

Changing the Way You Think:

Broken Hallelujah (Part 2)

Truth * Identity * Purpose * Success * Beauty * Love

I would lose all hope if it weren't for two promises God has made to us:

1. "Love Never Fails" *"But it feels like it's failing...in every part of my life."*
2. "Truth will Set you Free" *"I feel anything but free..."*

2 Cor. 2:11 [Let] no advantage be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his evil schemes.

- Culture's Counterfeits Facilitate Brokenness...by questioning God's love and offering false alternatives.

The Tough Love of God

Hebrews 12:5-8, 11-12

My child, don't make light of the Lord's discipline, and don't give up when he corrects you. For the Lord disciplines those he loves...As you endure this divine discipline, remember that God is treating you as his own children.

No discipline is enjoyable while it is happening—it's painful! But afterward there will be a peaceful harvest of right living for those who are trained in this way. So take a new grip with your tired hands and strengthen your weak knees. Mark out a straight path for your feet so that those who are weak and lame will not fall but become strong.

Speaking Truth in Love

Ephesians 4:14-15

Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Instead, **we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ.**

"Truth without love is brutality, and love without truth is hypocrisy."

James 1:2-5

Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, for when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.

Romans 5:3-5

³We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance. And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation. And this hope will not lead to disappointment. For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love.

Making All Things New

Revelation 21:3-5

Then I heard a loud shout from the throne, saying, "Look, God's home is now among his people! He will live with them, and they will be his people. God himself will be with them. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and there will be no more death or sorrow or crying or pain. All these things are gone forever." And the one sitting on the throne said, "Look, **I am making all things new!**" And then he said to me, "Write this down, for what I tell you is trustworthy and true."

Philippians 1:6

I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, **will continue his work until it is finally finished.**

But now _____, listen to what the Lord says who created you and formed you:

Fear Not!

I have redeemed you;

I have called you by name;

You are Mine!

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and you will not be swept away.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned up.

For I am the Lord Your God...

You are precious in my sight...

And I love you...

[So], Do Not Fear, I am with You.

Isaiah 43:1-5