

## **BACK TO THE BASICS OF FAITH**

### *The Unbreakable You*

Years ago, a young woman wrote to me and declared that God was “*breaking her, molding her into what He would have her to be.*” After reading this, a very wise spiritual veteran said to me “*why would God need to break you when He already knows what you’re made of.*” For me, this was one of those razor sharp blades of truth that cuts right down to the meat of the matter. Why would God fill us with the fullness of Christ, endow us with power, and give us the complete protection package of His armor, only to break us down.

And where would it end? We would make no strides towards real growth and maturity if every time we turned around, God was breaking and rebuilding us again. The sentiment of the sista who wrote us sounds very pious, but it is a very self-serving notion; one that seeks to bring the majesty and omnipotence of God down to our level.

This young woman was no doubt inferring that she was embarking upon a supernatural experience—an experience where God was tearing down her personhood to birth something more than what He’s already made her through Christ. Think of it this way. A machine has been flawlessly manufactured to clean floors. It receives an upgrade that makes it virtually indestructible. Would the manufacturer break down the machine and rebuild it just because we didn’t read or understand the instructions regarding how to use it? No!

If you or I never had any aspirations in life, we never wanted anything and never had any desires of any kind, then we would be content to just sit in a rocking chair day in and day out, and rock. The truth is that most of us want a great many things in life. We have aspirations and will seek to fulfill them based on our mental, emotional, and spiritual desires. Desire is power seeking to be manifested. We desire things because things help us express the fullness of who we believe we are.

You want to be blessed in some capacity or other because you want to increase and expand to have, will, and be more than what you are right now. If your mind recognizes a need or desire, and you find that all your efforts do not cause the desire or need to manifest, you then apply the pressure of prayer because you know that God is interested in your increase and can no doubt help you to receive.

If for some reason you deem that an excessive amount of time has gone by without the fulfillment of your request, or if your situation has deteriorated to the point of causing you mental and emotional discomfort, you might resort to an incorrect assumption. You might assume that God is putting you through this discomfort because you are less than adequate, when in actuality you did not read, understand, or practically apply the instructions.

1 Peter 1:23 says that we have been born again, not of corruptible seed, but incorruptible seed. The seed that is within you is the indwelling Holy Spirit. Try as you might, there is nothing, absolutely nothing that you can do to destroy the spirit within. It is a gift of God and all of God’s

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gifts are perfect through and through. Imperfection enters into the picture only by way of our lack or misunderstanding of this gift.

God has provided us perfection! We have a perfect Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We have his perfect example to follow. We have a perfect set of instructions (the bible) and we have a perfect helper (the indwelling holy spirit) implanted within to help us yield the outcomes that we desire. To think any less than this is to live and think beneath our privilege; it is to diminish the reality of Christ and what he accomplished on the cross.

God did not create birds, expect them to fly and not give them wings. Human beings were created to be like Christ and to walk by his example. We came into this world with wings, and after our born again experience it is our responsibility to learn how to fly.

The new birth transformation through salvation extends everything that we will ever need to live life victoriously. Through the death and resurrection of Christ we have the power of the Holy Spirit, and the gift makes us whole in every way. He has given us the choice to walk in all that He has given—to hold every thought captive to His Word. He has given us the ministry of reconciliation whereby we might reconcile the unbelieving to Christ; and He has made us responsible for molding our actions, our character, and our lifestyle in the very image of Christ. If He has told us to do it, He will not do it, and **He will not make us do it!**

We're all distinct and unique, and thank God for it! We make mistakes, we get off track and we mess up, but those are OUR mistakes. God doesn't orchestrate them, but He will lovingly forgive us and help to restore us when we're down. He would never break anyone for any reason, that's the enemy's territory.

It is so easy to allow the tragedies, dysfunction, and mayhem of the world to dampen our outlook on our lives. But what's even more tragic is to allow anything in this world to alter the truth of how magnificently loving and good God is...no matter the circumstance. He is good all the time and all the time He is good.

Seeing ourselves as someone who needs to be broken is not the same as being pliable to the Will of God. Something cracked, chipped, or worn down is too fragile to be flexible. Ephesians 2:10 NLT declares that "...we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so that we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." A master craftsman would never break something she or he has created, but rather, she or he would craft it to perfection for all the world to see, and that is God's heart and intention for us.

All that matters in life, Sistas, is that we please the Father, because doing so means that we understand who He is and what He has made us through Christ Jesus. We are the masterpieces, and we have the distinct and awesome privilege to polish ourselves with His love. This isn't a grievous process unless we make it one.

Corrosion is caused by not letting go of things that keep us from realizing our worth. That's the only thing broken in a born again believer. 2 Corinthians 3:5 KJV tells us that God is our sufficiency. We are complete in Him! I challenge you to see God greater than you have before, and recognize that He is helping you to be your best, and He won't break you to do it.

Walk in Victory!

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