

A pair of hands is shown holding a translucent, blue, cracked object, possibly a piece of glass or ice. The object has a prominent crack running down its center. A semi-transparent rectangular box is overlaid on the image, containing the text "Broken for Beauty" in a black, serif font.

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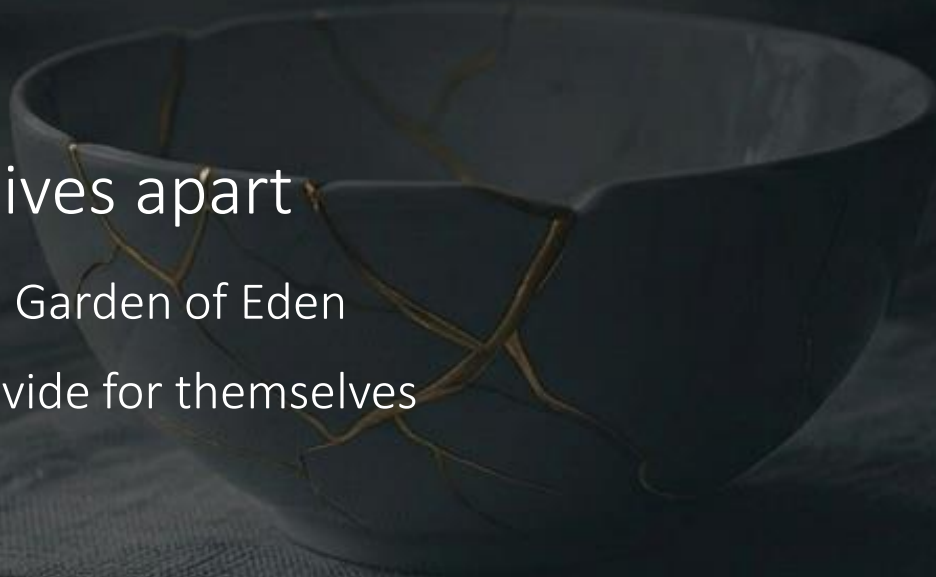
The state of having been fractured or damaged and no longer in one piece or in working order.

“Broken” has been a part of the human existence since nearly the beginning of time.



Genesis 3:1-24 “The Fall of Man”

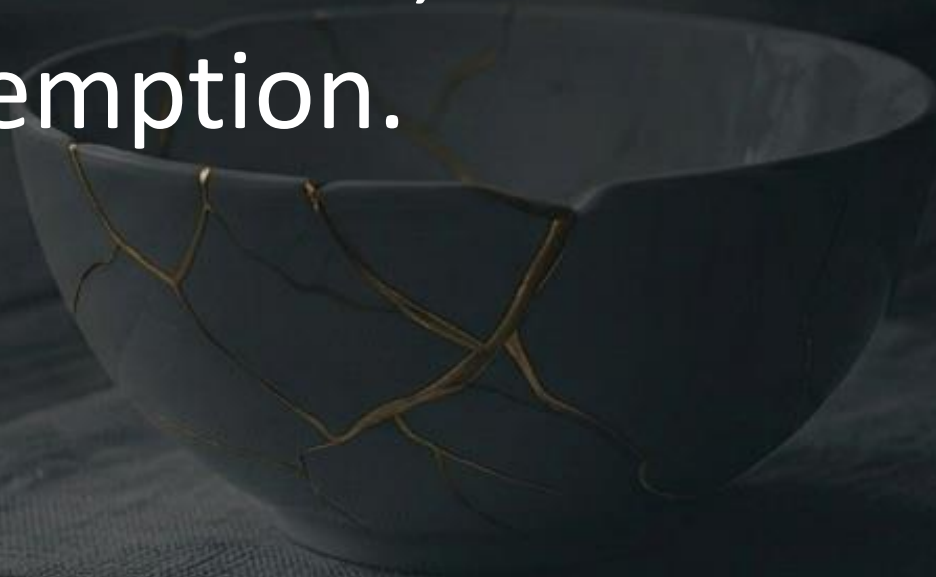
- Relationship with God was broken
 - Fear
 - Shame
- Sin began to tear their lives apart
 - They were removed from the Garden of Eden
 - They had to work hard to provide for themselves



- Their sin was followed with the promise of redemption
 - Serpent would be crushed
- Redemption would come at a cost
 - His heel would be bruised



Since the fall of mankind, God's story has been about redemption.



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“Kintsugi” is making beauty out of the broken.



Are there things in your life that you see as broken?

- People
- Circumstances
- Etc.

Are there things in you that you see as broken?

- Battles
- Failures
- Sickness
- Depression & Anxiety
- Etc.



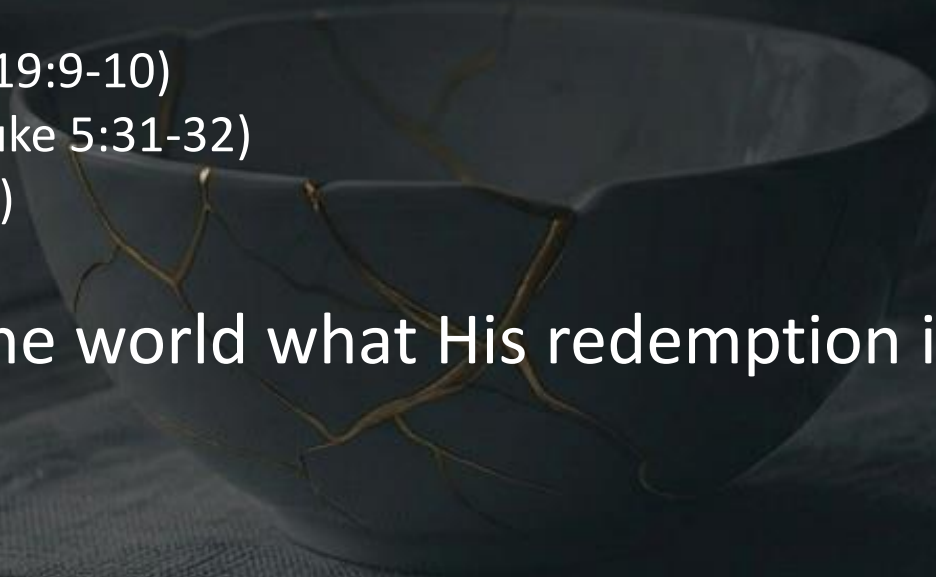
The Gospel of Jesus is a gospel of restoration.

- Luke 4:16-28 (Isaiah 61)
- Jesus set the example

Jesus came...

- To seek and save the lost (Luke 19:9-10)
- To call sinners to repentance (Luke 5:31-32)
- To save the world (John 3:16-17)

His call to us is to show the world what His redemption is.



You are never too Broken for God!





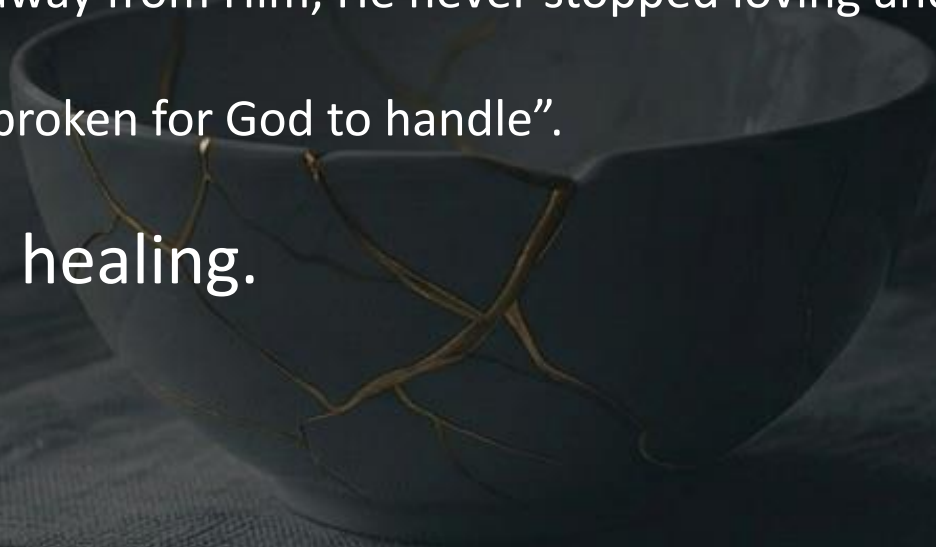
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- Mark 5:1-20 – Demoniac healed
- Luke 15 - Prodigal Son

God delights in restoring what He created

- Although people have turned away from Him, He never stopped loving and caring for humanity.
- There is no such thing as “too broken for God to handle”.

Our “broken” is a door to healing.



God knows what He's doing

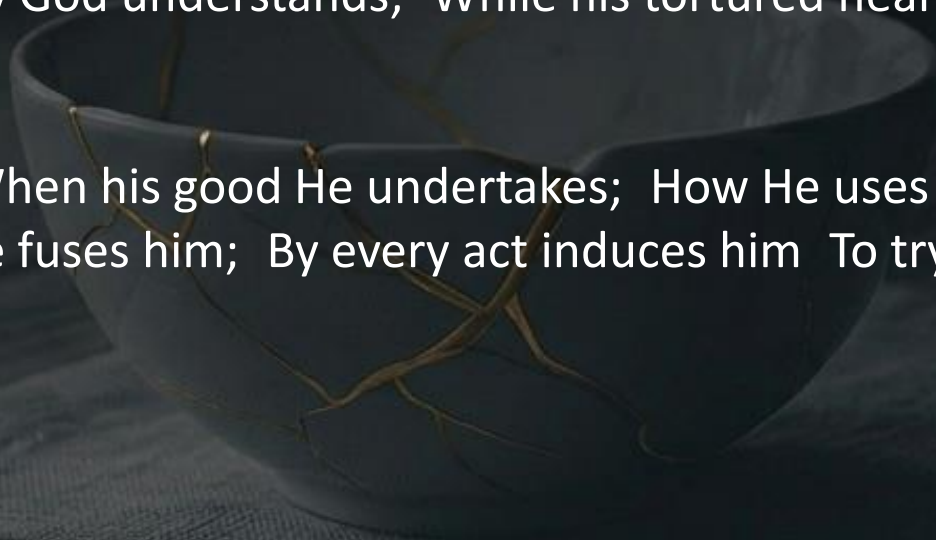


“When God wants to drill a man, And thrill a man, And skill a man When God wants to mold a man To play the noblest part;
When He yearns with all His heart To create so great and bold a man That all the world shall be amazed, Watch His methods, watch His ways!

How He ruthlessly perfects Whom He royally elects! How He hammers him and hurts him, And with mighty blows converts him
Into trial shapes of clay which Only God understands; While his tortured heart is crying And he lifts beseeching hands!

How He bends but never breaks When his good He undertakes; How He uses whom He chooses, And which every purpose fuses him; By every act induces him To try His splendor out- God knows what He’s about.

-Author Unknown





The potter and the clay

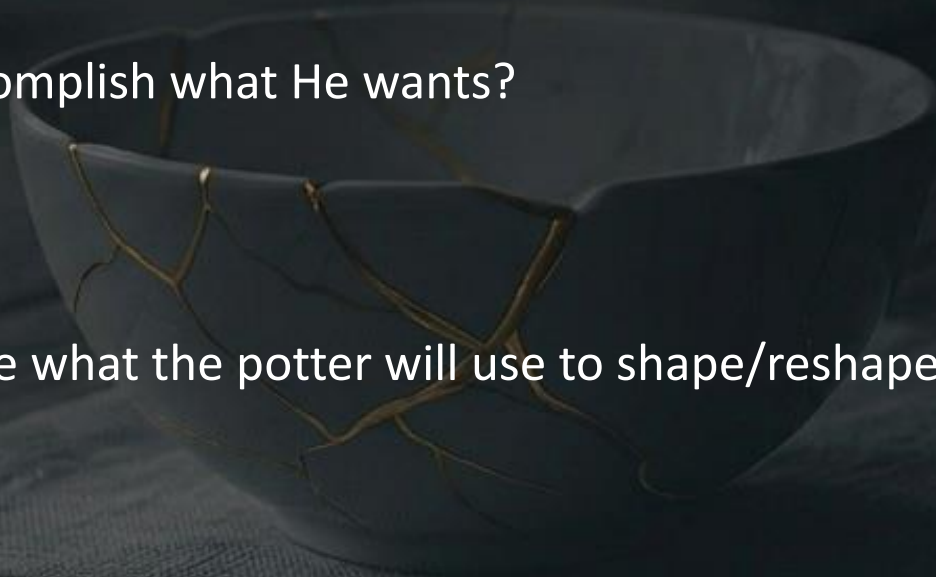
- Jeremiah 18:1-6

Does God really know what He's doing?

- Why is He not fixing it?
- Does it really need to take this long?
- What's the point?
- Is there not another way to accomplish what He wants?

The potter know best

- Romans 9:20-21
- It is not up to the clay to decide what the potter will use to shape/reshape it.





God always has a plan of restoration

- He is never late. He always puts us back together on time.
- He knows what we need and what we can handle
- He restores us as beautiful, useful vessels

We don't have the ability to see what God has planned

Trusting God means letting go of control

- Let go of our securities
- Let go of reputation
- Let go of fear
- Let go of the past

Your choice of whether or not you will trust God remains the most critical decision of your life



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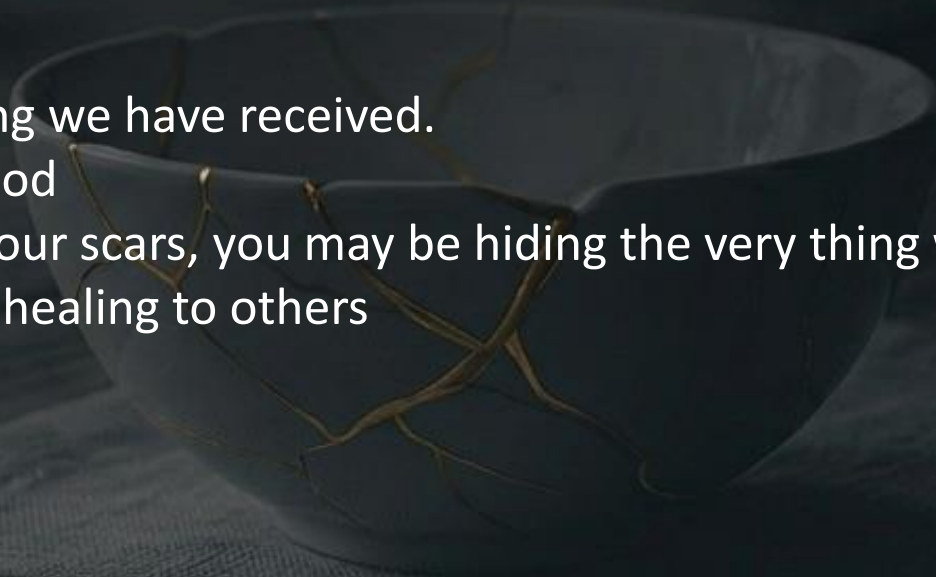


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Why embrace the scars?

- The scars remind us of the healing we have received.
- They remind us of the grace of God
- By hiding your brokenness and your scars, you may be hiding the very thing with which God want to create beauty and bring healing to others



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