

Day 1, The Walk, “Broken and Given”

The season of **Lent** invites us to reflect on our brokenness, both personally and corporately as a group of Christ’s followers. We generally do not like broken things and our first response is to try to fix them. The hope is that some super glue can put everything back together and no one will ever have to know about the broken pieces.

The brokenness experienced by each of us

can be a result of our own sinful actions,

is sometimes caused by the sinfulness of someone else,

and other times simply occurs because we live in a

horribly sinful and fallen world.



As you reflect on these readings, pieces of art, and music, please consider your own brokenness. Do not be afraid to go there . . . let our Lord lead you. Jesus meets us right there in the broken places. The Bible tells us that he is *“near to the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.”* Psalm 147:3

The very thing we are afraid of, our brokenness,

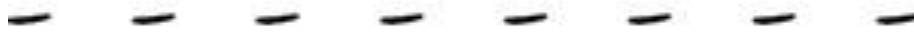
is the door to our Father’s heart. – Paul Miller

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Jesus knew brokenness . . . and he understands ours. Abandoned by his dearest friends, beaten and mocked, murdered in the most excruciating way, buried in a borrowed tomb . . . it seemed to those watching that he was totally and forever broken, but that was not the end of the story.

Three days later it was the tomb that was broken open by the resurrection power of the living Christ! The life that was broken was now totally whole and restored, giving the hope of resurrection to each one of us.

So . . . let yourself be honest with him . . . you are in the presence of the One who knows you best and loves you most . . . so much so that he died for you.

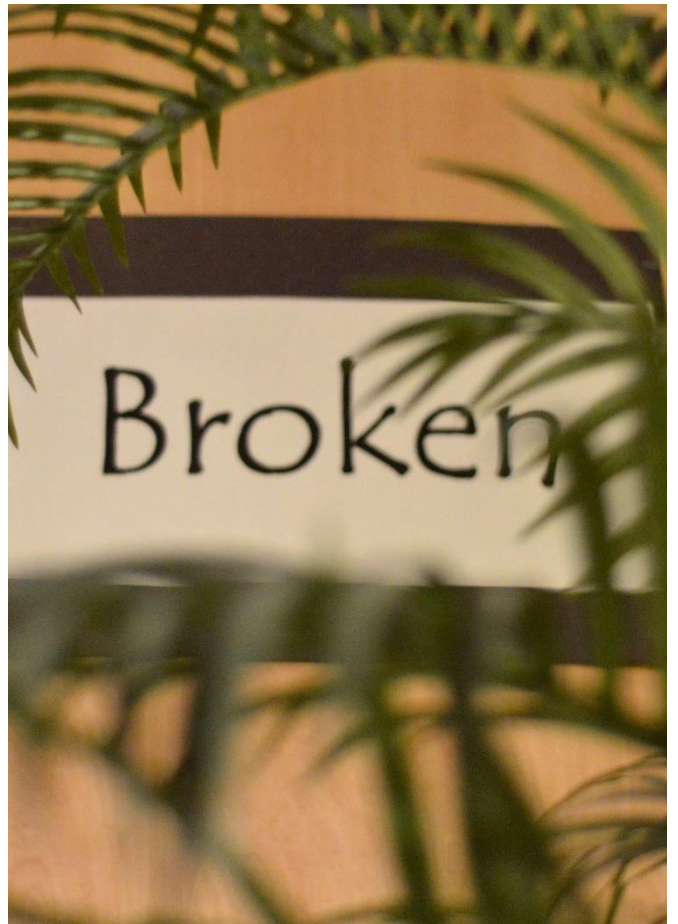
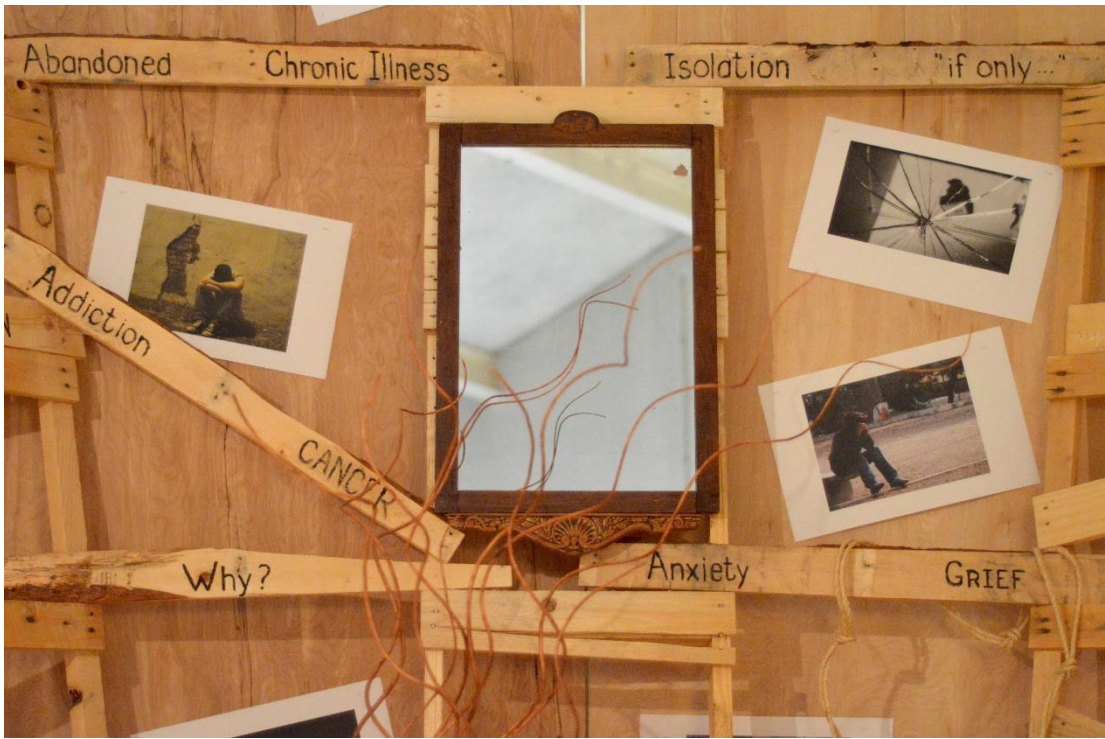


Find something in your home that is broken, something small enough that you can put on your nightstand or near your mirror. As it sits there for the next ten days let it be a reminder of the brokenness in you.



Please click on the link below to listen to the song “Truth by Told” by Matthew West as you look at the visual displays from “Broken and Given,” 2017

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=j4wYkS8Z3lo>



The Virtual Walk, "Broken and Given," Day 1, 2021