

BROKEN BUT BELOVED

WHO AM I, AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?

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THE QUESTION

If I'm made in God's image, why do I feel so broken?

THE TENSION

Depression. Addiction. Abuse. Failure. Realities that make "fearfully and wonderfully made" feel like a lie. Sin doesn't just stain—it shatters. It leaves cracks in the image, scars on the soul, voices in your head that tell you you're worthless. And if we're honest, sometimes it feels like the cracks define us more than the image does.

THE STORY BENEATH IT ALL

In **Creation**, humanity was whole. (Gen 1:31)
 In the **Fall**, sin broke what was whole (Rom. 3:23).
 In **Redemption**, Christ heals what is broken (Luke 4:18).
 In **Restoration**, God makes all things new (Rev. 21:4).

THE COLLISION BETWEEN BROKENNESS AND BELOVEDNESS

Sin leaves cracks (Rom. 3:23), but Christ doesn't just promise future healing—He steps into the cracks right now. He binds up the brokenhearted (Luke 4:18), gives peace that surpasses understanding (Phil. 4:7), and strength in weakness (2 Cor. 12:9). You are broken, yes—but you are also chosen, redeemed, and beloved more than you know. And one day, every fracture will be fully mended, every tear finally wiped away (Rev. 21:4). Healing isn't only a future hope—it begins in the present and will be completed in glory.

SO WHY DOES IT MATTER TODAY?

The gospel refuses to deny brokenness or belovedness; it holds both at once. Your pain is real, your dignity is too. It names the fracture, meets you in it, and begins the healing now, with the promise of wholeness to come.

DON'T HIDE YOUR CRACKS. BRING THEM TO THE ONE WHO MAKES ALL THINGS NEW.