



Beautifully Broken

Week Six

The Promise Amidst Brokenness II Corinthians 12:1-10

Ice Breaker:

Why do you think we are not told what Paul's "thorn-in-the-flesh" was?

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. Having heard about and discussed God's process of brokenness to bring about spiritual maturity and supernatural ministry; in what ways have you become more sensitive to God working in your life?
2. What is the natural consequence when we push God out of our lives and we choose to live independently?
3. True or False
 - a) Brokenness is a direct result of sin.
 - b) Brokenness is a form of punishment from God.
 - c) Satan is the only instigator of brokenness.
 - d) Having never been truly broken is a sign of spiritual maturity.
4. Re-write Psalms 119:50 in your own words and explain your thoughts.
5. Explain how Paul could boast. (II Corinthians 12:1)
6. What personal limitations do you think of when you hear/read; "The gift of a handicap is to keep us in touch with our limitations."

7. The five promises.

a) God is committed to your ultimate good out of His ultimate GRACE.

b) In brokenness, God maintains total authority.

Read Romans 8:28-29 and explain how God maintains His authority and what is the His ultimate goal.

c) In brokenness, God will always be patient with you. II Corinthians 12:8-9a.
How is God being patient with you?

d) In brokenness, God will never abandon you, my GRACE is sufficient for you.

e) In brokenness, God will manifest His life through you...as you YIELD
to Him. II Corinthians 12:9

8. Read II Corinthians 12:10 aloud to your group in as many translations as possible. How is it possible to be strong when weak? In what ways have you been strong, when weak?