

Broken and Priceless

Many years ago there was a woman who contracted Polio. She had been taking her 2 children to church for years, but when she got sick, the pastor came by to pray for her. When he was leaving, he asked them not to come back to church because they were afraid of polio. So, she asked him, "Pastor, what can I do for Jesus?" He answered by saying "you are broken and God cannot use you". She answered him by saying "you are wrong pastor. God uses broken things". Sometime later a new pastor came to town. He went to visit her, and he told her that their church had no children, but he would love for her to head up the Sunday School. She told him, "Well, pastor, now you have 2 children because I have a boy & a girl". It was slow going at first, so she went to the bus company in town to ask the owner to give her 2 buses and 2 drives which he did on Sunday mornings. The following Sunday, he gave her 3, and within 5 yrs he had given her 35 buses and drivers for Sunday mornings and the entire family of the bus company was saved and all of the bus company's employees were saved. That's what broken can do!

Brokenness. We think of broken things as trash. If you break a vase, you cannot use it. Even if you glue it together, the water would stream out of the cracks eventually. I know what it feels like to be broken. It hurts. It doesn't seem like a good thing. But God sees us differently. He sees us through eyes that see our potential. We are a work in progress that isn't finished this side of heaven. When I write, I ask God to give me words that will touch someone. I realize that one of the reasons He can use me is because of my life experience. (that's another way of saying I am old). Many of my experiences have been hard and I know there will be more to come. I also know that each of you reading this have been thru the "fire" of refinement. Life isn't easy. I say that a lot lately!

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you," says Yahweh, "thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you hope and a future.

10. Isaiah 55: 9-13 For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as the rain comes down and the snow from the sky,
and doesn't return there, but waters the earth,
and makes it grow and bud,

and gives seed to the sower and bread to the eater;
so is my word that goes out of my mouth:
it will not return to me void,
but it will accomplish that which I please,
and it will prosper in the thing I sent it to do.

For you shall go out with joy,
and be led out with peace.

The mountains and the hills will break out before you into singing;
and all the trees of the fields will clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn the cypress tree will come up;
and instead of the brier the myrtle tree will come up.

It will make a name for Yahweh,

for an everlasting sign that will not be cut off. says for us, the heavens are higher
than the earth.

This world can bring hard times for sure. God never said that He would not give us
more than we can handle. He said, with HIM we can handle it all. So today, strive
to be near. Seek Him while He may be found. Our God is faithful, and loving, and
will never let us go. The harder the world gets, the nearer we should be.

Amen

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