



FAITHFUL LIGHT CHURCH

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BROKENNESS BRINGS BREAKTHROUGH

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SCRIPTURE FOR THE WEEK

1st Reader Repeats 2x with Congregation

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- There is an established principle that I feel we must find ourselves in front of.
- I feel strongly that herein lies the very thing we need to take our church to the next level and that is:
- **Brokenness Brings Breakthrough.**
- Brokenness can bring us to a new dimension in God through which no other doors may lead.
- There are places God wants to bring us to, but the price of admission is brokenness and we can't get to these places through faith, victory or praise....
- Just Brokenness.

Although not a BONE of our Lord was broken, when the Lord was crucified and bore our sins in His body, the Bible describes His body as being broken:

1 Corinthians 11:24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.



- Our Lord was broken, but through His brokenness, salvation was made available for you and me, but salvation cannot be known without repentance.
- A place of brokenness is necessary for repentance.
- The Bible says Godly sorrow worketh repentance.
- We must be broken before we can be fixed!
- Maybe we could turn the saying around a bit - “If it ain’t broke, break it!”
- In each of our lives, God had designed a process of growth and development.
- Brokenness symbolizes humility before God.
- It symbolizes total surrender to His work & His will.
- God can’t resist brokenness for it draws Him to us.
 - When the broken and repentant heart is confessing their sins before God and is turning from the wrong, He will pay attention!
 - God says that He can’t resist humility and brokenness!

James 4:6 But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded. 9 Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.”

THIS IS OPPOSITE OF OUR THINKING!

- Get down to be lifted up? That's not making sense...I want to go higher and higher, not lower!
- And yet God is telling someone here tonight, "Trust Me", to stop trying to lean on their own understanding.
- God is reaching for us through our brokenness.
- God wants us to let go of our desires and trust Him!
- God is willing to do great things through us and all he is waiting for is us to get ourselves out of His way!

There is a clear pattern in the Bible that teaches us that Brokenness Brings Breakthrough:



- Before Abraham became the father of many nations, he and Sarah were childless.
- Before Jacob could be blessed, he was wounded by angel in a wrestling match.
- Before Joseph ruled Egypt, he was thrown into a pit, sold into slavery, and falsely imprisoned.
- Before Job's estate was doubled, he lost everything he had, including his family, his fortune, and his future.
- Before Moses became the great deliverer, he lost his position, his possessions, and his popularity.
- Before Joshua conquered the Promised Land, he went through the wilderness.
- Before Samson crushed the Philistines, he was blinded.
- Before David became king, he was renounced by his family, ridiculed by his foes, and rejected by his friends.
- Before Daniel could be used mightily, he had to spend the night in the lion's den.
- Before Hosea became a powerful spokesman for God, his wife betrayed him, which broke him.
- Before Peter preached 3,000 souls into the kingdom, he denied his Savior three times and went out and wept bitterly.
- Before Paul brought the gospel to the Gentiles, he was blinded on the Damascus road.
- Sometimes God has to break us so that He can remake us.

***Jeremiah 18:4** And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter: so he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.*

***Psalms 51:8** Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.*

The songwriter expressed the proper attitude we should have during the times when we are broken:

- Have Thine own way, Lord.
- Have Thine own way.
- Thou art the Potter,
- I am the clay.
- Mold me and make me
- After thy will.
- While I am waiting,
- Yielded and still.



The Potter is able to mend the broken vessel and use it for His own purposes and pleasure!

- But if we never find a place of brokenness and submission to His will in our lives, we will never know breakthrough.
- Feel the desperation in your spirit to know brokenness again.
 - It has been a long while since many of us have been broken before the Lord, and if you are not broken, then you cannot be made into the image He has designed for you.
 - It's more than a "good cry" every now and then, it has to be something we strive for as often as we can have it.
- Brokenness will put down gossip and finding fault with our sister or brother.
- Brokenness will cause us to put our own agendas aside.
- Brokenness will let us focus on Jesus.
- Brokenness will put down petty quibbling.
- Brokenness will cause the young and old to embrace one another.



- Brokenness will cause the established to make room for the new.
- Brokenness takes us beyond mere tolerance into acceptance of one another.
- Brokenness will cause us to welcome the unique talents, gifts & ministries our God has granted each of us
- Brokenness brings the prayer of John the Baptist to light in each life, *“He must Increase and I must Decrease!”*

Brokenness will bring us to a new sense of humility

- Brokenness Brings Breakthrough, and when the saints of God Breakthrough then:
- God is Glorified & Lifted up, and He draws all men unto Himself.
- Brokenness causes unity to prevail so that chains of bondage fall off and people can come into worship unfettered.
- Brokenness before God brings new souls to salvation in Jesus Christ.
- But before God will send them, he wants us to spend time in labor.
- There are no Spiritual C-Sections or Divine Epidurals.
- Just the broken travailing of a people of God who have fallen on their faces before God pleading with him for new babies to be born into His kingdom.

If this challenge to live our lives for God and feel His urgency to save souls is going to be birthed in us, then we will be the ones to go thru the labor and delivery.

- We will be the ones inviting people to come to Jesus Christ.
- We will be the ones teaching and helping them grow in Jesus
- We will be the ones to listen to their struggles and help them pray through.

- Since we will be the ones charged with raising them from milk to meat...then it only makes sense that we are also responsible for their birth into this world!
 - I believe God is giving us the key to breakthrough in our lives and that breakthrough is going to be brought through brokenness!
- Brokenness is what we allow God to make of us.
- There is no comparison to be made between the value of a diamond and that of a grain of corn, yet it all depends on what you do with the grain of corn.
- Put both of them away, and at the end of a hundred years the grain of corn will still have no money value.
- But the diamond's value, running up into the hundreds of dollars, will be undiminished.
- After the thousand years the same thing will be true.



- But suppose, instead, we bury the grain in the warm, moist earth, and year after year throughout the centuries let it go on producing and reproducing.
- In that time it will have produced a store that the whole earth could hardly contain.
- Just production from one grain of corn represents a money value that makes the diamond's price not more than an atom in comparison.
- To have saved the grain of corn would have been to lose all it was capable of producing.

John 12:24. " Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a **corn of wheat** fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit."

- To save your gift from God may seem to be a prudent thing, but in the end it will mean complete loss.
- And to experience a great harvest, we need to die to self.
- In Brokenness we find the pliability of the heart.
- No crop can grow in hard untilled ground but the soil must be broken up.
- In Brokenness we find sufficient tears to water the sown seed.
- In Brokenness we find the crop beginning to show signs of life.
 - Brokenness Will Bring Breakthrough.
 - God has called us into realms of great things, but before we can come into this place, we need to fall broken before His presence.



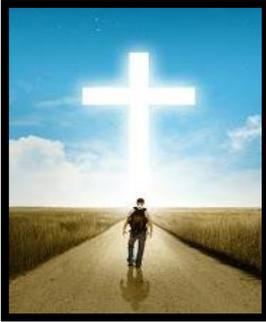
- When the woman with the Alabaster box came before Jesus, she was broken.
- The woman was weeping, and she poured out something precious, pure and valuable.
- She came in brokenness to break open the most valuable thing she had and give it to Jesus.
- Something valuable is within you; we must love God enough to break open our lives, becoming a sweet aroma to Him.
- The woman's act, in brokenness, was so incredible that it was recorded in three of the four gospels
- And for all time, this story is used as an example of how to breakthrough into the presence of Jesus Christ.

Don't just leave this message here, but in the privacy of your own prayer closet, bring yourself to Jesus; bring yourself in brokenness, in full repentance. and just like Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Job, Moses, Joshua, Sampson, David, Daniel, Hosea, Peter and Paul...God will deliver a mighty breakthrough in your life.



THE CHALLENGE THAT LAYS BEFORE US

Romans 8:37-39 “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹ Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”



If we love Jesus we will leave the world behind and follow the way of the cross, but sadly, we can see that some love this present world more than they love God, and leave us because they live in sin.

2 Timothy 4:10 “For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world, and is departed.”

The Bible tells us that if we love this world so that by our actions we show the evidence that in our hearts we belong to the world of sin, we do not love God.

1 John 2:15 “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.”

Some of those that left us would not let go of false teachings. Such as the Trinity and other false doctrines because of tradition.

Revelation 2:15 “So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.”

2 Timothy 4:4 “And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.”

Some of those that left have allowed the evil of compromise and a love for to sin to be greater than their love for God.

Others go their own way while insisting that they love God.

2 Timothy 3:5 *“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.”*



When people say they love God but lack a true deep abiding love for God, they may outwardly appear to be faithful for while, but when testing comes through demands of work, or through pressure to conform to the world to gain acceptance, they will not be loyal.

What is faithful? The Webster’s 1828 dictionary says the faithful is this:

- 1. Firm in adherence to the truth and to the duties of religion.**
- 2. constant in the performance of duties or services; exact in attending to commands; as a faithful servant.**

The difference between faithfulness and loyalty is that faithfulness involves love, and love will carry us a long way. Only two churches escaped the censure of God in Revelation and the reason was because of their love for God.

Revelation 2:8-11 *“And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; ⁹ I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. ¹¹ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.”*

Revelation 3:8-10 “I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name. ⁹ Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. ¹⁰ Because thou hast kept the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of temptation, which shall come upon all the world, to try them that dwell upon the earth.”

Revelation 3:11-13 “Behold, I come quickly: hold that fast which thou hast, that no man take thy crown. ¹² **Him that overcometh will I make a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go no more out:** and I will write upon him the name of my God, and the name of the city of my God, which is new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God: and I will write upon him my new name. ¹³ He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”



The challenge that lays before us is this: are we going to be faithful, but more than faithful are we are going to be loyal? Loyalty we will carry us the extra mile.

Matthew 5:41 “And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain.”

Loyalty will carry us through trials and tests and every worldly temptation, through the good and bad because we love Jesus and the church.

Proverbs 10:12 “Hatred stirreth up strifes: but love covereth all sins.”

Hatred stirreth up strifes - It seeks for occasions to provoke while **love** reconciles; removes aggravations; puts the best light on everything; and pours water, not oil, upon the flame. Love covers sin by forgiveness and forbearance.

God draws us to Himself by lovingkindness, for it is His lovingkindness that reaches out to us in our brokenness that reaches our hearts with the depth of His love, can we love others with any less love than we have been loved ourselves?

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Will we take the challenge? Will we have an ear to hear what the Spirit is speaking into our hearts today so that we will change direction in our lives and commit to be faithful? By so doing we will be more supportive of other Christians, the church, the ministry, our relationship with God, holiness in our walk, experience real change in our lives, and reach the lost like never before!

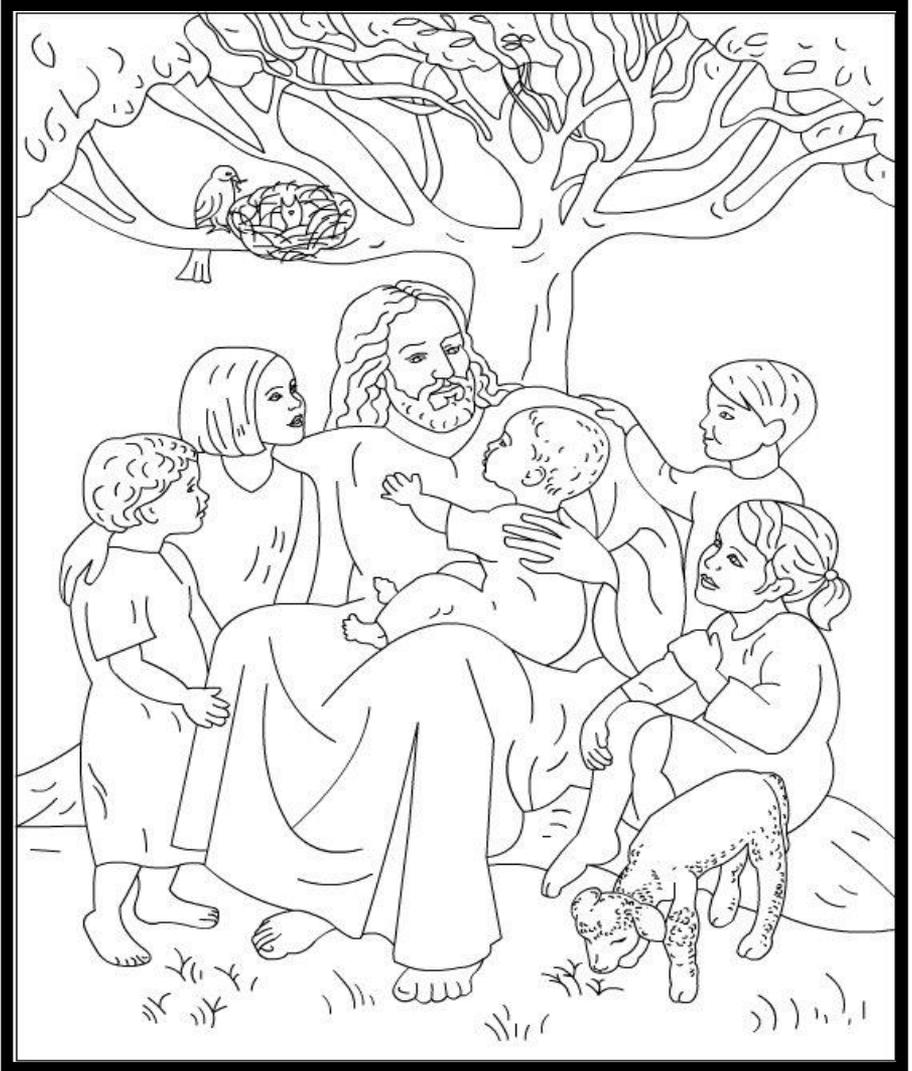
John 16:33 “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”

Let's pray together:

Dear Lord Jesus,

Thank you for the example of brokenness You gave us by Your life and in Your death on the cross, pouring Yourself out for us that we might ever live for You. I come now broken before You Lord, asking You to forgive me and to fill me with Your Spirit that I may have breakthrough in my life, and fully live my life for You. Change my heart Lord; mold me and shape me like clay, into a strong vessel for Your Holy Spirit as I rest my life in Your hands. We love You and praise You, and commit our way to You, **in Jesus name, Amen.**

**WHEN I ASK JESUS TO FORGIVE ME
HE LOVES ME EVEN MORE.**



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