

BROKEN

(Jeremiah 18:1-4)

Usually, when we think of something that is broken, we think that it is basically ruined unless it can be repaired. There are broken bones, broken hearts, broken homes, broken health, or just plain being financially broke. When things are broken in our life, we are generally in trouble until we get fixed.

Broken Vessels

Genesis 7:11 The first occurrence of the word “broken” in the bible is found here in Genesis when the infiltration of sin upon the earths population caused God to judge the world with the great flood.

Proverbs 25:28 We find in the writings of Solomon where a 'broken' spirit in man can cause that man to be unruly and uncontrollable. I think of the demonic of Gadara as I read this verse of scripture.

Proverbs 15:13 We see in the bible where a broken heart can take the happiness away from our life.

Proverbs 25:19 Putting ones trust in someone unfaithful can break our spirit.

Psalms 38:8 Being under the chastening of God can also break our spirit and our countenance can fall.

Joseph Was Broken

Genesis 37:3-4; Acts 7:9 Because of Jacob favoring Joseph and Joseph's immaturity, his brothers were moved to envy and hatred toward him.

Genesis 37:23-27 While he was trying to be obedient and helpful Joseph unwittingly walked right into a situation that would drastically change his life forever and remove him from his fathers love.

Genesis 41:39-40 Though Joseph's life had been negatively broken and changed he was exalted.

Moses Was broken

Exodus 2:13 Moses life had been shaken from his birth but he thought that the time was right to take control of his spiritual destiny only to be once again uprooted and broken by his own brethren.

Exodus 2:15 He believed his destiny had been taken from him along with all his money, his position, and his family. He basically was a broken man who was running away from the issues of his life.

Exodus 3:1-2; Numbers 12:4-8 As Moses was content with his 'retirement', God had been waiting for Moses to mature and for the right time to call Moses back from brokenness into glory.

Paul Was Broken

II Corinthians 12:7 God knows how to keep His people from pride and He gave Paul some constant pain the rest of his life in order to make sure Paul was dependent on God and not himself.

II Corinthians 12:9 The physical 'brokenness' in Paul's life allowed God to get glory from his life.

Jesus Was Broken

I Corinthians 11:24 Although not a bone of our Lord was broken, when He bore our sins in His body on the cross the bible describes His body as being broken.

Isaiah 53:5; I Peter 1:18-19 From the wounds, the bruises, and the blood from the broken body of our Lord came the healing of all the lost, broken sinners that have come to the Savior like you and me.

