

Theme: The Sacrifice of God (The Acceptable Sacrifice)

Lesson Focus: Characteristics of being broken

Introduction: Brokenness requires both God's initiative and our response. According to the Scripture, there are three primary instruments God uses to bring us to the point of brokenness.

A. Three Instruments God uses to bring us to the point of brokenness

1. **The Word of God** has the power to soften the hardened soil of our hearts and shatter our stubborn self-life.

Jeremiah 23:29

²⁹Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?

2. God uses **circumstances** to expose our need and bring us to the end of ourselves.

Psalms 119:71

⁷¹It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes.

3. God has given us **the Body of Christ**.

Proverbs 27:6

⁶Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

B. Four ways that will help us enter into a deeper level of personal brokenness

1. **Get a fresh Vision of God**

Job 40:4

⁴Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer thee? I will lay mine hand upon my mouth

Job 42:5-6

⁵I have heard of thee by the hearing of the ear: but now mine eye seeth thee. ⁶Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes

2. Don't Wait for God to Break You — **Choose to Be Broken**

Psalm 118:22-23

²²The stone which the builders refused is become the head stone of the corner. ²³This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes.

Luke 20:18

¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.

3. Acknowledge Spiritual Need — to God and others.

James 5:16

¹⁶Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

4. Do Whatever You Know God Wants You to Do.

James 4:17

¹⁷Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.

What is God Saying to You? Share that with someone this week.