

## **Be Broken**

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I know the title may seem strange for a Christian website (at least to some). "Why is she telling people to be broken?" I pray the following helps. It is from my heart to the Lord. Now I choose to share it with you.

I am coming out of a semi-dark place. I say 'semi-dark' because it is nowhere near where I have been before I began my relationship with the Lord. Believing in Jesus Christ is one thing; having a relationship with Him is a different level. The darkest place I have ever been was while I was a believer of Him but I did not have a relationship with Him. That dark period lasted for two years but in that period the Light continued to grow within me.

Recently, I found myself about to go to that same place. It is because I began to focus on people instead of the Lord. I have a very difficult time trusting people. I pray none of my friends reading this take this personally but I am unable to let anyone in 100%. There are some in my life whom I have allowed in more than others but it is still not 100%. This trust issue I have also translates in my relationship with the Lord. However, because I am a work in progress and He is always working on me from the inside out, this trust issue between Him and I is becoming less and less.

I don't know every single one of you reading this. I do know that we have all felt loneliness at one point or another. We have all felt unworthy at one point or another. We have all had a deep longing for something or someone at one point or another. We have all felt betrayed at one point or another. The great news is that Jesus has always been and will always be with you and me. He will continue to work with us, for us, and through us as long as we allow Him to. Perfection does not need any work; only broken pieces need work. This is why I say 'be broken'. Do not pretend everything is perfect when it's not. If you have a hard time trusting, give it to the Lord. He will answer those who cry out to Him.

**Psalm 51:17 - The sacrifice you desire is a broken spirit. You will not reject a broken and repentant heart, O God. (NLT)**



**Behind These Eyes by Alicia R. Shipe (10/17/2016)**

*Behind these eyes  
Where darkness once laid  
Lives life, joy, and still sometimes pain*

*Behind these eyes  
Loneliness once stood  
It tried to erase me but was used for good*

*Behind these eyes  
Sadness sometimes remains  
But Love came in and is lessening the pain*

*Behind these eyes  
The Tree of Knowledge once grew strong  
It had fruits of doubt but The Tree of Life stands tall*

*Behind these eyes  
Lives life, joy, and still sometimes pain  
But the pain is less and Love remains*

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