

Christians are creatures under a new regime and new characters in the making but the process is slow, personal and beginning at infinitely diverse starting points. How will it effect your relationships with God if you accept your brokenness and begin to see it as a lot more a realistic assessment than the one you have for yourself right now?

# Broken & Needy

God sent his son Jesus to mend the broken,  
he has no solution to offer for those in pristine condition.



*"The great spiritual call of the Beloved Children of God is to pull their brokenness away from the shadow of the curse and put it under the light the blessing"*

*Henri Nouwen*

“The awareness of our brokenness is never far beneath the surface of our existence because we all know that none of us will escape death—the most radical manifestation of brokenness”  
Henri Nouwen

## Marks of our brokenness

We cannot live as we would dearly wish and truly should (read Romans 7:14-25)

We cannot free ourselves from unhealthy dependencies for love and recognition from others (read Luke 14:26).

We cannot cope in a Godly way with our day to day troubles—the big ones offer us an opportunity to be heroes but the minor annoyances just get in the way and reveal our pettiness. (read James 1:2-4)



We struggle to be honest and transparent because we fear that others can be as judgmental and dismissive as ourselves (read Matt 7:1-3)



## Befriending our brokenness

“...brokenness is, in fact just as intimate a part of our being as our chosenness and our blessedness, we have to dare to overcome our fear and become familiar with it. Yes we have to find the courage to embrace our own brokenness, to make our most feared enemy into a friend and to claim it as an intimate companion”. - Henri Nouwen

Disappointment in our incredible fallibility brought us to the feet of our redeemer (Luke 22:31-32).



Your desire for unconditional love brought us to the arms of our Lord. (read Is 54:6-8)

Our pain and frustration—serious or trivial, made us unsatisfied enough with this world accept the offer of life in another . (Isaiah 55:1-3)



Our fear of God's disapproval invoked by our guilty conscience caused us to accept with joy the offer of sins forgiven and forgotten. (read Isaiah 1:18-20,

