



Brokenness

The Mark of Kingdom Leadership

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"For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: 'I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite (daka) and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite (daka).'" Isaiah 57:15

"For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken (daka) spirit; a broken (daka) and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise." Psalm 51:16-17

Broken Hebrew **daka** – crushed into fine powder
Every kingdom leader embraces the mortar and pestle.

- Abraham was a broken leader.
- Joseph was a broken leader.
- David was a broken leader.
- The Apostle Paul was a broken leader.
- Peter was a broken leader.
- John Mark was a broken leader.

Never trust a leader who's never been broken.

Insights into Brokenness

1. God is attracted to brokenness. Isaiah 57:15

"Learn this lesson: 'Not to come to Christ because you have a broken heart, but to come to Him that He may give you a broken heart; not to come to Him because you are fit to come, but to come to Him because you are unfit to come. Your fitness is your unfitness. Your qualification is your lack of qualification.'" C.H. Spurgeon

2. God promises to revive the broken. Isaiah 57:15

3. The worship God desires flows out of brokenness. Psalm 51:16-17

"Your most profound and intimate experiences of worship will likely be in your darkest days – when your heart is broken, when you feel abandoned, when you're out of options, when the pain is great – and you turn to God alone." Rick Warren

4. This brokenness is not superficial – not physical, financial, marital, social – but brokenness of soul and spirit, and brokenness of self-will.

5. The mortar has a strategic role to play; but it's not a place to stay.

"God is looking for broken men who have judged themselves in the light of the cross of Christ. When he wants anything done, he takes up men who have come to the end of themselves whose confidence is not in themselves, but in God." Harry Ironside

6. The cross is a place of execution and brokenness.

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Matthew 16:24

"If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Luke 9:23

7. Brokenness always leads us in repentance.

"My grand point in preaching is to break the hard heart and to heal the broken one." John Newton

"Broken people are more conscious of their own spiritual need than anyone else's." Nancy Leigh DeMoss

8. Increased brokenness brings increased trust.

"Before God could bring me to this place, he has broken me a thousand times." Smith Wigglesworth

9. Increased brokenness brings increased freedom.

"God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength. It is the broken alabaster box that gives forth perfume. It is Peter, weeping bitterly, who returns to greater power than ever." Vance Havner

10. Increased brokenness brings increased courage.

11. Increased brokenness brings increased capacity.

"Let my heart be broken with the things that break the heart of God." Bob Pierce

12. Increased brokenness brings increased zeal.

"All gracious affections that are a sweet odor to Christ, and that fill the soul of a Christian with a heavenly sweetness and fragrantcy, are broken-hearted affections." Jonathan Edwards

*"But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed (**daka**) for our iniquities." Isaiah 53:5
Christ was crushed for our lack of brokenness. Christ's atonement is our continual link to brokenness.*

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