

# THE GREAT TEXTS vol. 2

*Sermons in honour of  
Charles Haddon Spurgeon*



**The Bruised Reed**– Isaiah 42:3

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Isaiah paints for us the most beautiful portrait of our Lord Jesus Christ, the saviour who doesn't break bruised reeds or quench smouldering wicks, but binds them to himself in grace and breathes into them new life.

For personal reflection/community discussion

**Read** – Read the passage in its context several times. Read it slow enough to understand what God is saying through it.

- What ideas or words are emphasised, repeated or related in this passage?
- In your own words, what is the main idea of this passage? (Try to summarise these verses in 10 words or less)

**Examine** – Next, try to understand the specifics of what the passage is communicating.

- What do you notice about God? What has he done/is he doing in these verses?
- What do you learn about Jesus and his gospel from this passage?
- What does it reveal about people?
- How do you think the writer wanted his reader to respond to these words?

**Apply** - After seeking to understand God's Word in this passage, consider how he intends to use it in your heart and life today.

- What in this message encouraged your heart?
- How will this verse shape (or re-shape) your vision of Jesus?
- Can you think of any moments in the gospel stories when Jesus encounters a bruised reed?
- When were you last a smouldering flax or bruised reed? How did you cope? How might the gospel in this verse transform the next time you experience this?
- How might God be inviting you to respond today to this verse?