



God Uses Broken People | Shawn Johnson | 9.4.22

Weekly Study

SHARE

On Sunday Shawn closed out our series, “Right Side Up” with a conversation that to some degree each one of us can relate to. God chooses to invite the brokenness of his people to continue to bring restoration to the broken world by flipping things right side up as it was intended to be from the very beginning of time. God wants to use our brokenness for his purpose, and it is our response to the invitation that can be a part of building God’s Kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

Before we jump into the study, take some time to check in with your group and ask the following questions:

- **What is the most impactful or challenging thing you learned during Sunday’s sermon?**
- **What did that thing teach you about God? About yourself?**

GROW

Read 1 Timothy 1:12-14 (MSG.)

All throughout scripture we see that God did not choose people who were perfect, who seemed to make the mark while having it all together. Not even close! He didn't choose the religious elite or the righteous. But he chose messed up, broken people like you and I. Shawn used several examples from the Bible like Moses, Peter, and Paul. We see God using prostitutes, those with special needs, murders, the poor, and adulterers. He uses us, our stories, our brokenness, and he will still choose us! This is scandalous grace and a love that makes no sense to our human minds, but could this be the reminder that we have no good thing without Jesus (Psalm 16:2)? This love is saying, there is nothing too broken for God to give purpose to.

- **Have you ever felt too broken to be used by God for his purpose?**
- **What keeps you from wanting to listen when you know God is wanting to use you?**

Dive Deeper: Speak a word of encouragement to each other as you go around and share.

M O V E

Read John 8:1-11; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Shawn posed a good thought this week, he said "what you have been through often dictates what you are called to." What if the divorce, addiction, prison sentence, death of your child, sickness, special need... God wants to use it for his purpose in another's life. That he is calling you to something deeper and it will require courage to believe in him. We see this in the woman's story we just read about. God did not condemn her. He saw her, he really saw her and spoke life into her, and nothing stopped her from sharing the radical love Jesus just poured out on her. She was on the margins of society, redeemed, restored and in that used to share with others what God had done! In our stories we have all experienced the pain either brought on by our own sin or by others and just as Paul said in 2 Corinthians, God comforts us so that we can then bring comfort to others. But do we believe this of our own story?

- Do you believe God can use your story to bring others to Him? Why or why not?
- Is there someone in your life that you believe God wants to use your story for a greater purpose other than yourself?
- If you are struggling to believe that God wants to use you in your brokenness, pray that God will give you courage to believe that he will use it for his purpose and glory alone.
- Dive Deeper: Jump down to the “pray” section and split up into groups of no more than three to pray together.

P R A Y

Pray for each other. If you're in a co-ed group, it may be easier to break up into groups to more freely share.