



## You're Not Too Broken to Be Held

There's a lie many carry quietly: *"I'm too broken for God to love me."* It whispers in moments of regret, echoes in seasons of loss, and lingers in the shadows of shame. Why do we let our failures cause us to doubt God's love? Especially when the gospel speaks louder.

Jesus doesn't recoil from brokenness—He moves toward it. In **Matthew 12:20**, Jesus said, ***"A bruised reed He will not break, and a smoldering wick He will not snuff out."*** This is the heart of our Savior. It is also an expressive emblem of the soul, broken and contrite on account of sin, weeping and mourning from transgression. Jesus will not break ***"a bruised reed."*** That is, He will not be haughty, unforgiving, and cruel. Jesus will heal it, pardon it, and give it strength. Nor will Jesus snuff out ***"a smoldering wick."*** This refers to the wick of a lamp when the oil is exhausted. A smoldering wick is the dying, flickering flame and smoke that hang over it. It is an emblem portraying feebleness and infirmity. Jesus would not farther oppress it, and extinguish it. The bruised reed may recover itself, if permitted to vegetate under the genial influences of heaven; and the life and light of the expiring lamp may be supported by the addition of fresh oil. Jesus therefore quenches not faint desires seeking salvation, even in the worst and most undeserving of men; for even such desires may lead to the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel of peace. What a blessing it is that Jesus does not discard the damaged or extinguish the dim. He holds within His mighty hands what others might throw away.

In **John 10:27–30**, Jesus says, ***"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand."*** Notice the intimacy: ***"I know them."*** Not just their strengths, but their wounds. Their doubts. Their failures. And still—He holds them.

Even when the crowd in John 10:31–39 picks up stones to reject Him, Jesus doesn't flinch. He knows rejection. He knows pain. And He still chooses to hold us. So, if you feel cracked, weary, or unworthy, hear this: You're not too broken to be held. Not by a God who bore nails in His hands to prove it. Let your brokenness become the very place where grace enters. Let the Shepherd's voice drown out the shame. And let His hand—strong, scarred, and steady—be the place you rest.

Maybe this week you could reflect on **Isaiah 41:10** ***"Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."*** Psalm **34:18** carries the same thought, ***"The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit."*** Let them remind you: God doesn't just tolerate your brokenness—He redeems it.

Gary



# Confronting Unbelief

John 10.22-26

- 1) Have you ever met anyone who honestly questioned who Jesus was?
- 2) Were they open to listening to what you said?
- 3) Are all people sincere in their search for Jesus?

## I) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Demanding Proof (John 10.22-26).

- A) Where was Jesus at this time?
  - 1) What was the *Feast of Dedication*?
  - 2) Why did John tell us it was winter?
  - 3) If people's relationships with God were considered by seasons, what season would most people be?
- B) The Pharisees demanded an answer to \_\_\_\_\_ (10.24).
  - 1) They are scolded by Jesus.
  - 2) Jesus told them they were not His \_\_\_\_\_.

## II) The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Shepherd's Voice (John 10.27-29).

- A) To His own sheep, Jesus gives \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 28).
- B) Jesus' sheep will never \_\_\_\_\_.
- C) No one can snatch Jesus' sheep out of His hand.
  - 1) No one is stronger than \_\_\_\_\_.
  - 2) What does it mean to you that no one can snatch you from His hand?
    - (a) How do you respond when life feels chaotic or uncertain—do you lean into the Shepherd's voice, or do you pull away?
    - (b) Can you find \_\_\_\_\_ in the pressures of daily life?

## III) The \_\_\_\_\_ of Divine \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10.30-32).

- A) Jesus said, "*I and My Father are one.*"
  - 1) How?
  - 2) Jesus and His Father are one in \_\_\_\_\_, in what they do.
- B) The crowd picked up stones, not because He \_\_\_\_\_, but because He claimed \_\_\_\_\_ with God.
- C) Jesus confronts His opponents (v. 32).

## IV) The \_\_\_\_\_ To \_\_\_\_\_ (John 10.33-39).

- A) From their perspective, the Jews accused Jesus of \_\_\_\_\_ for claiming to be God.
  - 1) Jesus reasoned with them using scripture (vv. 31-38).
  - 2) Jesus invited them to examine His \_\_\_\_\_, not just His \_\_\_\_\_.
- B) What "works" of God in your life is calling you to deeper \_\_\_\_\_?
- C) Do you need to \_\_\_\_\_ your relationship with Jesus?

**Conclusion:** Are you ready to believe in Jesus today?

# CONNECTION

Good morning, WH family. Can you believe the "dog days" of August are over? We have been blessed with a milder summer this year indeed!

We are beginning our Family Life (FL) small group meetings on September 21<sup>st</sup>, so we need to get the signups started. For those new to WH, our FL groups meet on Sunday afternoon or evening, the 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of each month. This session, we have 5 options to choose from:

**Group 1:** Meets in the fellowship hall immediately after services for lunch and a bible study.

**Group 2:** Meets in Les & Deatra Keele's home, at 1pm.  
11017 Texanum Trl. FWT, 76108  
817/808-0566

**Group 3:** Meets in Greg & Janelle Ball's home, at 12 noon  
10725 Lipan Trl. FWT 76108  
214/801-7375

**Group 4:** Meets in Tom & Paula Pauley's home, at 12 noon  
3409 Muleshoe Ln. FWT 76179  
817/821-0439

**Group 5:** Meets in Fellowship hall here at the building at 5pm

"Why should I join" you may ask.

**Spiritual Growth:** Family Life groups provide a setting for deeper Bible study, prayer and discussion. Members can ask questions, wrestle with scripture and learn to apply God's word better in their lives.

**Deeper Relationships:** In large groups, it is easy to feel unseen. Family Life groups enhance our feeling of a family relationship, enabling members to go beyond surface level friendships. The members learn to laugh, rejoice and even weep with one another. The group fosters trust, support and encouragement.

**Mutual care and Support:** Needs are often noticed and met more quickly within a small group. Prayer support, meals, encouragement, acts of service and expressions of love are enhanced in small groups, truly living out the "one another" commands of Jesus.

**Opportunity to serve and lead:** Group members can learn and use their individual gifts in practical ways, through teaching, hospitality, encouragement, service etc. Participation allows everyone to contribute, not just be a spectator.

**Outreach and witness:** FL groups provide a warm, safe, welcoming entry point for seekers, neighbors or friends who may hesitate to attend a formal service. The hospitality in a home often leads to gospel conversations and sharing of what God has done for us.

**Personal transformation:** Transformation happens best within a community; "iron sharpens iron." (Proverbs 27.17) Gentle, but firm accountability challenges members grow beyond our "comfort zone."

I hope that you will *prayerfully consider and join* one of our Family Life groups. ***I know you'll be blessed!***

--Les Keele



  
**Ladies'**  
Come to Ladies Night  
September 22 for an evening of  
laughter and fun!  
Watch the bulletin for more details or  
see Jennifer Scott!

  
Join us for an Ice Cream Social after the  
Sunday evening service on  
September 14th. Please  
bring your favorite ice  
cream to share. Sign up  
in the foyer. For  
more details, see  
Steve Taylor

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## MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

**Welcome** - Steven Johnson

**Song Leader** - Jon Bartee

**Song** - I'll Fly Away

**Song** - When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder

**Song** - Peace In The Valley

**Opening Prayer** - Zac Brookshire

**Scripture** - John 10.22-26

**Song** - It Is Well With My Soul

**Lord's Supper** - James Bowie

**Prayer for Contribution** - James Bowie

**Song** - Mansion Over The Hilltop

**Confronting Unbelief** - Gary Williams

**Song** - When We All Get To Heaven

**Announcements** - Les Keele

**Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal** - Greg Ball

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**Attendance**



**Attended Nursery:** After communion, we have an attended nursery available for ages birth to 3 years and a mother's nursing room.

Single-side in-ear mono earbuds with personal receivers are available for those with hearing difficulties. Please see the sound booth at the back of the auditorium for assistance.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

### Monday, September 1

Job 17-19; Psalm 102

### Tuesday, September 2

Job 20-21; Colossians 1

### Wednesday, September 3

Job 22-24; Colossians 2

### Thursday, September 4

Job 25-27; Psalm 26; Colossians 3

### Friday, September 5

Psalm 111; Job 28-29; Colossians 4

### Saturday, September 6

Psalm 17; Job 30; Romans 1

### Sunday, September 7

Job 31; Romans 2

### Last Week

<b>Bible Class</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$ 9,282.72</b>
<b>PM Worship</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ 14,216.88</b>

### Times of Assemblies

<b>Bible Class:</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday Morning Worship:</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Sunday Evening Worship:</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday Evening:</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>