

## Pick up the Pieces

*"God, pick up the pieces. Put me back together again. You are my praise"  
Jeremiah 17:14*

I broke my favorite little hand mirror (ugh). It got me thinking!!! I looked at all those little pieces laying on the tile and suddenly found myself identifying with those broken pieces. For 18 months, I have felt like that mirror many times over. At times, I've found myself walking in the dust of hurt and disappointment with hopelessness trying to crush me wondering where life was leading me.

Some wounds are not deep and heal easily, while other wounds need treatment to heal correctly. It may feel like we are forever trying to put the pieces of our lives together. We both know (Yes, I am getting personal with you!) there are pieces in your life right now that need treatment and a touch from God.

In life, we all get spiritual cuts and bruises. If you have been ever been abused, mistreated, rejected, lied about, treated unfairly, used, abandoned or been kicked to the curb - God is in the healing business. It is His desire to heal and restore the broken pieces of your life.

God can, and will touch those broken pieces of your life if you trust Him with them. God wants to pick up those pieces and do something wonderful with them. It may not look like before or feel like before, but it will be better. It doesn't matter if the brokenness represents an issue or setback in life.

The truth is, God can give heal your broken heart and spirit when nothing else can. There were times I wondered if I will ever be able to pick up all the shattered pieces of my heart. To be honest, I almost let the circumstances of life steal my hope in Him!

Listen, the most dangerous relationship we have is the one we have with our past. How we view our past has the potential to render us forever broken if we let it. Today is a reminder that God will not leave you shattered or broken, but you MUST trust Him. I love what Colossians 1:15-17 says:

*"He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."*

He is holding you together whether you feel like it or not because it's what He does. All things" means all things. You may feel like you are about to drown, but you He won't let you! You may feel shattered, but it's only temporary. He promises to take those broken pieces and make something incredible from them.

You have a choice today. You don't have to let those circumstances, hurts or disappointments leave you feeling broken and imperfect. You are God's hands. He is the potter (Jeremiah 18:3-4), He is shaping you, molding love and directing your steps. He will gather up the parts and pieces of your broken life and mold you into His masterpiece.

When my mirror shattered, I simply threw away the pieces. Thankfully, that's not what God does with us.

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