

SERMON SERIES: Dangerous Prayers
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Key Line

Life's greatest breakings can lead to God's greatest blessings.

Introduction

When we are comfortable, we don't have a drive to do anything different to change ourselves or the world.

- Have you ever prayed the prayer, "God, break me"?
- Why or why not?

Seek the Word

Brokenness gives way to hunger. Hunger leads to encounter. Encounter leads to change.

Read Psalm 51:16-19.

- What had David done that led up to him writing this psalm? *(He had sex with Bathsheba and had her husband killed.)*
- What is the difference between sinful brokenness and spiritual brokenness? *(Sinful brokenness emphasizes our sinfulness and our flaws and leaves us feeling bad about ourselves. Spiritual brokenness emphasizes God's power, gives us hope and relies on God's grace.)*
- David was grieving the loss of his son with Bathsheba when Nathan the prophet came in and pointed out his sin. How did David respond? *(He repented.)*
- Read verse 17. What was David's sacrifice? *(A broken spirit and a broken and contrite heart.)*

Talk About It

- What does it mean to be "hungry and desperate" for Jesus? *(We are driven to be with Jesus.)*
- When we feel sinful brokenness, we can easily be bogged down in sadness and regret. How can we go past that and get to spiritual brokenness, where we focus on God's grace? *(It is important to feel the sadness and repent from the sins we have committed. However, when we have experienced that, we can focus on the grace of God. Staying in the sadness and regret falls short and prevents us from seeing the greatness of God.)*