Live From God's Power Not Your Brokenness

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Goals



- 1. Learn What It Means to be Broken
- 2. Understand what the Bible says about Brokenness
- 3. Recognize the steps to go form Brokenness to Power
- 4. Commit to Living by God's Power



What does it mean to Be Broken?

Broken as defined from the Oxford Dictionary adj

- 1. having been fractured or damaged and no longer in one piece or in working order.
- 2. (of a person) having given up all hope; despairing.

Typically, brokenness in a person is the result an emotional trauma that can't be easily overcome. A broken person feels emotionally crippled, which makes them emotionally unavailable. What does someone living from their brokenness look like?

- Hopeless
- Stubborn
- Bitter
- Insecure / Controlling
- Paranoid
- Sensitive
- Fearful
- Angry
- Victim mentality
- Swollen/ Prideful











What does the Bible say about brokenness?



- "The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit" (<u>Psalm 34:18</u>).
- The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise" (<u>Psalm 51:17</u>).

Brokenness can Lead to Salvation

• When you are broken, God is looking for a specific reaction from you.

HUMBLENESS

- For the LORD takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation. Psalm 149:4 ESV
- For the LORD taketh pleasure in his people: he will beautify the meek with salvation. Psalm 149:4 KJV



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- The Gospel means good news
- Don't be ashamed!
- Ask yourself are you ashamed when the time comes to declare you are a Christian?
- It's not a shameful thing to declare who you are in Christ!



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- Christ is translated from Greek word Christos which means the anointed one
- To anoint means to rub on or rub into
- The Anointing is supernatural, divine enablement



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• Power is the ability to get results



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- Salvation here does just mean born again
- Greek work sozo
 - Soundness
 - Preservation
 - Healing
 - Safety
 - Deliverance
 - Prosperity



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• Faith is your access to this power!



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 If you're not a Jew, you're considered part of the Greeks.

The Power Of God



Thoughts

- Not responsible for someone else's happiness
- Responsibility for an environment where their happiness is possible
- God will allow you to be broken to create an environment where your salvation is possible.