



What Breaks Your Heart?

- You know a lot about a person by what breaks their heart
- It's possible to get so caught up in what doesn't matter that we remain unmoved by what does
- So how do we know the things that are worth being broken hearted about?

What Breaks Jesus' Heart?

- Jesus heart breaks for the sick
When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick. (Matthew 14:14, NIV)
- Jesus heart breaks for the hungry
Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I have compassion for these people; they have already been with me three days and have nothing to eat. I do not want to send them away hungry, or they may collapse on the way." (Matthew 15:32, NIV)
- Jesus heart breaks for the lost
"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. (Matthew 23:37, NIV)

- Jesus heart breaks for the lonely
Filled with compassion, Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "I am willing," he said. "Be clean!" Mark 1:41, NIV)
- Jesus heart breaks for the grieving
When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled....Jesus wept. (John 11:33, 35, NIV)
- Jesus heart breaks for the helpless
When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. (Matthew 9:36, NIV)
- What would happen if your heart broke over the same things?

What good is a broken heart?

- Many of these problems are bigger than we are.
- Yet God makes a promise to those who broken
Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. (Matthew 5:4, NIV)
- Could being truly broken hearted over these evils be the best thing we can do to respond to them?
- If we are really going to make a difference, we must be careful where we get our comfort
I cried out to God for help; I cried out to God to hear me. When I was in distress, I sought the Lord; at night I stretched out untiring hands and my soul refused to be comforted. (Psalm 77:1-2, NIV)

- We need to be more like the persistent widow
- By willingly persisting in a painful prayer, our pain can become redemptive and we have the chance to share in the sufferings of Christ

*I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.
(Philippians 3:10-11, NIV)*

- Will you pray "Break Me" and refuse to be consoled by anything less than real change?

Praying DANGEROUSLY

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"Break Me"

Responding to God's Word:

- What things are breaking your heart that aren't worth being broken over?
- What things should be breaking your heart more?
- Are you settling for feeling better instead of insisting that things get better?

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