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The Broken Made Whole

Comfort for the Broken

"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit…" — Psalm 51:17

Week 2 of 8

LIFE IS PAIN clip // PRAY // This world is broken

Jesus came to be a doctor for broken hearts.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:3

- A man paralyzed meets Jesus and **walks** away **forgiven**.
- A woman with 12 years of bleeding touches his hem and is **healed** and **commended**.
- A woman suffering as a prostitute washes Jesus' feet with her hair and leaves **cleansed** of her sin and forever **honored**.

The kingdom of heaven belongs to those who need it.

*My **need** for God's help **qualifies** me to receive it.*

GOD HELPS THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES?

*God helps those who have **given up** on themselves.*

Show clips from Matthew 5:21-22; 27-30; 43-44; 48

THE PARADOX OF FAITH IS THAT WE MUST GIVE UP ON OURSELVES TO BECOME WHO WE WERE CREATED TO BE! // TO BE VICTORIOUS, WE MUST BE BROKEN.

My Subversive Goal for Us

*That over these next weeks, we would "work the steps" to find **wholeness** and **holiness**.*

Celebrate Recovery Step 1:

Realize I am not God. I admit that I am powerless to control my tendency to do the wrong thing and that my life is unmanageable.

Celebrate Recovery Step 2:

*Earnestly believe that God **exists**, that **I matter** to Him and that He has the power to help me **recover**.*

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5:4

The woman from Nain…

Luke 7:11-16 (p. 717)

"Blessed are those who mourn…"

- The woman was a **widow** with one dead son.
- She must have had many **friends**.
- She was **mourning**.

Blessed are those who mourn. There is something holy about mourning because it is what you are supposed to do when something is wrong

ILL: Trying for years to get my kids to stop crying… // NOT COMPLAINING

I should mourn the brokenness of my **world**.

Including the loss of loved ones.

I should mourn the brokenness of my **soul**.

The terribly high cost of bad habits, sinful behaviors, and wounds.

"…for they will be comforted."

- Jesus **noticed** the woman.
- He **restored** her.

Recovery Step 2:

Earnestly believe that God exists, that I matter to Him and that He has the power to help me recover.

INTO COMMUNION: This is the pattern of the Bible; the people fail, they realize it, they mournfully repent, God saves.

I matter to God.