

Brokenness Brings Blessedness

One soul-searching day as I was reading my Bible, my eyes fell on Zephaniah chapter three, verse one, which reads, "*Woe to her who is rebellious...*" His warning got my attention. God was talking about the wickedness of Jerusalem, but the verses were leaping off the pages and penetrating my heart.

As I continued reading, in verse two the Lord proceeded to describe the rebel:

"She has not obeyed His voice.
She has not received correction;
She has not trusted in the Lord,
She has not drawn near to her God."

"O God," I cried, "You've given a description of a prideful woman, and it sounds painfully familiar!" She is:

Presumptuous.
Rebellious
Independent
Demanding
Egotistical

The Holy Spirit convicted my heart, for I was living in sin. I had received Him as my Saviour, but I would not let Him be Lord of my life. I had rebelliously closed my heart to Him due to being sexually abused as a girl. We had no Father-daughter relationship. I was rejecting His sovereignty, living a life of legalism, and I was totally miserable. I pridefully lived a form of godliness, but I denied God's power to reign in my life.

As I began to agree with God over my evil condition, I became broken before Him. Not only was I sorry for my sin, but I wanted to be changed. I confessed my transgressions to God, asked His forgiveness, and surrendered to His will. He heard my prayer, cleansed me, and restored me to fellowship with Him. I praise the Lord for His loving-kindness and tender mercies! They are new every morning. God is faithful Father!

I am on a pathway of grace as I daily seek His face. My mind is being renewed as I meditate on His Word, and the Holy Spirit is empowering me to respond in humbleness of heart-I am learning to obey God's voice, receive correction, trust Him wholeheartedly, and draw near to my Abba Father. I am blessed! Now I want to testify to others of His loving grace that is available to everyone and sufficient for every circumstance.