

Fellowship Group Questions for *Blessed to Be Broken*
Guests - Impact 808

What portion of Impact 808's ministry presentation ministered the most to you?

The theme for their presentation was "broken". What kind of things cause us to be broken?

Pastor Milton said that God meets us in our brokenness. What does that mean? **He used Joseph as an example of a person who experienced deep brokenness. He was rejected by his brothers, sold as a slave, falsely accused and imprisoned. The key to Joseph's ability to survive his brokenness was that the Lord was with him. Read Genesis 39:2, 3, 21, 23.**

Eventually Joseph was elevated to the position just below the pharaoh. When he encountered his brothers, many years after they had sold him as a slave, they did not recognize him. Joseph could have gotten his revenge but instead he forgave them. Read Genesis 45:4-5. Despite the very real brokenness that Joseph had experienced what role did he realize God had played in his journey? **Joseph realized that God had used his brokenness to bring about good.**

Can you recall a time of brokenness in your life when you didn't understand where God was or what He was doing but later you could see how He used your brokenness for good?

Why do you think that God has to sometimes allow us to be broken in order to bring about good? **Sometimes there is some character flaw or habitual sin that keeps us from being as effective as we could be for Him. God takes us through a period of brokenness to refine us.**

Read Matthew 26:33-35; 69-75. Obviously, Peter was broken after the experience of denying Jesus. What do you think the "good" purpose was in God's allowing Peter to be broken? **Hours before he denied Jesus Peter had boldly proclaimed his allegiance to Jesus. Peter's statements seem anything but humble. Peter's pride needed to be rooted out before he could be effectively used for God's glory.**

How are Joseph's story and Ruth's story similar? **They're both about deep brokenness that God uses in amazing ways.**

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