

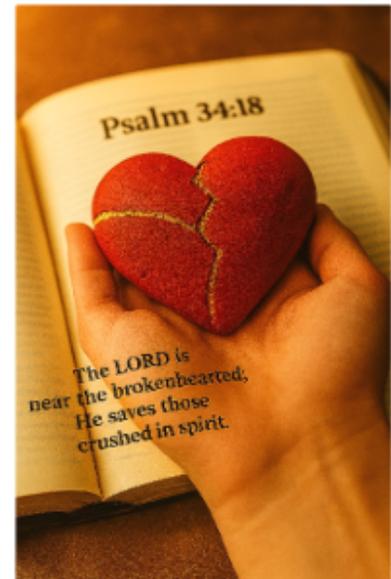


Near To The Brokenhearted

There are times in life when sorrow settles in like an unwelcome guest. It feels quiet, heavy, and persistent. Where do you turn when you are enduring difficulties? Where is God when I am so low? Does He care? The psalmist said, *“The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit” (Psalm 34:18, NIV)*. We do not have to wonder where God is, the psalmist says God is always near. Thus, God doesn’t just offer comfort, He is there with us. God doesn’t wait for us to “get it together” before He comes close especially when we feel the most undone. What a wonderful promise the psalmist discloses.

The Hebrew word for “close” implies “intimacy,” “nearness,” and “readiness.” God is not far away or indifferent to our suffering. He is “*Emmanuel*,” meaning “God with us”—even in our pain. The word “*brokenhearted*” speaks to emotional devastation, while “*crushed in spirit*” evokes a soul weighed down by grief or despair. They are raw, real, and deeply human emotions we all experience when things go wrong.

Jesus Himself was “*a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief*” (Isaiah 53:3). He wept at Lazarus’ tomb, groaned in Gethsemane, and cried out on the cross. He knows what it is to be brokenhearted. Psalm 34:18 is not just poetic, it points us to a Savior who doesn’t just sympathize but empathizes. Thus, when we feel crushed, we have a Savior who knows exactly how we feel. We are not abandoned. We are held.



God coming to us is not just to comfort us—it is also to prepare us for others. Paul writes in *2 Corinthians 1:3, 4* “*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.*” The comfort we receive becomes the comfort we give. Those who have walked through the valley of despair with God become guides for others still wandering there. Your story of heartbreak, when touched by God’s grace, becomes a testimony of hope for others.

Thus, let us pray, “*Lord, I feel the weight of sorrow pressing in. My heart is fractured, and my spirit feels crushed. But Your Word says You are near. Help me believe that. Sit with me in this silence. Speak to my chaos. Mend what feels irreparable. And when the time is right, use this pain to help me comfort someone else. In the beloved name of Your precious Son, Amen.*”

Gary

Who Makes You Glad?

Isaiah 61.1-3

- 1) Have you ever thought about what truly makes you happy?
- 2) Is it possible to find joy in sorrow?
- 3) Isaiah prophesied about the joy the Messiah would bring to people who suffer (Isa. 61.1-3).
- 4) Can I find true joy in Christ?

In These Few Verses, Let Us Notice...

I) _____ Said It? (Isaiah 61.1, 2).

A) Did you notice that he said, "*The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon Me*"?

- 1) For what purpose?
- 2) To whom does this passage refer (Luke 4.16-21)?

B) What did the Messiah come to do?

- 1) He came to _____—"Good News!"
- 2) He came to be a _____.
 - (a) Ever had a friend whose heart was broken?
 - (b) There is only One who can mend a broken heart.
- 3) He came to be a _____.
- 4) He came to _____ news that will not be good for some.

II) To _____ Was Jesus Speaking?

A) Jesus is speaking to "*all who* _____."

- 1) Just because we are Christians does not mean that we will not suffer losses and experience times of great sadness.
- 2) The joy we experience is because we have a _____ that can bring _____.
- 3) Jesus is always willing to come to us—even when our lives are difficult.

B) Isaiah is writing here in this masterpiece about the Messiah and the church that is to come—and he is saying....

III) _____ Is Jesus Coming To Do?

A) There are three things mentioned that the Lord is to bring to those who are grieving:

- 1) 1st—He's coming, "*To give them a* _____ *instead of* _____."
- 2) 2nd—Jesus is coming with the "*_____ of* _____."
- 3) 3rd—Jesus wants to put on them "*the* _____ *of* _____."

B) Where do we find our greatest joy?

IV) What The Results Of Jesus' _____ Are?

A) Those who receive Jesus will be called "*oaks of* _____."

B) Why?

C) Jesus can do tremendous things for you if you will submit your life to Him.

Conclusion: Do you need to come to Jesus today?

CONNECTION

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R If you watch television much, you are probably familiar with the show “The Masked Singer.” Contestants perform impressive songs while hidden behind elaborate masks and costumes, leaving the audience and judges to guess who they really are. The contestants “win” by being able to hide their true identity the longest. The mystery is entertaining—but it also raises an interesting question for us as Christians: Are we ever guilty of being “masked singers” in our worship?



When we gather on Sundays, it’s possible to lift our voices, sing the right notes, and say all the right words—yet still be hiding our true selves. We can appear joyful while our hearts are distant, or act reverent while our minds are elsewhere. Unlike the show, when we hide our true selves in worship nobody “wins.” In fact, Jesus spoke of people who honored God with their lips while their hearts were far from Him (Matthew 15:8).

True worship isn’t about performance—it’s about presence. God isn’t impressed by how well we sing; He’s moved by how honestly we surrender. Worship is meant to come from a heart that’s uncovered, sincere, and humble before Him. Powerful healing and strength can come from making ourselves known to God and each other as we worship together.

John 4:24 says, “God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” That means worship should be both heartfelt (“in spirit”) and honest (“in truth”). We don’t need to hide behind masks of perfection, performance or protection. God already knows who we are—and loves us anyway.

The truest kind of worship happens not when our voices sound perfect, but when our hearts are genuine. This week, as we sing, pray, and praise, let’s take off the masks. Let’s be real with God and truly connect with each other— we will all be blessed!!

--Les Keele



**Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a
steadfast spirit within me. Psalms 51:10**

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MORNING WORSHIP (10 AM)

Welcome - Brandon Duncan

Song Leader - Russ Jones

Song - Praise The Lord

Song - Holy, Holy, Holy

Song - I Exalt Thee

Opening Prayer - Adam Powers

Scripture - Isaiah 61:1-3

Song - I Come To The Garden Alone

Lord's Supper - Arthur Torrez

Prayer for Contribution - Arthur Torrez

Song - He Lives

Who Makes You Glad? - Gary Williams

Song - Hear Me When I Call

Announcements - Les Keele

Shepherd's Prayer & Dismissal - Dan Kille

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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, November 3
Psalm 80; Ezekiel 19-20

Friday, November 7
Ezekiel 27-28; I Timothy 4

Tuesday, November 4
Ezekiel 21-22; Psalm 5; I Timothy 1

Saturday, November 8
Ezekiel 29-31; I Timothy 5

Wednesday, November 5
Ezekiel 23-24; I Timothy 2

Sunday, November 9
Ezekiel 32-33; I Timothy 6

Thursday, November 6
Psalm 60; Ezekiel 25-26; I Timothy 3

Last Week

Bible Class	126	Wednesday	103
Worship	202	Contribution	\$8,282.55
PM Worship	73	Budget	\$14,216.88

Times of Assemblies

Bible Class:	9:00 AM
Sunday Morning Worship:	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Worship:	5:00 PM
Wednesday Evening:	7:00 PM