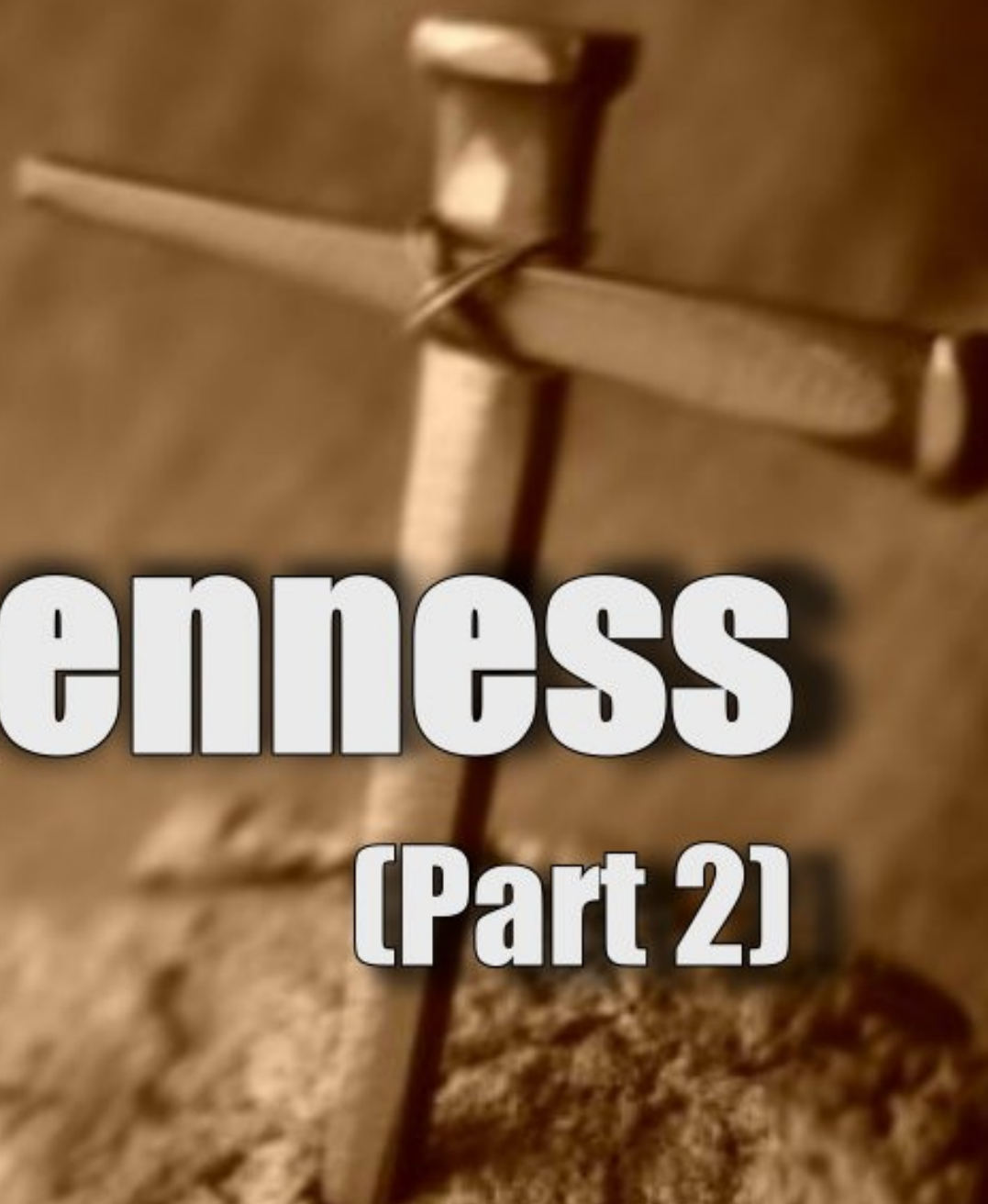


Building Depth  
in our Inner-Life

# Brokenness

(Part 2)



# Summary Review - Truths about Brokenness

I. Brokenness is the **Realization** of the corruption and futility of everything in our self-life.

II. The Lord is looking for **Brokenness** in our lives.

III. Brokenness is the **Posture** of total dependency on God.

IV. To those who come to God in brokenness, God will **Dwell** and **Revive** them.



**Truths** about

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V. Brokenness is often **Triggered** by adverse circumstances that come directly against us to **Breakdown** our self-life

i.e. our pride, our strengths, our capacities, our self-confidence, etc.

- Circumstances and situations in life occur according to **Principles and Laws** of life.

- This is common to man i.e. both believers and unbelievers.

# Examples of Principles and Laws of Life

1. Every Jacob will find his Laban.
2. Every Pride will lead to a fall.

*Peter's pride about not falling and his denial of the Lord 3 times.*



# Examples of Principles and Laws of Life

## 3. Personality Clashes

- a. The **Forceful** person with a high “D” - **Domineering** personality.
- b. The **Impulsiveness** of the high “I” - **Influential** personality.



# Examples of Principles and Laws of Life

## 3. Personality Clashes

- c. The non-Committal high “S”  
- **Steady** personality who lacks  
Conviction.



# Examples of Principles and Laws of Life

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- d. The high “**C**” - **Conscientious** personality with a compulsion to dot every “**i**” and cross every “**t**” ... who will **Fight** every battle ...



## Examples of Principles and Laws of Life

4. Every stubborn and hardened Pharaoh will encounter a Moses.
5. If we do not Intentionally nourish our marriage, it will turn cold and Deteriorate.



## Examples of Principles and Laws of Life

6. If we do not Intentionally parent each child, they be left to the influence of their peers and their world.



## Examples of Principles and Laws of Life

7. If we do not Experience the Lord, it is just head knowledge with no power for life transformation.
8. If we do not Grow spiritually, we will backslide with its consequences.

Experience - Grow Spiritually =

**Obedience and Application**

Otherwise, Deception – Hardened-Heart

e.g. Solomon : Wisest and yet Dumbest

## Examples of Principles and Laws of Life

9. If we do not Study, high probability we will fail our exams
10. If we allow the Hurts in us to fester, we will rot !
11. If we do not Pray, the Lord cannot help us.



## Examples of Principles and Laws of Life

12. We will reap what we Sow !

13. If we fail to Plan, we plan to fail !

14. If we do not Communicate, don't expect the other person to read your mind !



## Examples of Principles and Laws of Life

15. If we play often with Fire, we will get burned ! Your sins will find you out !

16. If we merely live in the Natural, remember it is a fallen world !



## Examples of Principles and Laws of Life

17. If you don't **Tend** your garden, weeds will grow.
18. Every **Foolish** person will die before their time. The foolish Nabal will die suddenly. (*Ecclesiastes 7:17*)



## Examples of Principles and Laws of Life

19. If you mix with **Bad** company, you will be corrupted (*1 Corinthians 15:33*)

*e.g. Rehoboam listened to wrong counsel*

20. Proverbs 9:10

Hebrews 11:6

2 Corinthians 6:14 etc.



VI. Brokenness in the believer is more  
of Christ and less of Me.

**John 3:30**

He must increase;  
I must decrease.

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## **Luke 9:23**

Then He said to them all,

“If anyone desires to come after Me,

1. Deny our **self**-life;
2. Take up our **cross** daily;
3. Follow the **Lord**.

This is **DISCIPLESHIP**.

1. Deny our **self**-life

## **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Therefore if any man is in Christ,  
he is a new creation ...



When we are born again,  
there is another life birthed in us.



# 1. Deny our self-life

## a. There is the NATURAL LIFE

- sinful nature
- old man
- corrupt
- soulish
- carnal flesh

## b. And there is the SPIRITUAL LIFE

- the Christ Life
- the Holy Spirit  
dwelling in us

Our self-life are :-

our ways

our human arguments

our deep emotion

our self-justification

our insecurity

our self-love

our cleverness

our self-defense

our forceful will

our strong-minds

our low self-esteem

our low self-image

our opinions

# Our self-life :-

cannot control  
our tongue

cannot keep a rein  
on our critical spirit

cannot stop boasting  
in our flesh

Continue in  
jealousy and envy

cannot stop comparing  
ourselves  
better than others

Cannot stop beating  
ourselves down  
into self pity

2. Take up our Cross daily

We must daily

**take up our cross**



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Our cross are :-

- a. The PEOPLE that cross our paths.
- b. The CIRCUMSTANCES that we are in.

**that are instrumental to mold us  
into the image of Christ**



## 2. Take up our Cross daily

Nothing **HAPPENS** by chance

Both the People in our lives and

the Situations we are in

will mold us – break us

as we have seen in many examples

in the bible and in real life

### 3. Follow the Lord

**The Lord Jesus Christ is our Master  
- Adonai -**

Two Applications:-

- a. We must SUBMIT to His Lordship.

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When a horse's wild  
and stubborn will  
is broken, it will  
be:-

- (1) **Obedient** to  
the Master.
- (2) **Useful** to  
the Master

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1. Look to **JESUS** to perfect our faith.  
*(Hebrews 12:2)*
  2. Meditate on the **MIRROR of the WORD**  
for life-change. *(2 Corinthians 3:18)*
  3. Connect with the **HOLY SPIRIT** always.  
*(Romans 8:5 – 6)*
  4. Adore and Love the Lord in **WORSHIP**.  
*(Psalm 27:4)*

vii. Brokenness is a Journey every believer must undertake.

1. Pay attention to the Process of brokenness.

During this journey, brokenness is a significant BREAKTHROUGH in the life of the believer, with a definite life-change.

e.g. **Jacob** - when broken, walks with a limp  
Your walk will be different !

vii. Brokenness is a Journey every believer must undertake.

2. The degree of Pain of brokenness depends on our response.

### 1 Peter 1:6

In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved [suffer] by various trials,

There are 3 ways we learn the lessons of life :-

- a. Pay **“Tuition-Fees”** ourselves - **pain**
- b. Learn from people and situation of others who have paid **“Tuition-Fees”** - **no pain**
- c. Obedience to the Word of God - **no pain**
  - **taste Goodness of the Lord**
  - **receive touch from the Lord**
  - **revelation - repentance**



VIII. Brokenness involves Repentance.

**TO REPENT** means

- to change our mind from ungodly beliefs that are of the world
- to align our thoughts and beliefs with the Word, Will, Ways and Wisdom of God.

**Proverbs 23:7**

**For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.**

# **6 Applications of the Process of the Journey in Brokenness**



# Application #1

Our **THOUGHT LIFE** must be increasingly in line with the Word of God.

This is opposite from

**Natural Wisdom**

**Natural Mind**

**Scattered Mind**

**Wisdom of the World**

**Double-Mindedness**

# Application #1

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## 2 Corinthians 10:4 - 5

Must tear down the strongholds -  
- the arguments and every high thing -  
that blocks the true knowledge of God



# Application #2

Our **EMOTIONAL LIFE** must be increasingly manifesting the Fruit of the Holy Spirit.

- Deal with mood-swings
- Work on each aspect of the fruit of the Spirit
- Guard leakages in our emotional energies



# Application #3

Our **DECISION-MAKING PROCESS** must be increasingly with knowledge, understanding and wisdom aligned with the Will of Father-God.



# Application #4

## Our CONSCIENCE

i.e. our sense of moral right and wrong  
must be increasingly sensitive  
to the Holy Spirit.



By a life of continual obedience  
to the Word of the Lord.

# Application #5

Our ability to **DISCERN-SENSE-PERCEIVE** about people and circumstances - must be increasingly sharper with the solid meat of the Word and the leading of the Holy Spirit.





# Application #6

Our desire to **CONNECT** in fellowship with God the Holy Spirit must grow increasingly.



IX. True Unity in the church comprise of broken people.

- Cannot be achieved by calling people to unity.
- Unity is achieved when we take up the cross and die to our minute opinions and lay down our petty arguments and prejudices.

IX. True Unity in the church comprise of broken people.

- A broken spirit is a peaceful spirit and is able to abide with others.
- Contentious, unbroken, hard, stubborn people can never be in one accord!
- The sacrifices of God are a broken and contrite spirit.

IX. True Unity in the church comprise of broken people.

Are you willing to be broken for the Lord ?

Unless you are broken,  
you will be a hindrance to yourself,  
your marriage, your family  
and the church.

IX. True Unity in the church comprise of broken people.

The unbroken person / flesh is hostile to God and cannot please God !

Will you be broken to be fit  
for the Master's use ?

Will you commit to this journey  
of brokenness ?