

Dangerous Prayers

Part 6-Break My Heart

Jeremiah 8:18-22

Three Important Questions...

Question 1: What breaks your heart? Does your heart your heart break over the things that break the heart of God?

My grief is beyond healing; my heart is broken. Listen to the weeping of my people; it can be heard all across the land. Jeremiah 8:18-19a NLT

Question 2: What if God's greatest BLESSINGS come from God's greatest BREAKINGS?

"Has the LORD abandoned Jerusalem? the people ask.

"Is her King no longer there?"

"Oh, why have they provoked my anger with their carved idols and their worthless foreign gods?" says the LORD.

"The harvest is finished, and the summer is gone," the people cry, "yet we are not saved!"

I hurt with the hurt of my people.

I mourn and am overcome with grief. Jeremiah 8:19-21b NLT

- **Consider those whose hearts were broken throughout the Scriptures.**
 - **Moses**
 - **David**
 - **Nehemiah**
 - **Jesus**

Questions 3: Isn't it better to HURT with a purpose than it is to EXIST without one?

Is there no medicine in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why is there no healing for the wounds of my people? Jeremiah 8:22 NLT

We put no confidence in human effort, though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more!

I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.

I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. Philippians 3:3-7 NLT

My heart is filled with bitter sorrow and unending grief for my people, my Jewish brothers and sisters. I would be willing to be forever cursed—cut off from Christ!—if that would save them.

Romans 9:2-3 NLT

Does your heart break with the things that break the heart of God?

Are you ready to bring the Good News to a world in such great need?

How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns! Isaiah 52:7 NLT