

# BROKEN

- What does the Bible tell us about BROKENESS?
- **Luke 18:9-14**
  - “Jesus addressed this parable to those who were convinced of their own righteousness and despised everyone else. “Two people went up to the temple area to pray; one was a Pharisee and the other was a tax collector. The Pharisee took up his position and spoke this prayer to himself, ‘O God, I thank you that I am not like the rest of humanity — greedy, dishonest, adulterous — or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, and I pay tithes on my whole income.’ But the tax collector stood off at a distance and would not even raise his eyes to heaven but beat his breast and prayed, ‘O God, be merciful to me a sinner.’ I tell you, the latter went home justified, not the former; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted.””
- WE ARE ALL BROKEN
  - We are **Broken** by sin
  - **Wounded** by the world.
  - Anything in our life that clouds our relationship with God
- **BROKEN BY SIN:**
  - *“All have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God”* [Rom 3:23](#)
  - "Let the Spirit direct your lives, and you will not satisfy the desires of human nature. For what is human nature is opposed to what the Spirit wants, and what the Spirit wants is opposed to what human nature wants. What human nature does is quite plain. It shows itself in immoral, filthy, and indecent actions. But the Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control. The Spirit has given us life; he must also control our lives." [Gal: 5:16-19, 22-23](#)
  - *"We know that the Law is Spiritual: but I am a mortal, sold as a slave to sin. I do not understand what I do: for I don't do what I would like to do, but instead do what I hate. My inner being delights in the Law*

*of God. But I see a different law at work in my body - a law that fights against the law which my mind approves of. It makes me a **PRISONER** to the law of sin which is at work in my body." [Rom 7: 14-15, 22-24](#)*

- *"We have an obligation, first to resist temptation. If we fail then and we sin we have an obligation to repent immediately. If we do not repent, then God lets us have our way: He allows us to experience the natural consequences of our sins, the illicit pleasures. If we fail to repent- through self-denial and acts of penance- God allows us to continue in sin, thereby forming a habit, a vice, **which darkens our intellect and weakens our wills**" Scott Hahn*
- Satan Began lying to us at the beginning of human history.
  - Satan has been lying and deceiving ever since!
- **Mark 7:14-23** Evil comes from within us:
  - *"But what comes out of the man, that is what defiles him. From within the man, from his heart, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile."*
- "Repent and be changed"
  - John the Baptist said it
  - Jesus said it
  - We are much better at the repent part, "Jesus I am sorry"
  - Not so good and the be changed part
- Our unrepentant sins are what separate us from God
- Sin is not just a stain that you can take to the dry cleaners...it is a wound
- Quotes from Pope Francis
- *"The place where my encounter with the mercy of Jesus takes place is my sin."*

- **My Witness** (Fr. Nick Story)
  - All people chained by some sin
  - You too Brian
  - Book UNBOUND by Neal Lozano
  - If you want to be an effective evangelizer you must come to grips with your own sin.
- **WOUNDED BY WORLD AND BY OTHERS**
  - Bumper Sticker: **STUFF HAPPENS**
  - *“The righteous cry out, the LORD hears and he rescues them from all their afflictions. The LORD is close to the brokenhearted, saves those whose spirit is crushed.”* Psalm 34: 19-19
- **Song BROKEN BY Kenneth Cope**