

## The Broken

*(How God brings beauty out of the broken)*  
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“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. Yet you desired faithfulness even in the womb; you taught me wisdom in that secret place.

Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice. Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity. Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. **Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me. Then I will**

**teach transgressors your ways, so that sinners will turn back to you.** Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,

you who are God my Savior, and my tongue will sing of your righteousness. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise. You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings. My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.”  
(Psalm 51 NIV)

### 3 Kinds of Brokenness

There are the broken **hearted**.

There are the broken **spirited**.

There are those with broken **integrity**.

### What We Do

We **condemn** them.

“For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son.” (John 3:17-18 NIV)

We **justify** them.

We **ignore/isolate** them.

We **fear** them.

“Then Nathan said to David, ‘You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: “I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul. I gave your master’s house to you, and your master’s wives into your arms. I gave you all Israel and Judah. And if all this had been too little, I would have given you even more. Why did you despise the word of the LORD by doing what is evil in his eyes?”’”  
(2 Samuel 12:7-9 NIV)

### What God Does

God’s **mercy sustains** us.

God’s **love redeems** us.

God’s **grace restores** us.

God’s **providence shapes** us.

### What You Do

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:8-9 NIV)

You must **own up, speak up, and show up**.