

## Ministry Theme - *Brokenness* - March 2015

March 1. The world breaks everyone, and afterward, some are strong at the broken places.

Ernest Hemingway

March 2. Blessed are the hearts that can bend; they shall never be broken.

Albert Camus

March 3. It is easier to build strong children than to repair broken men.

Frederick Douglass

March 4. Don't tell me the moon is shining; show me the glint of light on broken glass.

Anton Chekhov

March 5. A broken bone can heal, but the wound a word opens can fester forever'

Jessamyn West

March 6. Chains of habit are too light to be felt until they are too heavy to be broken.

Warren Buffett

March 7. When times are tough, constant conflict may be good politics but in the real world, cooperation works better. After all, nobody's right all the time, and a broken clock is right twice a day.

William J. Clinton

March 8. One of the first conditions of happiness is that the link between Man and Nature shall not be broken.

Leo Tolstoy

March 9. The reason why the world lacks unity and lies broken and in heaps is because man is disunited with himself.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

March 10. Have we not come to such an impasse in the modern world that we must love our enemies - or else? The chain reaction of evil – hate begetting hate, wars producing more wars – must be broken, or else we shall be plunged into the dark abyss of annihilation.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

March 11. It is only when we are in touch with ourselves that we can touch other people. This is a form of grace that we can offer each other, because often our gift to the world grows out of those broken wounded places. If you want to find your life's calling, seek out what breaks your heart, because out of the broken places in your heart will come your greatest gift.

Rev. Marlin Lavanhar

March 12. The remedy for life's broken pieces is not classes, workshops or books. Don't try to heal the broken pieces. Just forgive.

Ivania Vanzant

March 13. The spirit of man can endure only so much and when it is broken only a miracle can mend it.

John Burroughs

March 14. The violets in the mountains have broken the rocks.

Tennessee Williams

March 15. Lord save us all from old age and broken health and a hope tree that has lost the faculty of putting out blossoms.

Mark Twain

March 16. O! many a shaft, at random sent,  
Finds mark the archer little meant!  
And many a word, at random spoken,  
May soothe or wound a heart that's broken.

Walter Scott

March 17. The attacks of which I have been the object have broken the spring of life in me... People don't realize what it feels like to be constantly insulted.

Edouard Manet

March 18. It is any day better to stand erect with a broken and bandaged head than to crawl on one's belly in order to be able to save one's head.

Mahatma Gandhi

March 19. The world is given me only once not one existing and one perceived. Subject and object are only one. The barrier between them cannot be said to have broken down as a result of recent experience in the physical sciences, for this barrier does not exist.

Erwin Schrodinger

March 20. Forgiveness is the answer to the child's dream of a miracle by which what is broken is made whole again, what is soiled is made clean again.

Dag Hammarskjold

March 21. Many promising reconciliations have broken down because while both parties come prepared to forgive, neither party comes prepared to be forgiven.

Charles Williams

March 22. Much of life is like a mosaic; it is created out of brokenness. Have you ever wondered why we cut a ribbon to inaugurate a new building or smash a bottle over the bow of a new ship or cut the cake at a wedding? It is an age-old understanding that new life is formed out of brokenness.

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March 23. It is in knowing that others have survived being broken that we gain the courage and the strength to tackle our own brokenness. It is from knowing that everyone has been or will be broken in life—that everyone has a bag to fill with brokenness—that we begin to befriend what we can learn from our own brokenness.

Rev. Tamara Lebak

March 24. It is a curious sensation: the sort of pain that goes mercifully beyond our powers of feeling. When your heart is broken, your boats are burned: nothing matters any more. It is the end of happiness and the beginning of peace.

George Bernard Shaw

March 25. We look back on our life as a thing of broken pieces, because our mistakes and failures are always the first to strike us, and outweigh in our imagination what we have accomplished and attained. Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

March 26. A common theme in many creation stories from the Bible to the most remote tribes of Borneo, begin with a break. Even in science we call the beginning the “Big Bang”. Rev. Marlin Lavanhar

March 27. No one would wish adversity on anyone, but it does seem to be what connects us, what makes us real, human. It is when we hit bottom that we can push off and rise above our original circumstance to a place even higher and greater. From crisis comes renewal, from adversity comes strength, from brokenness comes healing and growth and wisdom. Kate Starr

March 28. The wound is the place where the Light enters you. Rumi

March 29. Brokenness is anything that challenges an integrated unity both within ourselves and with our world at large. Sarah Gettie Burks

March 30. Most companies that go through layoffs are never the same. They don't recover because trust is broken. And if you're not honest at the point where you're breaking trust anyway, you will never recover. Ben Horowitz

March 31. By being honest about who we are, and what breaks our hearts, we can also begin to erase a lot of the false divisions that are created by our fears. “As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others. As we let our own light shine, we give other people permission to do the same.” Rev. Marlin Lavanhar

