

The Sacrifice

Civil War:

~625,000

World War I:

116,516

World War II:

405,399

Total soldiers killed in this great war: 35 Mill.

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Korea:
36,516

Vietnam:
58,209

Total dead from all sides in this strategic conflict: some three million, four-hundred thirty-four thousand.

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Desert Storm:

293

Afghanistan

2,145 +

Iraq:

4,486 +

The Sacrifice

The sacrifice of one's life for one's country is a truly awesome act.

As our Marines remind us:

“all gave some, but some gave all.”

Today honors those who set a great example of faith for us to follow.

Edward Church

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Psalm 147:1-3

Beautiful Brokenness

Ever Feel this Way?



- Broken
- Shattered
- Set On a Shelf
- Tossed Aside
- Thrown Away

World's Reply...

- *"It takes too much work to try to restore" ...*
... *"Just get a new one"*
- *"Don't let anyone see the broken flaws"*

Such Reality in the Way We Often Live in This World

World is Full of Brokenness



Broken...

- **Families**
- **Marriages**
- **Relationships**
- **Dreams**
- **Lives**

WHY?

But the Word is Full of Promises

Psalm 147:3 (YLT)

Who is giving healing to the broken of heart / is binding up their griefs

Isaiah 53:1-5 (MSG)

¹ Who believes what we've heard and seen? Who would have thought GOD's saving power would look like this? ² The servant grew up before God—a scrawny seedling, a scrubby plant in a parched field. There was nothing attractive about him, nothing to cause us to take a second look. ³ He was looked down on and passed over, a man who suffered, who knew pain firsthand. One look at him and people turned away. We looked down on him, thought he was scum. ⁴ But the fact is, it was our pains he carried—our disfigurements, all the things wrong with us. We thought he brought it on himself, that God was punishing him for his own failures. ⁵ But it was our sins that did that to him, that ripped and tore and crushed him—our sins! He took the punishment, and that made us whole. Through his bruises we get healed.

Japan = Kintsugi

Japan, Made an Art Out of Restoring Broken Things...

...An Ancient Practice Called Kintsugi =

...*“Golden Joinery”* or *“Patch With Gold”*

An Age-Old Custom of Repairing Cracked Pottery w- Real Gold,

...Not Only Fixing the Break, but Greatly Increasing it's Value

• Instead of Hiding the Flaws, Highlight Them...

...Bringing Unique Beauty to the Original Piece

The Pottery Becomes More Beautiful/ Valuable in the...

...Restoration Process

...Though It Was Once Broken

...It Not Only Has History

...But a New Story

There are Times...

In Weak Moments, When You've...

- **Lost Your Grip**
- **Come Crashing Down**
- **Feel Beyond Repair This Time**
- **Tossed Aside... Forgotten... Shamed... Rejected**

Yet God Breaks Through All that Mess

- **You are Never Beyond Healing**
- **You are Never Too Broken for Restoration**
- **Do Not Be Ashamed of Your Scars...**

...They Have an Amazing Story to Tell

Here is Truth

Just Because We've Been Broken Doesn't Mean We Are...

- Thrown Away
- Un-usable
- Set on a Shelf
- Forgotten

Brokenness has the Power...

...Unlike Anything Else to Bring Forth

...New Beauty, Strength/ Inspiration to Others

Often In the Moments that We've Tasted Deep Suffering...

...We Noticed

...We Were Made For More

...There's Purpose for Our Lives

...God Will Use This Moment for My Good

Remember...

Isa 53:3-5 (AMP) He was despised and rejected *and* forsaken by men, a Man of sorrows *and* pains, and acquainted with grief *and* sickness; and like One from Whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we did not appreciate His worth *or* have any esteem for Him. ⁴ Surely He has borne our griefs (sicknesses, weaknesses, and distresses) and carried our sorrows *and* pains [of punishment], yet we [ignorantly] considered Him stricken, smitten, and afflicted by God [as if with leprosy]. ⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our guilt *and* iniquities; the chastisement [needful to obtain] peace *and* well-being for us was upon Him, and with the stripes [that wounded] Him we are healed *and* made whole.

We Have a Healer

“He HEALS
The BROKEN
in Heart ^{and} BINDS ^{up}
their WOUNDS.”

Psalm 147:3

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Psalm 147:1-3 (AMP)

1 PRAISE THE Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God, for He is gracious *and* lovely; praise is becoming *and* appropriate.

2 The Lord is building up Jerusalem; He is gathering together the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds [curing their pains and their sorrows].

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