

Be Broken for Jesus

There's a story about a little boy who was poor and in need of shoes. He stood in front of a shoe store, barefoot and shivering with cold. A woman approached him and asked why he was standing there, looking through the window. He told her, "Well, ma'am, I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes."

The woman took the boy into the store, washed his dirty, bare feet and put new socks and shoes on them. The boy was so touched by her care and concern that he asked her, "Ma'am, are you God's wife?" He assumed if she showed him that kind of love, she must be related to God.

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This story is one of the best examples of what it truly means to walk in love. And our goal as believers in Christ is to show God's love so people see Him shining through us every day.

Matthew 26:26 (NIV) says, "While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body.'" We should note that Jesus blessed the bread, broke it and then gave it to the disciples.

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We usually refer to this Scripture when we have Communion to remind us of the sacrifice He made for us. But just as Jesus gave His life and was broken for us, we must be broken so we can live for Him.

We don't like to think about God breaking us, but when we

experience it, we learn that it's really a wonderful thing. Because when we're born again, the seed of God's nature—all that He is—is planted in our spirits.

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