

## I've been Broken #2

*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: <sup>2</sup>“Arise and go down to the potter’s house, and there I will cause you to hear My words.” <sup>3</sup>Then I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was, making something at the wheel. <sup>4</sup>And 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.

<sup>5</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: <sup>6</sup>“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 1<sup>st</sup> 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**

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

<sup>17</sup> 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**

<sup>18</sup> 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**

<sup>24</sup> 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

<sup>20</sup> 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!**

**CLOSE: 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 APPLE** ....then 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**

**PRAISE TEAM:** These men were **BROKEN**... so **They could shine**

**ARE YOU READY TO SHINE?**

**LET GOD BREAK YOU!!**

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