



Beautifully Broken

Week Two

Non-negotiable Exodus 2-3

Ice Breaker:

Pioneers, trailblazers, inventors, rugged individualists, Teddy Roosevelt, Thomas Edison, Susan B. Anthony, George Patton and the Marlboro Man are all examples of an American ideal of self-sufficiency. Why do they appeal to us so much?

References:

Watchman Nee	The Normal Christian Life
Charles Stanley	Brokenness, The Way To Blessing
Lon Solomon	Brokenness: How God Redeems Pain and Suffering

Psalms 51:17 Psalms 34:18 Isaiah 57:15 John 12:24-26

Discussion Questions:

1. Spiritual usefulness, without brokenness, is a spiritual impossibility. What does this statement mean to you personally?
2. Two reasons for brokenness were given as; "...brokenness is to dislodge our self-life and provide a reliance on him, in submission to HIS will. What does it mean to dislodge our self-life?
How would you describe the meaning of reliance? What makes self-reliance so different from reliance on God?
Which one is harder and why do you think so?
3. Exodus 2 and 3 tell us of Moses' early years, what observations do you make of Moses in these two chapters?
4. Exodus 3: 4 and 11 Give us Moses' responses to God; contrast these verses to Moses' earlier reaction to the lack of justice in Exodus 2:11-12.
5. Moses was born in the house (tribe) of Levi, was rescued by a princess and became a survivor of a great atrocity who then was educated in the best schools in the world by the same man who had tried to kill him as a child. Next he became a celebrated military leader and royal family member who had a passion for justice and for the liberty of the "minority slave race" that he was a member of. Personally witnessing an injustice, he kills an Egyptian offender in secret which overnight became a well-known fact in the Jewish community. Moses, himself now a fugitive from justice spends the next 40 years literally on the backside of the desert tending the

sheep of his father-in-law sees an odd sight on the horizon, a fire that while burning brightly does not seem to spread.

Why Moses?

What brokenness did Moses experience?

What brokenness do you share with Moses?

How do you relate to the 40-year period that Moses spent in the desert?

What in your life may God be working on?

What does this look like?

Where next does God need to be working in your life and why?

6. Since brokenness is the result of God replacing our "self" with Himself resulting in ministry coming out of the overflow of our relationship with Christ, explain how is this different than religion?

7. What does the refrain "and the cry of my heart is to bring you praise from the inside out." mean to you?