

Embracing Brokenness in Ourselves and Others

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I. Introduction.

II. What personal brokenness means.

A. It fundamentally means surrender.

B. It means not having to control.

C. There is a great contrast between proud people and broken people.

D. The process of breaking. (Romans 7)

1. There are three laws: the law of God, the law of sin, and the law of the Spirit of Life.

2. Without the law, a person would never know sin. The law was given to expose another principle in us, which is the presence of evil.

3. The presence of sin drives us to desperation, which drives us to God. (Psalm 51)

4. Without the law of God, there is no sensitivity toward sin. In the process of God's revelation, we are continually brought back to our need for God and consequently the blessing of the Holy Spirit.

5. We can experience substantial healing through this process.

III. Receiving grace. (Hebrews 4:16, 10:19-25, Matthew 18:23)

A. In drawing near the believer receives grace and mercy in time of need.

B. Jesus invites us into our presence.

1. He always does what is in our best interest.

2. Believers are secure—He will never move away from them.

3. Jesus will share His truth with us helping us become everything we were intended to be.

C. Jesus comes with the Spirit to help us work on our sin.

D. Receiving grace is contingent on brokenness.

E. One of the problems with the church is that it says we receive grace but grow by the law. On the contrary, we are people of grace. (Romans 8:1)

F. We are to create the environment of grace that Jesus invites us into with His presence for others.

Application questions:

1. Describe brokenness, and explain why it is valuable for the spiritual life.

2. What is the process of brokenness? Why is it important to understand that it is a process? Explain.

3. What role does grace play in the healing process?
