



**BEAUTIFULLY BROKEN**  
FINDING BEAUTY IN OUR BROKENNESS

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WHEN OUR CRACKS SEEM TOO BIG TO FIX

THERE ARE TIMES WHEN OUR CRACKS  
REALLY SHOW UP, BIG TIME, AND WE  
WONDER IF WE WILL EVER BE ABLE  
TO ACHIEVE THE LIFE THAT GOD IN  
SCRIPTURE TELLS US WE ARE  
SUPPOSED TO HAVE.

PETER'S  
AND A LOT  
OF BELIEVER'S  
REALITY

Matthew 26:74-75 ESV  
74 Then he began to invoke a curse on himself and to swear, "I do not know the man." And immediately the rooster crowed. 75 And Peter remembered the saying of Jesus, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny me three times." And he went out and wept bitterly.

PAUL'S &  
EVERY  
CHRISTIAN'S  
HONEST  
CONFESSION

Romans 7:18-25 ESV

<sup>18</sup> For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

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Romans 7:22-25 ESV

<sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup>

Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Every Christian will face a season  
or a time of discouragement about  
where they are at with God that  
stems from an inability to  
overcome sin in their lives  
...The cracks just look that big!

# 1. STAY GROUNDED IN GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU

THERE ARE MANY ASPECTS TO GOD'S LOVE. HOWEVER, ONE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ATTRIBUTES OF GOD'S LOVE TOWARDS US THAT WE OFTEN TAKE FOR GRANTED IS THAT AS BELIEVERS, WE NO LONGER LIVE UNDER CONDEMNATION / NO PENALTY OF SIN



PETER'S  
STANDING  
WITH JESUS  
AFTER  
FAILURE

John 21 ESV

<sup>4</sup> Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup>

Jesus said to them, "Children, (my sons) do you have any fish?"

<sup>9</sup> When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."

PAUL'S  
STANDING  
WITH GOD  
AFTER  
FAILURE

Romans :7:24 - 8:2 ESV

<sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

<sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin. <sup>8:1</sup> There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

EVERY  
BELIEVER'S  
STANDING  
WITH GOD

John 3-16-18 NL

<sup>16</sup>For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that anyone who believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. <sup>17</sup>God did not send his Son into the world to condemn it, but to save it. <sup>18</sup>"There is no eternal doom awaiting those who trust him to save them.

## 2. SETTLE IN ON THE REALITY THAT AT TIMES GOD'S GRACE HAS TO BE ENOUGH

SOMETIMES WE EXPECT SO MUCH MORE OUT  
OF OUR LIVES AS CHRISTIANS...BUT REALITY IS  
THAT THERE ARE TIMES WHEN GOD'S GRACE  
AND OUR SALVATION IS ALL WE HAVE TO  
HANG TO...AND IT HAS TO BE ENOUGH

WHAT EVERY  
BELIEVER CAN  
COUNT ON  
FROM GOD

## 2 Corinthians 7-9 ESV

<sup>7</sup> So to keep me from becoming conceited because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to harass me, to keep me from becoming conceited.

<sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

# 3. KEEP IT REAL WITH GOD

JESUS IS NOT AFRAID OR OFFENDED  
WITH YOUR MESS AND IT IS OAKY  
TO BE VERY REAL WITH HIM.

PETER GETS REAL  
WITH JESUS,  
AND ENCOUNTERS  
NOTHING BUT GRACE

John 21:17 ESV

<sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you

DON'T FOOL  
YOURSELF BY  
THINKING GOD  
EXPECTS YOU  
TO BE PERFECT

1 John 1:8-9 ESV

<sup>8</sup> If we say that we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and refusing to accept the truth. <sup>9</sup> But if we confess our sins to him, he can be depended on to forgive us and to cleanse us from every wrong. And it is perfectly proper for God to do this for us because Christ died to wash away our sins.



WE CAN'T OPERATE IN PRETENSES  
WITH GOD... THEY USUALLY COME  
OUT OF A PRIDEFUL SPIRIT AND SELF-  
RIGHTEOUSNESS

GOD'S GRACE WILL ALWAYS FLOW TO  
VULNERABILITY AND HUMILITY.

GOD NEVER  
MEANT FOR  
YOU TO SAVE  
YOURSELF

Hebrews 2:17-18 NL

<sup>17</sup>And it was necessary for Jesus to be like us, his brothers, so that he could be our merciful and faithful High Priest before God, a Priest who would be both merciful to us and faithful to God in dealing with the sins of the people. <sup>18</sup>For since he himself has now been through suffering and temptation, he knows what it is like when we suffer and are tempted, and he is wonderfully able to help us

# 4. YOU CAN'T FIGHT YOUR FLESH WITH FLESH

YOU MUST LEARN TO COOPERATE WITH  
AND WALK IN THE POWER THAT ONLY THE  
HOLY SPIRIT CAN PROVIDE FOR A LIFE  
THAT IS PLEASING TO GOD

GOD'S  
APPROACH  
TO OVERCOME  
SIN IN  
YOUR LIFE

Romans 8-3-5 NL

<sup>3</sup>We aren't saved from sin's grasp by knowing the commandments of God because we can't and don't keep them, but God put into effect a different plan to save us. He sent his own Son in a human body like ours—except that ours are sinful—and destroyed sin's control over us by giving himself as a sacrifice for our sins.

GOD'S  
APPROACH  
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Romans 8:3-5 cont. NL  
<sup>4</sup>So now we can obey God's laws if we follow after the Holy Spirit and no longer obey the old evil nature within us.<sup>5</sup> Those who let themselves be controlled by their lower natures live only to please themselves, but those who follow after the Holy Spirit find themselves doing those things that please God.

LIVING UP TO EVERY PART OF THE LAW (RULES)  
IS  
NOT THE GOAL...THAT ONLY CREATES A BASIS  
FOR  
SELF RIGHTEOUSNESS AND "RELIGION"

THE GOAL IS DRAW SO CLOSE TO GOD...THAT  
YOUR OBEDIENCE DEVELOPS THROUGH YOUR  
PROXIMITY AND RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM.

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5. YOU CAN NEVER GIVE UP BELIEVING THAT  
THROUGH GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE AND  
POWER... THERE ARE BETTER DAYS AHEAD

SCRIPTURE IS FULL OF PROMISES THAT YOU CAN  
STAND ON THAT FREES YOU UP AND TELLS YOU  
WHO GOD WANTS TO BE FOR YOU.



GOD WILL NOT  
LEAVE YOU  
HANGING  
WHEN YOU  
SEEK HIS HELP

Hebrews 11:6 ESV

<sup>6</sup> And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.

James 4:6a-8a ESV

God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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Jude 24-25 ESV

<sup>24</sup> Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, <sup>25</sup> to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

GOD'S POWER  
IS AVAILABLE  
FOR US BEYOND  
WHAT WE CAN  
EVER IMAGINE

Ephesians 3:20-21 ESV  
<sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to  
do far more abundantly  
than all that we ask or think,  
according to the power at  
work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be  
glory in the church and in  
Christ Jesus throughout all  
generations, forever and  
ever. Amen.