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Another Beautiful Life
PODCAST GUIDE

This guide is intended to be used as a complement to my podcast "Another Beautiful Life." It is best utilized after listening to the corresponding episode. Please take some time to be contemplative in your answers. My suggestion is to ask the Holy Spirit to lead you through it before you begin. I'm already praying you hear His voice clearly.

Episode 22 - Blessed To Be Broken - Pt. 2

I mentioned several songs that were difficult for me to listen to after my husband's death. Some lyrics were hard to hear, let alone sing along with.

1) If this is you, too, what songs/lyrics have been hard for you to listen to or sing?

As long as we live on this earth, hard things are going to come. One way or another. That's the way this life on earth goes. Darkness and evil preside. Sin and disease pervade our daily living. My prayer is to be able to say, "When joy comes; when peace comes; when fulfillment comes; when prosperity comes; when pain comes; when drowning rain comes; when confusion comes; when loneliness comes; when instability comes; when my heart is shattered, there I will praise You."

2) What is it that comes up for you? What would you write?

Oswald Chambers rightly said: "Once you are rooted in reality - in the Sovereignty of God - nothing can shake you. If your faith is in experiences, anything that happens is likely to upset that faith. But nothing can ever change God. Base your faith on that. Once you have a personal relationship with Jesus, you will never be moved again." He's encouraging us to believe in a different reality than what we see and experience here on earth. He's saying that the reality is that God is Sovereign, and trusting in that, you will never be moved by your circumstances.

3) What is your faith based on - life's experiences or the Sovereignty of God? And how is that affecting the way you face your circumstances?

I stated that I am blessed to be broken, because I know that in that brokenness I've had the privilege of becoming richer, more complete, more satisfied than I've ever had an opportunity to be in any other circumstance...and ever thought possible. The beauty of knowing Him more intimately is greater than anything else I could ever dream or desire. It's the ones who have been broken who know this best.

4) Do you feel broken? Write a little bit of the details here.

I shared a story about the Shepherd and the wandering, little lamb, and how the Shepherd carries that little lamb on his shoulders as his broken legs heal. The Shepherd and the little lamb become intimately acquainted because of it.

5) What part of the intimacy that they shared strikes you as most desirable?

If you've been broken, too, do you recognize the privilege it is to be carried on your Shepherd's shoulders? Whether you know it or not, your Shepherd is carrying you in your brokenness. He is desiring for you to become one with Him - to get in sync with His heartbeat; to breath in the same breath pattern. He invites you to rest your head, snuggled up under His chin - safe, secure, intimate. He has chosen you, in your brokenness, to carry you until your breaks heal; until you feel strong enough to stand on your own; until you know you can completely and utterly depend upon Him, because He's trustworthy and safe. Blessed to be broken - you are.

6) Write a short prayer to your Shepherd who is carrying you now. Let Him know how you feel about that and what you desire. He's listening. You've got His attention.
