

ENCOUNTERING GOD'S PROCESS OF BROKENNESS

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ISAIAH 43:2 NKJV - (2) When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you.

The reason many of us are waiting on our break through is because we have not been broken. We often want to cling on to our illusion of self-sufficiency, than learn the hard lesson of how much we need the Lord. Brokenness is the only way you get to experience God. Ultimately we all surrender to God, the question is are will we do it willingly? Today our objective is to address what happens when our path to obedience has to come through brokenness.

To get to a peanut and to enjoy the taste, the shell must be broken. To enjoy the smell of perfume or cologne, the seal must be cracked. Before one can ride a Stalio, it must be broken. In other words, to get to the core of a thing, to get to a benefit of a thing, a breaking must occur. As long as it stays unbroken, what it is designed to produce is not emerged. In order for you and I to have a divine encounter, we must be broken. Without brokenness, the experience of God, where you see Him with your own eyes, when His reality becomes alive for you, will escape you. Again, the reason many of us are waiting on our break through is because we have not been broken. We have not yet been to the place where God is free to express Himself to us, for us and through us, because we remain unbroken.

PSALM 138:6 NLT - Though the LORD is great, he cares for the humble, but he keeps his distance from the proud. In other words, God keeps His distance from people who are not broken. So the reason why many Christians have a long distance relationship with God, rather than an up close experience of God is because they insist on not being broken. Broken is a criterion of experience, other than that, God remains a theology, an idea, a concept, without being a dynamic reality.

What does it mean to be broken? To be broken spiritual means to be stripped of your self-sufficiency. It means God has ripped you of your independence. It means you and I, we have come to the place where we have discovered Jesus statement, "Without me, you can do nothing." As long as we remain unbroken, we remain unchanged and therefore, your experience with God escapes you.

The following is a serious misunderstanding and probably every Christian has quoted it or has had it quoted to them. And unfortunately it is an incorrect quote. The quote is, "God will not put more on you than what you can bare. It sounds good and probably makes you feel good, but it is not true. There is an occasion where God will put more on you than you can bare and the occasion is when He is breaking us (**2 Corinthians 1:8-10**). In other words Paul was saying that things were so overwhelming, we wanted to throw in the towel, but instead they experienced the one who raises the dead. God will put us in a death grip where you are so overwhelmed with the pain, trial, trouble and temptation you will feel like you can't make it. But it is God who is breaking you to make you over again. It can be scary, but let us refer back to our scripture reading above. Next week, God tells us the process.

SCRIPTURE READING: JAMES 1:12

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: God gave Ten Commandments and not Ten suggestions.

"A JOURNEY OF THE HEART"