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May Letter 2022 - Broken to Serve

Dear Friend,

Usually when we use the term broken, it means that something must be fixed. But there is a brokenness in God that teaches us just the opposite. There is a brokenness in God that yields itself to all that God is in virtue, love, compassion, absence from all fear, complete confidence, healing, and restoration of all things.

This brokenness not only yields itself to receive from God personally, but it is the very catalyst by which the Body of Christ must minister the power of God to the world in these last days. We must without any exception become “emptied of self and filled with God.”

Smith Wigglesworth, who is often referred to as the “Apostle of Faith,” had a favorite song that he loved to sing during his miracle crusades. The simple chorus became extremely anointed when he sang it because it was the exact reflection of his heart and life.

“Filled with God, yes, filled with God
Pardoned and cleansed, and filled with God
Filled with God, yes, filled with God
Emptied of self, and filled with God”

Mat 26:36 Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto the disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray yonder.

Mat 26:37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and very heavy.

Mat 26:38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.

Mat 26:39 And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou *wilt*.

Mat 26:40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

Mat 26:41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed *is* willing, but the flesh *is* weak.

Mat 26:42 He went away again the second time, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if this cup may not pass away from me, except I drink it, thy will be done.

Mat 26:43 And he came and found them asleep again: for their eyes were heavy.

Mat 26:44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

Mat 26:45 Then cometh he to his disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take *your* rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners.

Mat 26:46 Rise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that doth betray me.

Gethsemane was not only a physical place, but it was also a type of spiritual crushing. The word Gethsemane comes from two Aramaic or Hebrew words which, when put together, essentially mean “a place of pressing oils.” It is no stretch at all to call it “a place of crushing.”

What amazes me and gives me so much hope for my own spiritual development is what I read in verse 44.

Mat 26:44 And he left them, and went away again, and prayed the third time, saying the same words.

What we see here is that Jesus, in the crucible of His life, went back into prayer a third time and said the same words in the effort to yield Himself over totally to the Father, saying repeatedly “Not my will, Father, but thy will be done!”

Luke in his gospel even notes that Jesus prayed each time even more earnestly, expressing His desire to yield and become broken.

Luk 22:44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Some teachers will tell you that you never pray the same prayer twice because it’s an act of unbelief, but here in this instance of yielding to the Father we see that there is no limit to time or repetition in becoming a broken and yielded vessel of the Father’s will.

Some teachers will tell you that this example does not pertain to us because this was Jesus paying the ultimate price for humanity. But Paul teaches us something entirely different by using Christ’s sufferings in obedience to serve as our example.

Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

Php 2:6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God:

Php 2:7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:

Php 2:8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Jesus humbled Himself (or yielded His will to the Father) and became obedient unto death. This was done continually on a daily basis. The last verse above says “even to the death of the cross,” which was the ultimate sacrifice for all of humanity. He never would have been willing to do the last part if He had not been willing to do the daily part.

Pastor Dave Roberson would often say that “becoming yielded is the spirit of holiness.”

Paul the apostle wrote these words concerning the power that was resident within us.

2Co 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

2Co 4:10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.

2Co 4:11 For we which live are always delivered unto death for Jesus' sake, that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our mortal flesh.

I am convinced that if the power within us that is of God is ever to be demonstrated to the world, we must become broken vessels and yielded completely to the Father's will. Contrary to false religious teachings, God does not send crushing blows of circumstances to teach us humility. Sickness, disease, injuries, financial hardships, and emotional battles are not God's instruments to crush the flesh. But there are instruments called THE PLACE OF PRAYER and WAITING ON GOD that submit all human self-will to the Lord's will.

There is absolutely no substitute for this place. There is a place on a daily basis of brokenness that fixes everything. There is a place of brokenness on a daily basis that emanates an anointing to the world. When I walk into a room, it is not me, but Jesus who walks in. There's a place of brokenness where when you and I enter a mall, a checkout line, an airport, or a drive-through, His presence in us can be felt and experienced by the world.

I thank God for His presence that can be felt in corporate and private worship, but let's go beyond that. Let's go to the place where the world feels His presence through a broken vessel in a non-religious setting.

Candy and I love and appreciate you so much. We thank you for your contribution to this ministry in the past month, and for anything that God may speak to your heart concerning the future.

Blessings,
Pastor Bronc