

God Will Put You Back Together

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There are some wounds that cut deeper than others. Not the kind you get from strangers, but the kind you get from people who were supposed to love you, support you, or stand with you. Maybe it was a friend who betrayed your trust. A family member who walked away. A church family that turned cold. A relationship that left you feeling like a pile of shattered pieces on the floor. And somewhere in the middle of all that hurt, you wondered if you would ever feel whole again.

I want to talk to you today, because I believe with everything in me that God is not finished with you. Not even close.

Here is something beautiful about God. He is drawn to broken things. He does not look at your shattered pieces and walk away. He kneels down, and He starts putting you back together. David understood this better than most. This was a man who had been betrayed by his own son, abandoned by friends, and hunted down like an animal. And yet, in one of the most beloved passages in all of Scripture, he wrote these words: "He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake" (Psalm 23:3). He restores my soul. Not just patches it up. Not just puts a bandage on it. He restores it. That word carries the idea of bringing something back to its original condition, or even better than it was before. God is in the business of restoration, and He is very good at His job.

If you want to see what God's restoration looks like up close, look at Joseph. His brothers hated him, stripped him of his robe, threw him into a pit, and sold him to slave traders for twenty pieces of silver. The people who should have loved him most were the very ones who broke him.

But God was with Joseph every step of the way. Through slavery. Through a false accusation. Through years in a prison cell. And then one day, Pharaoh had a dream that nobody could interpret, and God used Joseph to do what nobody else could do. Scripture tells us, "So Pharaoh said to Joseph, 'Inasmuch as God has shown you all this, there is no one as discerning and wise as you'" (Genesis 41:39). From the pit to the palace. From a prison cell to second-in-command over all of Egypt.

And then the moment came. His brothers showed up, bowing before him, not even recognizing the man they had thrown away. Joseph did not just survive what they did to him. He was restored, right in front of them. That is what God does. He does not just heal you quietly in a corner somewhere. Sometimes He heals you on a stage, in full view of the people who thought they had finished you.

Joseph himself put it plainly when his brothers finally realized who he was. He said, "But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is this day, to save many people alive" (Genesis 50:20). This is one of the most powerful truths in all of God's Word. Every weapon that was formed against you, every scheme that was plotted, every door that was slammed in your face, God can take all of it and weave it into something purposeful. Something redemptive. Something that blesses not just you, but people around you who need what you have learned through your suffering. Isaiah puts it this way: "No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue which rises against you in judgment you shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is from Me" (Isaiah 54:17). That is not a suggestion. That is a covenant promise.

One of the patterns woven all through Scripture is this. God consistently honors those who remain faithful through suffering. He does not let faithfulness go unnoticed. The Psalmist wrote, "The LORD is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit" (Psalm 34:18). He is near to the brokenhearted, not distant or indifferent, but truly close. And Peter, writing to a people who were suffering deeply, reminded them of this: "Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:6-7). In due time. God's timing is rarely our timing, and that can be painful to sit with. But His timing is always right.

Now here is where we have to be honest with ourselves. When someone hurts us deeply, our flesh wants to hold onto it. We want to rehearse the offense, nurse the wound, and maybe even plan how we will one day make them see what they did. But the Bible is clear about what bitterness does to a person. The writer of Hebrews warned,

"looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled" (Hebrews 12:15). Bitterness is a root. It does not stay in one place. It spreads. And Jesus was plain about forgiveness. He said, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses" (Matthew 6:14-15). Forgiveness is not optional for the believer. It is not easy. But it is required. And here is the grace in it. Forgiveness does not mean what they did was okay. It means you are releasing the weight of it so that God can move freely in your life. You cannot walk into your restoration while dragging your resentment behind you.

I want you to hear this today, wherever you are in your healing. The chapter you are living in right now is not the last chapter. It may feel like the ending. It may feel like the pit. But God is writing a story, and He is not done yet. Paul wrote from a prison cell these stunning words: "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). All things. Not just the good things. Not just the comfortable things. All things. Even the betrayal. Even the rejection. Even the years that felt like they were stolen from you.

If you are sitting in a season of brokenness right now, God sees you. He has not forgotten your name, your pain, or your faithfulness through it all. He is a God who lifts the humble, restores the broken, and silences the accuser. The same God who put Joseph back together, in front of the very brothers who had sold him into slavery, is the same God who is working in your life right now. Keep your eyes on Him. Keep your hands clean. Keep your heart soft. And trust the God who specializes in turning ruins into testimonies.

Your story is not over. The best part may be just ahead.

"Wait on the LORD; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the LORD!" – Psalm 27:14