

“Brokenness”

“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the surpassing greatness of the power may be of God and not from ourselves.” - 2 Corinthians 4:7

By our inborn Sinful nature all men hold a higher Estimate of themselves than God does.

- + Proverbs 16:2
 - “All the ways of a man are clean in his own sight, but the Lord weighs the motives.”
- + Proverbs 23:6-7
 - “Do not eat the bread of a selfish man, or desire his delicacies; For as he thinks within himself, so he is. He says to you, ‘Eat and drink!’ but his heart is not with you.”

The extent of the change that we experience in our life is proportionate to the Awareness of our Need.

- + Matthew 9:12-13
 - “It is not those who are healthy who need a physician, but those who are sick, But go and learn what this means, ‘desire compassion, and not sacrifice,’ for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

So what does Brokenness involve?

- + It involves the Emptying of ourselves unto Christ to fill us with all His fullness.
- + Psalm 51:17
 - “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; A broken and contrite heart, O God, Thou wilt not despise.”

What does Brokenness Produce?

- + A Disgust with our own
- + Self-Righteousness.
- + Romans 7
- + Philippians 2:3
 - “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself.”
- + A loving Abandonment to Christ.
- + Luke 7:41-42
 - “A certain moneylender had two debtors: one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they were unable to repay, he graciously forgave them both, Which of them therefore will love him more?”