

# BROKEN

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## *Redefined*

Part 6: Broken and Beautiful

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**“God puts a premium on broken things —  
especially broken people.”**

*– William McDonald*

### **Jeremiah 18:1-5** NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

The Lord gave another message to Jeremiah. He said, “Go down to the potter’s shop, and I will speak to you there.” So I did as he told me and found the potter working at his wheel. But the jar he was making did not turn out as he had hoped, so he crushed it into a lump of clay again and started over.

Then the Lord gave me this message: “O Israel, can I not do to you as this potter has done to his clay? As the clay is in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand.

### **According to Jeremiah 18...**

**We are all broken**

**We are all starting over**

### **Isaiah 53:4-6**

Surely he took up our pain  
and bore our suffering,  
yet we considered him punished by God,  
stricken by him, and afflicted.  
But he was pierced for our transgressions,  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him,  
and by his wounds we are healed.  
We all, like sheep, have gone astray,  
each of us has turned to our own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

**Wound** = broken blood vessels

**Healed** = to be completely whole

**Truth:** We are made whole because Jesus chose to be broken.

## **Luke 7:44-50**

Then he [Jesus] turned toward the woman and said to Simon, “Do you see this woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me a kiss, but this woman, from the time I entered, has not stopped kissing my feet. You did not put oil on my head, but she has poured perfume on my feet. Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven—as her great love has shown. But whoever has been forgiven little loves little.”

Then Jesus said to her, “Your sins are forgiven.”

The other guests began to say among themselves, “Who is this who even forgives sins?”

Jesus said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

### **Who would you rather be in the story?**

My honest answer: Both

**The only way to experience the grace of God is through  
the acknowledgment that you are broken**

## **Next Steps**

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## **Small Group Questions**

- 1) What lies did your mother tell you? (If you haven't heard the sermon, have someone who did explain this to you...or check out the sermon online at [www.ctk.church](http://www.ctk.church)!)
- 2) Grant talked about Jesus using the phrase “You have heard it said.” Look up one of these instances in a concordance or Bible Dictionary. What did you learn? Matthew 5:38-48 is a great one!
- 3) Read the entire chapter of Isaiah 53 once again. Underline every word or phrase related to wounds or healing. What is God saying to you?
- 4) Read Luke 7. Who would you rather be in the story? What do you think of Grant's answer?
- 5) What is God saying to you about your brokenness? What is he saying to you about grace?
- 6) How can we pray for you right now and throughout the week?