

Divine Breaking / Final Thoughts

Hello. I want the reader to know that over the last 18 months of my Rehab I have experienced fist hand many of the following things I will be talking about. I hope this blesses you today.

Unshakeable Purpose:

Whether you see it or feel it, your brokenness can give birth to unshakeable purpose. What God births in brokenness, Hell can not destroy. That same breakdown will push your purpose that has been birthed, over the thresh hold and on to destiny. Try and see it like this. A Divine Breaking is never really about the struggle; it's about your identity on the other side of it.

Genesis 32 tells us that Jacob had a little tussle with God. He went into the fight as Jacob but came out of the fight as Israel. (The prince with God) He walked in one man and limped out another. On January 26, 2024, I went to lunch one man and woke up five days later in the ICU a different man. I've learned in my brokenness that it will humble you and it tends to name you as well, because you can never truly know who you are until God breaks off who you're not. The masks, the performances, the constant striving to be someone you're not. Approval addiction as well. They all get shattered in the presence of a Holy God, that is saying, I am not calling the images that you are projecting, I'm calling the purpose that I have placed on the inside of you.

Look at Jacob. He had always been a runner. He ran from Esau, from the truth, and from conflict. But that night he was stuck. He couldn't run anywhere. God and Jacob got gritty that night wrestling and wrestling and then Jacob was wounded, but he was also renamed as well. There are moments in life where God will allow battles to occur, not to punish but to define. Because the battle reveals what's truly in you and exposes the grit and tenacity. The divine DNA per say.

Yes, you may be limping after your battle, but your limp is your receipt that you have been with God. I've learned that you don't get real purpose until you have been broken enough to ask a few hard questions.

1. Who am I when no one is watching?
2. Who am I when there is no praise or applause?
3. Who am I when I lose everything, I thought I needed?

These are a few of the questions I had to ask myself in the beginning of my comeback/rehab. I can assure you that the answers to these questions do not come in comfort but in the struggle. God doesn't do external renovations but internal

revolutions and sometimes that means that everything must fall apart before your true identity emerges.

I've learned through my trauma not to fear the identity crisis in your life embrace it. Because what you are calling a breakdown may be a breakthrough. You're not falling apart you are just shedding who you were to become who you really are. I'm living proof of that statement. So, let the tears fall, let all titles go and let the labels drop. Because God is not calling Jacob anymore, He is calling Israel.

Battle and Compassion:

Brokenness handled correctly trains for battle and fights for compassion. The anointed must first be afflicted because there is no shortcut to divine power that does not pass through the valley of pain first. **Psalms 119:71** – *“It was good for me that I was afflicted that I may learn your decrees.”* Pain in the hands of God is not punishment but preparation. For me it has been the seminary of my soul and the training ground of my spirit. Before God gives you a platform He gives you a cave first.

Let's look at David. He was Anointed king yet hunted like a criminal. God was training David. Not just his hands to fight but his heart to feel. God was shaping a shepherd to be a king and a worshiper to become a warrior. That Holy conviction and contradiction you may feel sometimes is what makes a man useable in the hands of God. Make no mistake about it, God will let you bleed so you will recognize the wounded. He will allow you to walk through the fire, so you don't stand arrogant in the palace. Because if you have never been broken you think the crown is about you. But when you've cried out in the cave and have been chased by your own fears. When you've had to encourage yourself in the Lord. Then when the crown comes you will bow in worship instead of boasting.

This has been my personal experience. In your season of affliction don't rush it, embrace it. Let it be your teacher. Let it soften you and stretch you, shaping the tone of your anointing. Let grief teach your hands to battle. Let rejection develop your eyes to notice the overlooked. You can't minister to something you don't understand. You can't help lift what you've never carried, and you can't be used to heal what you won't touch. (Ohuchi) So let the affliction do its work. Because when the battle comes God will not only need the educated, but He will also need someone who is equipped, and affliction and brokenness are Heaven's boot camp.

You may not have a crown now, but if you have cried out in the caves, if you've clung to worship in your warfare, if you've held on when everything else says let go. Then get ready because you're being trained for something greater than yourself.

Separation Between Carnal and Called:

Brokenness separates the carnal from the called. It's not just about preparation; it's also about separation. It's God's way of separating the superficial from the sacred. The most popular from the purposed and the fleshly from the faithful.

Judges 7:2-7 tells us about God shrinking Gideon's army. He stripped it from 32,000 down to 300. Not because He needed less power but because He wanted less pride. The Lord was saying to Gideon, you have too many men, too many egos, too many opinions, too much noise and too much flesh. God was about to do something mighty, and He would not allow human confidence to take the credit for it. God shrunk the number of men to increase the calling and the same happens in our lives, doesn't it?

There comes a moment where God begins to prune your life, not because you've done something wrong but He's calling you to something greater. You know, people walk away, things dry up, influence shrinks and if you are not careful you will mistake shrinking for failure. You must walk away from the carnal to usher the calling and you've got to release the flesh to carry fire. (**Mic Drop**)

Let's be real, Gideon didn't really need 32,000 men to win a war did he. He just needed 300 yielded vessels. When God breaks you down to nothing is when He shows you, He is everything. So let me speak to someone that feels like you've lost some kind of way. You haven't. You may feel like you've been set apart. Something once important in your life is no longer there. Don't see it as God punishing you but purifying you. Could there be things in our life that is blocking us from God. Blurring our spiritual focus. When God separates you, He is separating the carnal from the called.

Brokenness Leads to Multiplication:

Now we have arrived at the multiplication of brokenness. God will never break to discard; He breaks to distribute. He doesn't crush you to cancel you, He crushes to commission you. Mathew 14:19 paints the picture perfectly. Jesus breaks the bread, blesses it and then distributes it out to the multitude. Did you catch the pattern here? Jesus didn't give what He didn't break, and He didn't break what He didn't first bless. This is Kingdom order at its finest. Blessing, breaking and then giving. If you want to be used, you must first be broken. If you want to be poured out, you must first be crushed. Jesus didn't feed the 5000 with loaves of bread, He fed them with broken pieces and in the same way God will not multiply what has not first been surrendered and shattered. Because in the breaking pride dies and control ends. You stop being the owner and become the steward. The seed must go in the ground; it must be buried. It breaks open in the darkness and then and only then does it rise to be greater than it was before.

Could it be that the pain you're in is the very place God wants to pour out from?

Is it possible that the marriage that fell apart, the business that sank, the betrayal you didn't see coming. All of it wasn't the end but the excavation of a legacy. God is building something beyond you through what is breaking within you. When Jesus broke the bread, He gave it to the crowds, and they all ate and were filled.

Broken men feed hungry people. Broken vessels carry oil. It's not in your strength that feeds the people, it's in your surrender. So, if you find yourself in a season where everything feels scattered, broken, and undone. Lift your eyes because you're in the hands of the master and He only breaks what He plans to multiply. It's not punishment, it's not rejection, it's release. You are not being dismissed, you are being distributed. Remember that God breaks the one He wants to use, and after the breaking comes the blessing and after the crushing comes the anointing. Finally, after isolation comes influence, and after the storm comes glory. I sure hope this has blessed you in some way today and encourage you to embrace the breaking. Have an amazing day and be blessed. Stay gritty and be salty.

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