Wisdom Unlocked: The Ways of God

S#4 Episode #8 Broken But Not Destroyed



God often uses our life circumstances to bring us to the end of ourselves, leaving us completely yielded and dependent on Him. That's easier to accept in theory than in practice. In the midst of the pandemic, Lionshare board member Kent Chevalier lost his brother to Covid, lost the primary way of doing his job and had to deal with bitterness and anger in his family of origin. It all led to brokenness. None of it was taken care of by Christian platitudes and his wife had to dig deep to support him. Hear their story and know that God is a friend to the broken.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES:

Psalm 34:18-19 - The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Psalm 147:3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Jesus modeled brokenness in the Garden of Gethsemane when He yielded His will to do His Father's will (Matthew 26:36-46; Luke 22:40-46)

Jesus said that apart from Him we can do nothing (John 15:5)

God requires a breaking of our wills and a dependence on Him so we can participate in the objectives of His Kingdom purposes

God does not despise those who are broken (Psalm 51:17)

God loves it when we depend on Him completely. He will orchestrate events in our lives, out of His perfect love for us, to develop within us a brokenness and reliance on Him (story of Joseph in Gen 37-50)

When you recognize that God is taking you to a deeper place of brokenness, through pruning, yield to Him. Take every opportunity to yield your will to His will and depend on Him to lead you (John 15:1-8)

Learn more about brokenness in Chapter 2 of <u>A Discipleship Journey: A Proven and Practical Tool</u> for Making Disciples available at Lionshare.org/store and subscribe to the teaching videos that accompany the book. Learn more about Kent & Erica Chevalier's ministry with the Pittsburgh Steelers <u>here</u>. Subscribe to Kent's newsletter "False Jesus" <u>here</u>. : © 2022 All Rights Reserved. Lionshare & Dave Buehring