Healing the Broken

Ken Chapman · 2 Corinthians 1:3–6

INTRODUCTION

- What if we could help people and fix things by helping to fix those people?
- That's what God has called upon us to do is to be repairmen and women to help fix that which is broken, to restore that which has been lost.
- Paul says, now it is our task to do for others what God has done for us, to be God's hands and feet, to comfort as God has comforted.

1 People Are Brokenhearted

- People are brokenhearted. People are hurting. All around you.
- In your neighborhood, in your schools, in your workplaces, in your families, and yes, in your church are broken people.
- Can't we admit that we're all broken some way to some degree? That everybody you encounter is going through something.
- Because of your relationship to God and how God has helped maybe to heal you might be the most perfectly equipped person to help heal someone else who is broken.

2 Allowing Us to Experience Pain and Suffering

2 Corinthians 1:6; Hebrews 10:32–33; James 5:16

- He equips us, he helps us to help others by allowing us to experience pain and suffering.
- No one is a better helper of the broken than someone else who has been repaired from being broken.
- You endured this suffering, and you became companions of those who were equally treated with suffering.
- It equips us to feel as they feel. And it helps us to identify those who hurt as we have.
- Your own brokenness gives you credibility.
- When I hear you confessing your sin, I realize, oh wait, you were broken too. And so I can go to you with my heartache, with my hurt.

3 Teaching Us to See As Jesus Sees

Matthew 9:12–13; Matthew 9:35–36

- He is teaching us to see as Jesus sees and to feel as Jesus feels.
- Jesus never met an it person.
- Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick, go and learn what this means. I desire mercy and not sacrifice.
- When he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary, scattered, like sheep having no shepherd.

- He saw them as people. And more than that, he saw them as souls.
- He equips me to help heal the broken by teaching me to see as he sees. To see people as people, as broken people, who need God.

4 To Feel As Jesus Feels

Philippians 1:8

- For God is my witness, how greatly I long for you all with the affection of Jesus Christ.
- He says, I long for you with the affection of Jesus Christ. I feel as he feels.
- That word affection is an interesting word in the original. It literally means inward parts.
- When you care for somebody, you truly love and have that kind of affection for somebody. Literally feel it on the inside, can't you?

5 God Can Multitask, and So Can We

- God can multitask, and so can we?
- I can have affection for the sinner while not loving the sin. And while seeking to correct the actions and the behavior of that sinner.
- One of the purposes in doing that is so that we could comfort those who are as broken as we are and need that love.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Would you come not to us, but we'll seek to help you to heal as best we can. But more importantly, would you come to the God of all comforts, the God of all mercies, who can truly heal the brokenhearted this morning?**

MY NOTES