

Picking Up the Broken Pieces

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Luke 20:17-18

¹⁷ Jesus looked directly at them and asked, “Then what is the meaning of that which is written: “‘The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone’? ¹⁸ Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces; anyone on whom it falls will be crushed.”

The world is filled with BROKEN people.

As we learned last week from the Parable of the Prodigal Son(s) in Luke 15:11-32, every single one of us is a REBEL who has run from the Father.

Whether we admit it or not, mankind’s rebellion against God leads to only one place:
THE GARBAGE CAN

Philippians 3:8-9

⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith.

Will you admit your brokenness and rebellion and find your true WORTH in knowing Christ?

Philippians 3:10-11

¹⁰ I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of His resurrection and participation in His sufferings, becoming like Him in His death, ¹¹ and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Will you surrender your life so you can fully PARTICIPATE in the life and death of Jesus?

Philippians 3:12-14

¹² Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. ¹³ Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

Will you leave your past behind and move forward into the FUTURE God has prepared for you?