



BROKEN

Redefined

What seems ruined
can be restored.

Part 3: Where Is God in All This?

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Philippians 2:1-13

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, ² then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. ³ Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, ⁴ not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as

Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; ⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. ⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.

What story are you telling yourself about brokenness?

If you don't own your brokenness, it owns you

There is a blessing in the brokenness

Jesus Meets You in Brokenness

The Question: Where is God?

Jesus humbled himself

Jesus puts himself "down here"

Jesus experienced the brokenness of all people of all time through his death on the cross.

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need. – Hebrews 4:14-16

The movement toward Jesus is one of brokenness and humility.

In the Ark of the Covenant, brokenness and wholeness

were in the same place.

Your heart is the new Ark of the Covenant.

Our hearts can hold brokenness and wholeness at the same time.

Next Steps

Our winter session of *12 Steps: A Spiritual Journey* has reached capacity, but there are other options for you to recover the life God intended for you. Here are some ideas:

- Buy the 12 Steps workbook and go through it yourself
- Keep coming on weekends to hear the rest of the series
- See CTK Life or ask at the Connection Point about other classes that are designed to help you find healing and wholeness in specific areas of life.

Small Group Questions

- 1) Have you ever gone through the 12 Step Spiritual Journey, or will you be doing it this winter?
- 2) Whether you participate in it or not, what are your thoughts or feelings about the 12 Step Spiritual Journey?
- 3) What do you think or feel about carrying both your brokenness and wholeness in your heart? Is it possible? Is that a struggle?
- 4) Jesus meets us in our brokenness. Can you share a story of how you've seen that in your life?
- 5) Have you ever experienced blessing or beauty out of some kind of brokenness?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?