

Brokenness

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I. Introduction.

- A. There are three themes: brokenness, integrity, clarity.
- B. Brokenness--you will never be able to minister to a broken person until you feel it.
- C. Integrity and transparency is an absolute essential.
- D. Clarity of vision is necessary because of change and the need for growth. (Isaiah 49)
- E. Text: Philippians 2:1-11.

II. There is a tendency to view ministry through the lens of hierarchy, but this tends to take us away from brokenness.

- A. Brokenness is a yielded heart open before God. A sense of inadequacy comes from brokenness. It is the continued precondition for wholeness.
- B. The result of brokenness is allowing someone to surrender to God. One can enter into God's grace without resisting His will.

III. Personal brokenness. (Genesis 40)

- A. Brokenness works through a series of events. (Hebrews 6:11, Isaiah 49, 55, Psalm 42:3)
- B. We all have to come to the point where we surrender to God.
- C. We have to be careful to not take credit for growth or let the power of leadership become something that domineers instead of serves.
- D. We need to be broken enough to defer to others.

IV. Ministry of brokenness. (Isaiah 42:16)

- A. We need to be broken in ministry concepts while holding onto core principles in order to work together in the ministry.
- B. Ministry emerges out of dependence upon God. (Isaiah 50:10-11)

V. Corporate brokenness.

A. A sure sign of a lack of corporate brokenness is a denial of corporate problems.

B. The corporation never got here by itself. (Joel 2:15, Malachi 2:1, 14, 17; 3:7, 13)

Application questions:

1. Why is experiencing brokenness so important for ministering to the broken?

2. How does brokenness help us to give proper credit for the growth in our lives?

3. What is corporate brokenness look like? Explain.
