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THE DAMAGED ME

I'm OK, I'm Broken – Part 1
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I am forgotten as though I were dead; I have become like broken pottery. Psalm 31.12

Kintsukuroi (keen-tsoo-koo-roy) is the Japanese art of repaired pottery.

My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. Psalm 51.17

"God uses broken things. It takes broken soil to produce a crop, broken clouds to give rain, broken grain to give bread, broken bread to give strength." - Vance Havner

1. IF YOU'RE BROKEN AND YOU KNOW IT - WELCOME TO THE CLUB!

"When the church wasn't looking AA stole our best stuff." - Bryant Kirkland



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"...it didn't matter, everything I needed to know about being a pastor I would learn if I went." – Rob Bell, p.137

"As I sat there, it was as if I could see, really see, for the very first time, just how much time and energy and effort we expend making sure that everybody knows how strong, smart, quick, competent, capable, together, and good we are." – Rob Bell

"Your self esteem...is determined to a large degree by what you think the people or the person that matters most to you thinks about you." - Dr. Charles Cooley

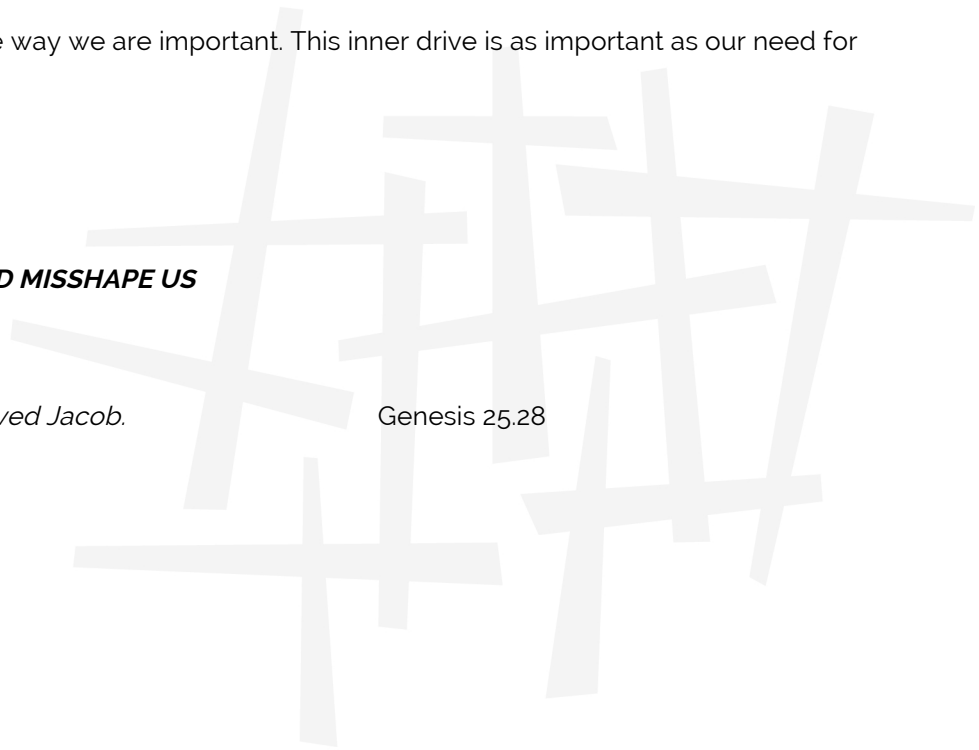
"Children are the world's best recorders and the world's worst interpreters."

"We yearn to believe that in some way we are important. This inner drive is as important as our need for water and oxygen." - R.C. Sproul

2. THE FORCES THAT SHAPE AND MISSHAPE US

Isaac...loved Esau, but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Genesis 25,28





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One study of male compulsive gamblers discovered that over 90% of them had "...dismal childhoods, characterized by loneliness and rejection."

3. A BREAKING THAT LEADS TO BREAKTHROUGH

That night Jacob got up and took his two wives, his two maidservants and his eleven sons and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. Genesis 32.22

Jabbok was small river whose name literally means "the place of emptying."

☐ Breakthroughs happen when we wrestle with God.

So Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak. When the man saw that he could not overpower him, he touched the socket of Jacob's hip so that his hip was wrenched as he wrestled with the man. Genesis 32.24

"That is the strongest tissue in the human body. A horse could scarcely tear it apart."

☐ Breakthroughs bring radical clarity and redirection.



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I will not let you go, God, until you bless me! Genesis 32.26

☐ Breakthroughs give birth to new beginnings.

The man asked him, "What is your name?" "Jacob," he answered. Then the man said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men and have overcome." Genesis 32.27-28

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Psalm 147.3

If your heart is broken, you'll find God right there; if you're kicked in the gut, he'll help you catch your breath. Psalm 34.18 (The Message)

"Leave the broken, irreversible past in God's hands, and step out into the invincible future with Him."
- Oswald Chambers

"One thing I've learned from believers and activists alike is that community can be built around a common self-righteousness or a common brokenness. Because both are magnetic. People are drawn toward folks who have it all together, or who look like they do. People are also drawn toward folks who know they don't have it together and are not willing to fake it." – Shane Claiborne