

Theme: The Sacrifice of God (The Acceptable Sacrifice)
Lesson Focus: The Blessing of Brokenness

I. God Draws Near to the Broken—

James 4:6-7

⁶But he gives greater grace. Therefore it says, "***God opposes the proud, but he gives grace to the humble.***" ⁷So submit to God. But resist the devil and he will flee from you.

II. New Life is Released

John 12:23-24

²³Jesus replied, "The time has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴I tell you the solemn truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains by itself alone. But if it dies, it produces much grain.

III. Deeper Love, Deeper Worship

Luke 7:47

⁴⁷Therefore I tell you, her sins, which were many, are forgiven, thus she loved much; but the one who is forgiven little loves little."

IV. Able to Be Used of God

Genesis 27:18

¹⁸And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I; who art thou, my son?

Genesis 32:27

²⁷And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

V. Rivers of Revival

Isaiah 57:15

¹⁵For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

Something To Think About:

Being broken is both God's work and ours. He brings His pressure to bear, but we have to make the choice. All day long the choice will be before us in a thousand ways." = Roy Hession

Next Time: In your quiet time with God, ask Him to show you any situation or relationship where you need to take the initiative to humble yourself, rather than waiting for the other person to change or move?