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Uniquely Broken

Our sufferings and pains are not simply bothersome interruptions of our lives: rather, they touch us in our uniqueness and our most intimate individuality.



We human beings can suffer immense deprivations with great steadfastness, but when we sense that we no longer have anything to offer to anyone, we quickly lose our grip on life.

Our brokenness is truly ours. Nobody else's. Our brokenness is as unique as our chosenness and our blessedness.

Real care means the willingness to help each other in making our brokenness into the gateway to joy.

Healing is so often difficult because we don't want to know the pain. Attempting to avoid, repress, medicate, or escape the pain of brokenness is like cutting off a limb that could be healed with proper attention.



Our world finds it easier to manipulate self-rejecting people than self-accepting people.



When we keep listening attentively to the voice calling us the Beloved, it becomes possible to live our brokenness not as a confirmation of our fear that we are worthless, but as an opportunity to purify and deepen the blessing that rests upon us.

Each human being suffers in a way no other human being suffers.

“broken” is the third of four foundations of our identity as the beloved daughters and sons of God based on work by Henri Nouwen. Next month, we will examine what it means to be “given.”

Learning to Embrace the Brokenness

As a teenager, Dr. Scott's family disintegrated through divorce and parental abuse allegations that resulted in his being placed into foster care. At the age of 15, God interceded, and through a series of improbable events, he was admitted into The Fold Family Ministries. It was through this ministry that Dr. Scott first experienced grace and self-sacrifice by leaders who had nothing to personally gain by serving his need for love and unconditional acceptance. As he reflects on this time, he struggles to comprehend the level of grace that was showered upon him by this ministry, and by a member of the ministry's board of directors who became his legal guardian when he was 16 ...

"I spent much of my adult life resenting my parents for allowing my childhood to be one of brokenness. I did not turn to toxic relationships or substances as a means for coping with my brokenness, but I harbored bitterness well into my adulthood. It was not until my early forties that I was truly able to forgive and to no longer be held captive by my Adverse Childhood Experiences. It was the seed planted during my time as a resident of The Fold that never left me, and through Christ-like grace shown for me, that I understood how to show such grace to others."

In 2019, when it became clear that God was calling Dr. Scott into leadership at The Fold, he recalls praying that he would answer the call, but also remembers trying to be released from the call. The reason for his reluctance was simple, he knew that serving those from brokenness would force him to confront and embrace the very brokenness that brought him to The Fold in the first place. "I had spent decades trying to bury the past and I had no interest in seeing it resurrected." However, the more he serves those from brokenness, the more grateful he becomes for his own. "By becoming grateful and viewing pain as a necessary part of being shaped into who God had created me to be, I am able to put my own brokenness under the blessing." It is because Dr. Scott has embraced his own brokenness, and because of his experience at this ministry, that Elevation Family Ministries exists today. It is because of his willingness to face those dark areas of his life that Scott has moved from being a young disciple himself, to becoming a disciple maker, and it is the reason our young disciples today have the opportunity to do the same.

As we are all broken and living in a broken world; we teach our young disciples that our brokenness is uniquely ours and is part of the unique role we each play in God's story.

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