGS** **if you let God do the mending!**

What has **broken** you??

- Sickness - Finances - Stress - Death - Loss of a career

Just realize that **your:**

- **setback** was your - **set up** - for **your come back**

I MAY BE BROKEN

BUT I AM ABOUT TO COME BACK

SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO BE BROKEN... BEFORE **YOU CAN SHINE!**

Do you know this man?
He lost his job

- Ran for state legislator and lost
- The next year he failed in a business
- The love of his life dies
- He had a nervous breakdown
- Was defeated as the house speaker
- Defeated in congress
- Lost a re-nomination
- He was defeated in the US Senate
- Defeated for nomination as Vice President
- Defeated again for US Senate

After failing from 1832-1860 – (28 years)

Finally was elected 16th president of the USA - ABRAHAM LINCOLN!

Abraham Lincoln was BROKEN... then he started the abolishment of Slavery in the US.....

Steve Jobs was fired from APPLEthen he became CEO and owner of the Company at the age of 23 and became a multi-millionaire !

Walt Disney... had an animation and film studio in Kansas

- It failed in 1922
- He immediately left for California
- His next Studio...created Mickey Mouse

CLOSE: These men were BROKEN... so They could shine

ARE YOU READY TO SHINE?

LET GOD BREAK YOU!!

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