

Broken SLIDE 69

9:30-10:00 am

- What does the Bible tell us about BROKENESS?
- **SLIDE 40 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.””

- **Slide 41** WE ARE ALL BROKEN
 - **BULLET** We are Broken by sin
 - **BULLET** Wounded by the world.
 - **BULLET** Anything in our life that clouds our relationship with God

Let's first look at Broken by sin:

- **SLIDE 42** "All have sinned and are deprived of the glory of God" [Rom 3:23](#)
- **SLIDE 43** Matthew Genealogy which will be read at the Christmas vigil mass will remind us of the long list of Broken people, including Abraham, David. It reminds us that for many years the Jews were in exile and oppressed. You and I are in good company.
- **SLIDE 44** Last week on the 1st Sunday of Advent we hear this, "*Let us then **throw off the works of darkness** and put on the armor of light; let us conduct ourselves properly as in the day, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in promiscuity and lust, not in rivalry and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the desires of the flesh.*" **Romans 13:11-14**

- **SLIDE 45** Paul tells us in [Gal: 5:16-19, 22-23](#) "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."
- **SLIDE 46** Again in [Rom 7: 14-15, 22-24](#) Paul makes it clear: "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."

- **SLIDE 47** [Finally, Catholic author, Scott Hahn](#), in his book: *The Lamb's Supper* talks about our humanness this way: "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"**
- **SLIDE 48** Satan Began lying to us at the beginning of human history.
 - Dialog from the Book of Genesis:
 - **God said:** *"From that tree you shall not eat; the moment you eat from it you are surely doomed to die."*
 - **Satan says:**
 - *"Did God really say, 'You shall not eat from any of the trees in the garden'?"*
 - *"But the snake said to the woman: "You certainly will not die!"*
 - Satan has been lying and deceiving ever since!

- **SLIDE 49 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.”*

- **SLIDE 50** “Repent and be changed”
 - John the Baptist said it
 - Jesus said it
 - We are much better at the repent part;
 - *“Jesus I am sorry”*
 - We are not so good and the be changed part

- **NO SLIDE** Our unrepentant sins are what separate us from God

- **NO SLIDE** *“Surely you will die”*....and we do, we die a little inside each time we sin

- **SLIDE 51** Sin is not just a stain that you can take to the dry cleaners...it is a wound

- **SLIDE 52** Quotes from Pope Francis
 - *“The place where my encounter with the mercy of Jesus takes place is my sin.”*

My Witness (Fr. Nick Story)

- **SLIDE 53** September 2011
- Why don't Christians follow through?
- 10 days later
- **CLICK** All people chained by some sin
- **CLICK** You too Brian
- **CLICK** Book UNBOUND by Neal Lozano
- If you want to be an effective evangelizer you must come to grips with your own sin.

- **SLIDE 54** CRUSHED IN SPIRIT **WOUNDED**
 - *“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
- **SLIDE 55** WOUNDED BY WORLD AND BY OTHERS
 - **BULLET** Bumper Sticker: **STUFF HAPPENS**
 - Kristen Mapes, Chase Rybka
- **NO SLIDE** The cause of our fractured relationship with God doesn't matter:
 - Broken by Sin
 - Wounded by the world.
- **SLIDE 56** We will see in our next talk how **Pride** gets in our way and prevents us from healing.
- **NO SLIDE** Prior to 2011 my favorite song was:
 - Frank Sinatra's **“I did it my way”**
 - Now it is: **I'll do it your way**
- **NO SLIDE** Do you all agree that we are all BROKEN?
- **SLIDE 57-64** Song **BROKEN BY** Kenneth Cope

Finish talk by 10AM

- **10 Minute Break**