

Brokenness

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As we break bread together we can remember the brokenness of Christ. broken bread, broken body take it, this is my body which is broken for you this do in remembrance of me, broken body what has he done for you? He was broken for you he was broken for you, we know his bones were not broken but he says my body is broken for you, his body was broken his skin was broken, it was pierced, his back was like a ploughed field he was beaten badly, beyond recognition, his face more marred than any man the thorn pierced brow, he was broken for you disfigured, degraded, yet the broken body represents God's breaking down of the sin barrier we see the burden of guilt lifted and peace restored his punishment is our peace, his pain is our relief his rejection, is our acceptance he knows what it's like to feel hurt maybe you're feeling somewhat like that today there's times we all have felt hurt, forsaken he knows what it feels like to be broken in our Isaiah 52, 14 it reads of the travail of his soul you know, it's what, I can never experience the travail of childbirth but some of you good people here have the travail of childbirth you know, it's no picnic I suppose and the Lord Jesus had the travail of his soul how deep that would have been the pain that he would have felt the mistreatment, the agony that he bore the grief, but most of all the guilt the guilt, the judgment of God against sin the sinless one, yet without sin our Lord, yet he bore our sin broken for you, think of it today broken for you, the betrayal, the wounds the mocking, the scourging, forsaken broken, a man of sorrows humiliated, cursed what will your response be to the broken bread and the broken body today will it be a broken heart a broken heart broken up over our sin as we've said sin, we need to get a handle of that we need to understand the grossness and the deepness of our sin and be broken up over our sin that's a good place to be to realise our sin

Psalms 34, 18 God says, the Lord is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit if you're broken this morning broken up over your sin if that fallow ground that hard heart is broken up like ground ready to be cultivated and seeded and flourishing then you're in the right place right now with God to be broken up it's the appropriate response to the broken saviour to be broken up in our heart and acknowledge our sin now when the Holy Spirit comes he'll convict or he'll judge the world of righteousness sin and judgement you know there is that sense where it's the working of God's spirit when we're feeling broken up because then God can penetrate when that hardness is broken up he wants our hearts broken up today in Psalm 147 he healeth the broken in heart and bindeth up their wounds when our hearts are broken he can come with his healing touch and heal the broken heart

Luke 4 he says the spirit of the Lord is now upon me because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind to set at liberty them that are bruised he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted he is the one who can heal the broken in heart healing is here today wholeness is here today his brokenness is our wholeness his bruising is our healing where there is brokenness of heart he can bind up the wounds but you know sometimes we don't allow our hearts to be broken up now we're a bit like that hard hearted Pharisee and you know God didn't penetrate because he wasn't broken up in his heart and where there is a brokenness of heart he can bind up the wounds he can heal he can mend he can make whole broken people

I urge you today to come to the one who can restore you God heals broken up people he repairs people damaged by sin you know sin is damaging you see these pictures sometimes you know before heroin and after heroin or you know before ice and after ice sin has a toll on you and after sin it has a toll on you there's an impact and yet God can fix up the most broken as the example of the woman at his feet unworthy maybe mocked and scorned and derided and an outcast God can heal whoever you are today he can heal your heart something I'm too far gone I'm too far from God God can never touch a life like mine I'm too sinful no it's a good place to be to realise you sin but don't

