

# BROKEN FOR US

## A Lent Sermon Series

"Devastation Can Lead to Delight" | Joel 1-2

Sunday, March 1st, 2026

~ The season of Lent is an opportunity to reflect, pray, and prepare. Traditionally, Lent begins 40 days before Easter - which mimics the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert. This sermon series will help us prepare as we ponder the significance of our Savior being "Broken for Us."

> **Before We Begin** - A few interesting facts about appliances/trash.

~ A report that was published in 2021; as of 2019, the American family on average spends \$1,500 on electronics & appliances. It is believed that Americans have 24 pieces of electronics in their homes.  
~ An American family generates an average of 176lbs of electronic waste each year. Nationally, this generates 6.9 million tons of electronic waste each year.

> **What's Going on in Joel 1 & 2?**

The book of Joel is set during an unspecified time when the southern kingdom of Judah had experienced a locust plague, suffering, drought, and famine.

~ *What Do We See?* ~

Suffering & Judgment - A Call to Return to the Lord - Subsequent Results Depending on How the People Choose to Respond.

> Devastation is not **just** an OT concept. We still see specific events of devastation and experience the feelings and results of devastation.

~ This forces us to consider the real life /practical realities of devastation.

**I.** Devastation is a \_\_\_\_\_ Experience in This Life

~ No one is immune to this problem! We still experience difficulty & devastation because of **original sin**.

~ The apostle Paul dealt with this in Romans 5:12 ...

**"Sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned."**

### Line Graph of Your Life



**II.** Devastation Naturally Creates \_\_\_\_\_ in This Life

Two Critical Reminders from Scripture when Devastation Hits!

**1)** The most repeated command in Scripture = Do not \_\_\_\_\_!

~ Jesus's Words on Anxiety from the Sermon on the Mount (Matt 6)

Vs. 25: "I tell you, do not be anxious about your life."

Vs. 27: You can't add "a single hour to [your] span of life."

Vs. 31: "Do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?'"

Vs. 34: "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow."

> The bible portrays anxiety & fear as something that rises naturally in our hearts. But it's all about how we deal with that fear & anxiety....

~ cf. 1 Peter 5:7 (it must be dealt with from a Christian perspective)

**2)** God sees us & He \_\_\_\_\_ us.

~ Seeing = cf. Genesis 29 - Leah's heartache; Genesis 31 - the

injustice done to Jacob; Exodus 2-3 - the suffering of the Israelites.

~ Hearing = cf. - Proverbs 15:29 & 1 Peter 3:12

**III.** Devastation Beckons Us to an \_\_\_\_\_ in This Life

> To break the pattern of sin & death, God had to \_\_\_\_\_ his Son.