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## God Uses Broken Things

by Larry Acuff    Lithia Springs, Georgia

If something is broken, we generally discard it. However, God uses broken things to accomplish His purposes.

God used broken pitchers (Judges 7). Gideon conquered the Midianites by putting their lamps within pitchers; at his direction, the soldiers broke their pitchers and revealed the light, which greatly confused the Midianites, and they were defeated. The light of truth is often hidden by error, and it is when the error is broken that the light is revealed.

God used broken tables of stone (Exodus 32). Aaron had erected the golden calf because Moses had been gone and the people thought they had been abandoned. When Moses came down off the mount and saw what was happening, “he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them” (Exodus 32:19). He then took the golden calf, burned it in the fire, and ground it to powder. Next, he put it in the water supply and made the people drink it (Exodus 32:20). We must get rid of the world from our lives.

God used a broken alabaster box (Mark 14). “And she brake the box, and poured it on his head” (Mark 14:3). With this, the woman did what she could; we also must do what we can.

God used the broken body of Jesus (Matthew 26). When He instituted the Lord’s Supper, Jesus took bread and blessed it (Matthew 26). Paul later wrote, quoting the Lord, “Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you” (1 Corinthians 11:24). Note from the Scripture that His bones were not broken: “A bone of him shall not be broken” (John 19:36; Psalm 34:20).

God used the broken heart of David (Psalm 51). We must have a broken heart over our sin. David said, “A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise” (Psalm 51:17).

Yes, God uses broken things. Perhaps your life has been broken by sin, but unlike Humpty Dumpty and the king’s horses and men, God can put it back together again.

PSALM 147:3 “*He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds*”

## NEWSLETTER

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## Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
* Sunday PM Worship	6:00 PM
Wednesday PM Bible Study	7:00 PM

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*\* There is no PM service on the 5th Sunday of the month.*



### We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

*There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.*

**Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during worship.**

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Condolences

Margaret Davis passed away Monday morning June 5th. There won't be any service but Maragret has given her earthly body to be used for science. Please keep the Davis family in your prayers at this time.

Prayer List In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.

Those that attend: Joe Pitts, Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Darlene Reed, Butts & Edie Sumner, Diane Mellott, Chris Highway, Keith & Glory Marten, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Joyce Cameron, Willow McFarland, Tahlia Willis, Logan Bennett, Joan Campbell-Cook, and Kyra Kyle.

People in other places: Renee Kinney, Tim Mellott and family, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Jack Openshaw, Paul Stewart, Betty Leistner and also Denise Garlitz' grandchildren, Mary Lou, Carol's sister Holly, Frank's niece, Tony & Eglu Grana, Susan Barrett & family, Karen Anstee, Randy Marten, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, George Beckwith, Michelle Phillips, Red & Goldie Crow, Richard Lewis, Samantha Allee, and Brenda Baptiste.

Updates:

Ray McArthur has been under the weather and recently made a trip to the hospital.

Karen & Joe Costanzo, friends of Denise Garlitz, are having problems with their daughter.

Cindy, age 18-24, the daughter of a recent acquaintance of Louella's, had brain surgery Friday.

Also

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other problems.  
Let's not only remember those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.  
Let's remember to pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.  
Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.  
Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.  
Let's pray for those who may be traveling.  
Let's pray for the work we help support in Sardinia, NY.  
Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.  
Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.  
Let's give thanks to God for the Edmond, OK congregation for all the help they have given us.

Upcoming Events (Lord willing)

- June 16 Ladies devotional 6:30 PM at the building. Bev McArthur facilitating. All ladies are encouraged to come and enjoy the evening of fun and fellowship. Bring a snack to share if you'd like.
- June 17 Men's Breakfast 8:30 AM
- June 18 Father's Day
- June 18-21 Gospel Mtg. Southtowns church of Christ See posting.
- June 20 Summer Begins
- June 25 Men's Business Meeting after the morning worship.
- July 01 Canada Day (see posting)
- July 04 Independence Day

Camp  
July 23-29  
Forms are on the back table.  
camp-agape.com

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study 1 Corinthians Trays Today: Sharron Gantt

Sermon Topic Today: A Donkey Can Teach You A Lot - If You Will Learn

Scripture Reading: Numbers 22:21-27

Sun. PM Bible Study Jerimiah 36-40

Sunday PM Bible Study - Weekly Questions

- 1. What is the situation or problem?
- 2. What is the meaning for the original readers?
- 3. What is the meaning for the modern church, or believer?
- 4. What do we learn about God?  
(or, What do you think God might think or feel about the situation or problem?)
- 5. What is the meaning YOU got from the reading?

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM at the building.

Wed. PM Bible Study 1 & 2 Samuel



Read Me

Farewell to Keith and Glory

Keith and Glory Marten will be leaving us soon for sunny Florida. They are moving to be closer to their family.  
An ice cream social has been planned in their honor tonight after the evening worship.  
Please join us as we give them our love and best wishes in their move.

What Are You Doing When the Preacher Is Preaching?

Tim Smith, Dothan, Alabama via BEACON Bellview church of Christ Pensacola, FL

It really is important, you know, what you do when the preacher is preaching. The vast majority of the world is not even in the room when a preacher preaches on any given Sunday. Of those that are, far and away the majority of them are under the tutelage of a false preacher receiving a perverted "gospel" message. Of those few that are where the truth is being preached by a faithful man, what are they doing?

Perhaps they are thinking about what happened in the last week. Maybe about troubles at home or problems with the neighbors or difficulties at the office. Perhaps the children had a bad week at school. Maybe the car broke down. Maybe the bills were bigger than the paycheck. It could be anything.

Perhaps they are thinking about the week to come. Making plans for the supper they have invited friends to. Trying to remember which nights which kid plays baseball. Wondering if they will be invited to someone's house to pass the evening in conversation. Thinking about vacation time and where the family will go.

What should people be doing when the preacher is preaching? Should they not be studying along with him? Indeed! It is the duty of each worshipper to participate in the act of worship that preaching is fully. Listen to what is said, think it through, check it out, maybe even take notes (if that helps you), follow along in your Bible—participate. His job is to preach—your job is to study with him. Focus. Discipline yourself and love the Lord enough to avoid straying in thought and worship in spirit and in truth.