

That Divine Breaking

Hello. Today I'm going to be talking about something I believe we all have experienced at one time or another. Brokenness. Did you know that some breakings in life are Divine Breakings, Heavens hand at work in our life and isolation that is really God's secrete classroom.

That divine breaking is not meant for your destruction, but for an awakening. To do away with distractions and strip away any illusions that have nothing to do with your destiny. Your brokenness is not the end, but a threshold to something greater or the birthplace of your biggest breakthrough. I've learned personally over the last 18 months of my life that God won't show what He has next until you're ready to walk away from whatever your right now is.

This was very true in my life, and I believe to be solid across the board is that when God begins to break someone down, He often begins by uprooting you from what is familiar and removing you from all their comfort zones. Removing you from all routines that feed the flesh, while the soul is starving. You know you can't really grow your spiritual wings until your nest gets disturbed a little. So. Step away from whatever it is that is holding you and step fully into the One that will carry you. Let me ask you. Have you ever experienced things like losing a job you thought you would for sure retire from? Have you ever faced betrayal of any kind? Here is a good one for you. Have you ever had to start over somewhere where no one even knew your name? If so, you very well may be in the school of destiny my friend because God most defiantly will interrupt your peace at any time to develop your purpose.

Sometimes in life we fail to realize the weight we put on the things around us like money, titles, status, and reputation. God will break all of it just to show you He is your source; He is your strength. He is your sustainer. Those things that happen to us in our life are not meant to destroy us but to call us. To awaken our spirit to what truly matters. Such as obedience, truth, faith, surrender and purpose. God will also remove us from our comfort zones because comfort is the enemy of calling. We also need to realize that everything is not an attack, and the next time life starts shaking don't go into panic mode. Give a huge shout of praise because it may not be the devil attacking, but God aligning.

That divine breaking disconnects us from what is destroying us and gets us to a place of pruning. Pruning defiantly does not feel like a promotion, does it? Because it hurts before it helps and I believe we miss this sometimes. Look at what **John 15:2** says *"He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit, He will prune so that it will be even more fruitful.* Bottom line. Pruning can be painful.

MIC DROP: Sometimes in our lives the things we get upset over losing are the very things **God** had to remove so we wouldn't die spiritually. The truth be told we don't always know what's killing us because most of the time it's wrapped in what's feeding us. Those relationships that allowed us to feel seen but were poisoning our self-worth at the same time. That career that provided income but robbed your intimacy with **God**. The opportunity seemed to be divine now but was rooted in compromise.

So, God the master surgeon shows up on the scene and steps in, not with rage but with resolve. **He** cuts not to wound but to heal because if He didn't cut it off it would infect our entire purpose. God will allow people to walk away, let doors shut and dreams collapse. Not because **He** doesn't love us but because **He** does. Jesus, just like a doctor amputates a limb to save a life. God will remove what is destroying us to redeem what is inside of us.

I've learned in life that we don't always recognize the rescue while we are bleeding, but the healing often begins in pain. A blessing is not always what you've kept but what you've survived. Let's look at Jonah. Running from his assignment and swallowed by a great fish. That could pass for judgment, but in reality, it was transportation. It was God's way of breaking his rebellion and at the same time saving his life.

Let me ask you some questions. What in your life has God removed from your hand so that He could protect your heart? What has He broken so that you could remain whole? What has **He ended so that you can begin**. That's fire right there! So, look at it like this. When you lose something that's not for you, you gain something that was meant for you.

Brokenness is Heaven's intervention,

That's why you ought to thank God for every no, every closed door, and every redirection in our life. What if the thing you didn't get could have killed you and what you have lost could have owned you. Sometimes the deliverance of things begins with attachment, doesn't it? So let God get rid of everything that can't go with you.

Brokenness produces a heart that hears God clearly.

Brokenness clears the frequency and silences all the clutter of self so you can finally hear the call of the King. You can't hear God clearly when your heart is full of you. Your ambitions, your timeline, your ego, your hustle and your grind. Look at Moses for instance. He didn't encounter God's voice until he was broken in the wilderness. Exodus 3:1-4 shows us that Moses was on the backside of the desert when he saw the burning bush and heard the call. Not in Pharaoh's palace. Not

amid people and applause, but in isolation, in obscurity, and humility. **Mic Drop:** God waited until Moses had been completely emptied of Egypt before He entrusted him with Israel. Because the wilderness becomes the loudspeaker for God. It's in the remote, dry places that our soul is finally quiet enough to hear the whispers of Heaven. You see, the world screams and shouts but God tends to whisper and the only way to hear the whisper is to what? Get close.

Brokenness gives birth to intimacy and a kind of clarity that only comes when the noise of ambition has been silenced, and the idols of self sufficiency have been shattered. God will use solitude to produce surrender and silence to develop strength. When God visited me, He didn't try to impress me with volume but to change me with presence. True intimacy doesn't scream like the world does but settles in and when you're broken enough you stop trying to be heard, instead you start trying to hear.

If you're in a season right now where you feel alone, where your phone doesn't ring as much as you hoped. Where doors seem to continually shut and prayers just echo back at you. Don't panic, don't run, lean in and listen because God could be using that very silence to prepare you for significance. He's developing a heart that can carry His word. The man that has been broken can be trusted to speak for God because he won't confuse his voice with God's voice. The man that has been crushed knows how to reverence the whisper. He's not intoxicated with the applause of people but addicted to obedience. Today, God is not looking for the loudest or the brightest, but the yielded. The kind of person that says, your servant is listening.

So, the next time you're in the wilderness don't curse it, instead embrace it. Because it's there that the bush will burn and purpose will be revealed and there, I promise is where you will hear God clearly.

The Illusion of Self-Sufficiency, Destroyed by Brokenness

There is a deception that runs so deep it can clothe itself as confidence. Disguise itself as competence and masquerade as maturity. But it's not even close to being faith, it's straight up pride. It is the lie of self sufficiency and when God decides to use someone, He does not just call the person, He also breaks them. Not to ruin them but to rescue them from the illusion that they could do it without God.

2 Corinthians 12:9 says, *“My grace is sufficient for you. For My power is made perfect in weakness.”*

Notice the power of the scripture. Not in strength, not in charisma, not in accomplishment. But in weakness and in that weakness, they may come face to face

with their limitations and truly understand to bow and surrender to God's limitless grace.

My friend, I found out in my recent season of brokenness that it is really a classroom. Where we truly learn and begin to really understand that we are not the source and never will be. We are just a vessel. We are not the source of power. We are the channel. God is not looking for the one that has it all figured out. He is not hiring the polished, but He is anointing the yielded.

Let's look at Paul for a second. He had revelation, he had passion, and he had an encounter with God. But even Paul had to be broken with a thorn that would not go away. You may ask why? Because God needed to show him that miracles don't come through the vessel but flow through mercy.

Let me say this from experience. You don't really know God as a provider until you've had your bank account depleted, and your paycheck has been stripped away. You don't know Him as a healer until the doctors give up. You truly don't know Him as a comforter until the arms you once needed are no longer there and it's there in that beautiful moment of brokenness that you find that God has always been more than enough.

Think of the Alabaster Box. It is beautiful but is of no use until it is broken and the fragrance inside will not fill the room until the shell inside is shattered. So, it is with us. Our greatest power, our most potent purpose, is often sealed behind our strength. God will break the exterior to release the aroma of our life. This is why we should not despise our season of breaking because it's not the end of us but the release of us.

You know that in this world today it's ok to be undone sometimes. It's ok to be weak. You know why? Because God's grace doesn't supplement our strength, it replaces it. I'm living proof. He's not waiting for us to be strong, He's got that. He's waiting for us to be still, to know Him, to let go of what's holding us and trust Him. Fall all the way into His arms and finally say God I tried but I can't do this, but I know that You can, so I am trusting You. That is where glory lives. Not in the polished but in the poured out.

Thank you so much for reading and I hope this blessed you in some way today. Part two will be up shortly. Be blessed and have an amazing day.

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