

## November 16      Brokenness And Humility

“...deep sin can make us desperate. And out of that desperation, out of grief and the hurt of a fractured heart over sin, God longs to produce humility in us. It is humility that allows us to recognize, as David did, who God is and who we are in comparison with Him. It is humility that sets us up to come to grips with our sin.” - Anna Wishart

“... true humility means seeing God as the giver and sustainer of everything and seeing ourselves as sinful and needy in His presence, so that we trust totally in Him and not in ourselves, so that He gets all the glory.” - Steven J. Cole

“When someone is humble they are focused on God and others, not self. Even their focus on others is out of a desire to love and glorify God.... A humble person’s goal is to elevate God and encourage others. In short, they “no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf” (2 Cor. 5:15).” - Stuart Scott

“Jesus comes not for the super-spiritual but for the wobbly and the weak-kneed who know they don’t have it all together, and who are not too proud to accept the handout of amazing grace.” - Brennan Manning

**Isaiah 57:15** - *For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite."*

**1 Peter 5:6** - *Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you,*

**Luke 18:13** - *But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’*

**Zephaniah 2:3** - *Seek the Lord, all you humble of the land, you who do what He commands. Seek righteousness, seek humility.*

### Prayer:

“Father, break my heart for what breaks yours. Give me open hands and open doors. Put your light in my eyes and let me see, that my own little world is not about me.” - Matthew West

## November 17      Brokenness And A Teachable Spirit

"God allows us to experience the low points of life in order to teach us lessons that we could learn in no other way." - C.S. Lewis

"Whenever you experience brokenness, God's grace can sustain and mature you. He will show you how to relinquish your reliance on earthly forms of security and teach you how to rest in His wonderful provision and love. In that way, you grow in the likeness of Christ and are prepared for future service." - Charles F. Stanley

"The best place we can be is on our faces before God, broken before him with a humble and teachable spirit. That is a place God will never despise or neglect." - Bill Muehlenberg

"Keep in mind that God uses brokenness to deepen your understanding in at least three ways: You gain a new perspective of His mercy and provision and learn to depend on Him more. You develop a more complete comprehension of yourself. Your compassion and understanding for others' suffering grows." - Charles F. Stanley

**Proverbs 3:5-6** - *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make straight your paths.*

**Psalms 16:7-9** - *I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure.*

**Psalms 25:9** - *He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.*

God, in the middle of my brokenness teach me. Sustain and mature me by Your grace. Teach me how to rest in Your wonderful provision and love. Help me to grow in the likeness of Christ. Give me compassion and understanding for the suffering of others.

## November 18      God's Tools To Bring Brokenness

"True brokenness is a tool by which God brings His wandering sheep back into His loving arms."  
- Anna Wishart

"Pain insists upon being attended to. God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world." - C.S. Lewis

"It is doubtful whether God can bless a man greatly until he has hurt him deeply." God actually rises up storms of conflict in relationships at times in order to accomplish that deeper work in our character. We cannot love our enemies in our own strength. This is graduate-level grace. Are you willing to enter this school? Are you willing to take the test? If you pass, you can expect to be elevated to a new level in the Kingdom. For He brings us through these tests as preparation for greater use in the Kingdom. You must pass the test first." - A.W. Tozer

"The Word, circumstances, and other believers - these can all be tools to show us our need and create opportunities to choose the pathway of brokenness. The Spirit of God is the arm that wields each of these instruments to bring us to a point of brokenness. However, we must respond to His initiative." - Nancy Leigh DeMoss

**2 Corinthians 1:8-10** - *For we do not want you to be ignorant, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again.*

God, thank You for brokenness that has brought me back into Your loving arms. Thank You for the pain that has awakened me. Use whatever tools needed - Your Word, circumstances, believers, other people - to work in my character and help me respond to You.