



### **The Breaking Point**

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**Mark 14:32 (NIV) They went to a place called Gethsemane, and Jesus said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray."**

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I heard about an interview with Senator John McCain.

While he was a lieutenant in Vietnam he became a prisoner of war.

He was a prisoner of war in Vietnam for five years.

They taught him before he was taken captive how strong that he would have to be if taken as a prisoner.

He had to maintain his position at all cost and not allow anyone to make him betray his country.

He learned his routine and he knew what he was going to say.

But, after years of pressure, years of abuse, years of being humiliated, he broke under the pressure and began to say anything that his enemies wanted him to say.

He said, "I didn't think that I could be broken but up under enough pressure, I was shocked to find out that I could break."

He also said, "I'm still not proud of it, in fact I am ashamed of it, but they hit that point that in spite of all my discipline and my training the desire to survive overwhelmed me that I began to say things that I later regret because I had a breaking point."

What the Senator said about His situation is true of every human being in the world.

The truth of the matter is, we all have breaking points.

Some of us don't think that we do and we don't want to talk about it.

But, there is a point where pressure will break you down.

If you take a piece of wood and by bending it and applying pressure at certain points it will break and splinter apart.

When you apply pressure to the piece of wood it will break.

I was fascinated as a kid to see how far I could bend a piece of wood before it would break.

I would bend the wood stick a long way before it would break.

It had the ability to bend a long way before it would break.

If I kept applying pressure at a certain point, I can't tell you at what point that it would break, It would break differently according to the material that it was made with.

At some point if enough pressure is applied to anything it will break.

The problem with this reality is, you can't exactly measure how much pressure it takes before the break occurs.

It is just something that when it is applied you can begin to feel it break and splinter, and crack.

You can begin to hear the sounds when you have pushed it to its limit.

Do you know where your limit is?"

Do you know where your breaking point is?

We don't know where it is.

God knows where the limits are.

God knows where the line is drawn.

God knows when you have gone too far.

God knows how far, too far is.

Most of us don't know our own limitations.

In the absence of understanding where your limitations are you are not prepared for the battle that you have to deal with.

Understand this: we have an enemy.

We have opposition.

We are in a war.

We are engaged in a conflict.

Many times we are persecuted.

Many times we are prosecuted.

We deal with issues in our lives that are so overwhelming that we don't even know how we are going to make it.

It seems like life can turn into a tortured mess.

This message might only be for ten people.

There might only be a few of you here who has endured enough pressure to understand that you can begin to splinter and break.

Vast majorities of people are skipping through the tulips of life and never had anything happen to them that tried them to the breaking point.

They won't even understand what I am talking about.

Sooner or later something is going to press you to the point that you are going to feel like you are going to break.

Jesus understood that.

When He finished serving communion and when they had finished partaking of the Lord's supper, He said, **Mark 14:27 (NIV) "You will all fall away," Jesus told them, "for it is written: "I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered."**

This is a powerful moment.

They just had supper with the Lord.

**Mark 14:29 (NIV) Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not."**

Peter gets up and says, "Even if all fall away, it won't be me."

Jesus told Peter that before that night was over he would deny him three times.

Peter it is going to be a long night.

Sometimes we can experience what I call a long night.

**Psalms 30:5 (KJV) For his anger endureth but a moment; in his favour is life: weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.**

When you are having a bad night, it's a long time before you get to the morning.

A bad night can last 6 months.

A bad night can last a year or two.

Have you ever gone through a long night?

It seems like before things got better, they got a lot worse.

And just when you thought that you were going to come out of it you got more bad news and you got more struggles, and more tests.

It was this kind of attitude that Peter made a blanket statement and said; "I can handle it."

Peter said, "I don't know who is going to have a breaking point, but I know it won't be me."

**Mark 14:29 (NIV) Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not."**

The problem with Peter is that Peter really didn't know himself.

Peter really didn't know what he was capable of.

The vast majority of people today really don't know themselves.

They really don't know their own limitations.

They don't know how much they can take.

They make rash, radical statements about how strong they are, because they don't know themselves.

Because they don't know themselves they become critical of other people.

They are quick to say what you should of done.

They don't understand how you could have broke down.

They say things like this, "How did you let this happen to you?"

"If you were really a Christian you wouldn't have done that."

"If you were really strong, if you had read your bible like you should you would never be in that situation."

"What do you mean you're depressed? You should never be depressed."

"Why should you be discouraged?"

They say these things because they themselves have never been tested; they never had the pressure applied to the point where they really could believe that they could break.

But there is a breaking point.

I would love to tell you that when you get your breaking point that you wouldn't break.

I would love to tell you that God is so strong and so alive in your life that true Christians, true believers don't break.

That would make this sermon a great sermon.

People would like to hear me preach a sermon about how not to break.

No one wants to break.

No one wants to face a breaking point.

No one wants to realize that there is a breaking point when you are raising your children.

No matter how much you love them and how much you care about them there is a point where your child can put so much on you that you can break.

There is actually a point where you have come to the end of your rope.

You make up your mind, "If my boss picks on me today I am going to quit."

There is a breaking point.

There is a breaking point in a marriage where you say, "if you cross this line, it's over."

I am not saying that is right or that this is how is ought to be.

I am saying that we all have a breaking point.

Everyone has a breaking point.

Even that quiet, passive, mundane person, who never raises their voice, if you push them hard enough there, is a breaking point.

I would love to tell you that if you pray in the Spirit there wouldn't be a breaking point.

There still is a breaking point.

In most of the mighty men and women of God in the Bible went through a breaking point.

A breaking point in their life that was so severe that everything in them began to crumble.

They went through times in their lives where they just wanted to throw up their hands, and quit, and walk away, and say, "I'm through with it, that's it, I've had enough, and I don't want to go."

I love to be able to tell you that they weren't there but they are all over the Bible.

Jacob came to a breaking point.

He got some bad news about his sons.

**Genesis 42:36 (NIV) Their father Jacob said to them, "You have deprived me of my children. Joseph is no more and Simeon is no more, and now you want to take Benjamin. Everything is against me!"**

There are people like Moses who had a breaking point and in a fit of anger hit the rock twice.

**Numbers 20:10 (NIV) He and Aaron gathered the assembly together in front of the rock and Moses said to them, "Listen, you rebels, must we bring you water out of this rock?"**

**Numbers 20:11 (NIV) Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with his staff. Water gushed out, and the community and their livestock drank.**

**Numbers 20:12 (NIV) But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you did not trust in me enough to honor me as holy in the sight of the Israelites, you will not bring this community into the land I give them."**

Moses missed out on the Promised Land because he had a breaking point.

There are people like that who reach a point of pressure where they break.

Elijah called fire down from Heaven; he stood up against 450 prophets of Baal.

This same Elijah sat under a broom tree and said, "Take my life."

**1 Kings 19:3 (NIV) Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there,**

**1 Kings 19:4 (NIV) while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."**

Elijah the mighty man of God came to a breaking point.

Job talked real tough about how he trusted God.

**Job 1:21 (KJV) And said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD.**

He talked real strong here.

But as the battle got worse he broke.

**Job 3:11 (NIV) "Why did I not perish at birth, and die as I came from the womb?"**

Job came to a breaking point.

The Apostle Paul who gave us an understanding of Grace came to a breaking point.

**2 Corinthians 1:8 (NIV) We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about the hardships we suffered in the province of Asia. We were under great pressure, far beyond our ability to endure, so that we despaired even**

**of life.**

**2 Corinthians 1:9 (NIV) Indeed, in our hearts we felt the sentence of death. But this happened that we might not rely on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead.**

**2 Corinthians 1:10 (NIV) He has delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will continue to deliver us,**

When Paul came to a breaking point, he wanted to die.

There is a breaking point in your life.

A breaking point is part of the process.

A breaking point will help you develop your faith instead of destroying it.

It's only when you come face to face with our human limitations will you come to understand the magnitude of the power of God.

As long as life hands you stuff that you can handle you will always think that you are a strong person.

But, after you have broken down and have lost all hope of standing in your own strength you will finally come to the point that only God can bring you out.

**Psalms 124:1 (NIV) A song of ascents. Of David. If the LORD had not been on our side-- let Israel say--**

**Psalms 124:2 (NIV) if the LORD had not been on our side when men attacked us,**

**Psalms 124:3 (NIV) when their anger flared against us, they would have swallowed us alive;**

**Psalms 124:4 (NIV) the flood would have engulfed us, the torrent would have swept over us,**

**Psalms 124:5 (NIV) the raging waters would have swept us away.**

**Psalms 124:6 (NIV) Praise be to the LORD, who has not let us be torn by their teeth.**

**Psalms 124:7 (NIV) We have escaped like a bird out of the fowler's snare; the snare has been broken, and we have escaped.**

**Psalms 124:8 (NIV) Our help is in the name of the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.**

God can't use anyone effectively who has not experienced a breaking point in his or her lives.

People who have not been through a breaking point tend to be judgmental, critical, gossips, and they stick their noses in other people affairs.

If you have ever been through a breaking point it is a humbling experience.

If you have ever been through a breaking point it changes your personality.

If you have ever been through a breaking point it changes your attitude towards everything.

When I talk about a breaking point, I'm talking about, falling apart, coming unglued, and you can't stop crying.

When you are at a breaking point you are unsure of everything and everybody.

You are no longer sure of yourself.

You are no longer sure of your friends.

You are no longer sure of your environment.

You are no longer sure of your Church.

You are no longer sure of God.

Peter thought that he knew what he would never do.

**Mark 14:29 (NIV) Peter declared, "Even if all fall away, I will not."**

As the night progressed and the pressure mounted on Peter you can see the decline in the relationship between Peter and Jesus.

It wasn't that Peter didn't love Jesus, Peter loved Jesus.

**Luke 22:54 (NIV) Then seizing him, they led him away and took him into the house of the high priest. Peter followed at a distance.**

When the pressure mounted after they came and seized Jesus, Peter followed at a distance.

Peter is still following Jesus, but he is following Jesus at a distance.

He still is coming to Church, but he is following Jesus at a distance.

There is a danger in not walking closely with God.

There is something about God that He doesn't want us following Him at a distance.

**Hebrews 7:19 (NIV) ...and a better hope is introduced, by which we draw near to God.**

**James 4:8 (NIV) Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.**

You would be surprised at the number of people who follow the Lord from a distance.

They are secret Christians.

They walk with God but when the pressure is on they can go either way.

They don't make commitments too strong to anything.

They aren't too committed to the Lord.

They aren't too committed to the Church.

They are following the Lord, but they are following the Lord at a distance.

They come in late and they leave early.

They follow at a distance.

They love the Lord, but they don't want anyone to know.

When you take a stand for God you are going to run into pressure.

When you take a stand for God you are going to run into opposition.

So some Christians follow the Lord at a distance.

Peter was a disciple of the Lord Jesus.

He was one of the inner-circle of Peter, James, and John.

Peter was a fisherman that gave everything up to follow Jesus.

Peter was sold out to Jesus.

He was no wimp.

He was dedicated.

He was bold.

Peter jumped out of the boat and walked on water.

Peter was so dedicated to the Lord that he took out his sword and cut off the ear of a man who came to take Jesus.

Peter wasn't timid.

Peter did things that other men had not done.

Peter makes a bold statement.

**Mark 14:31 (NIV) But Peter insisted emphatically, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you." And all the others said the same.**

Peter had no desire to deny the Lord.

But, Peter did not experience the breaking point.

Pressure is something that you can't see that can break a man who was willing to fight everything that he could see.

Peter fought the storm that he could see.

He stood up against a soldier that he could see.

The breaking point is not brought about by the enemies that you can see.

The breaking point is brought about by unseen, invisible, relentless, pressure.

This pressure continues to be executed until little by little you begin to decline in your commitment to God.

No one even notices that you are not following as close as you were before.

No one notices that you are not praying like you use to pray.

No one even notices that you don't even pick up your Bible until it is time to go to Church.

No one notices that when the worship service is going on you are thinking about something else.

No one notices that any kind of inconvenience aggravates you about Church.

Yes, you are a Christian, but you are following the Lord from a distance.

You might be under a lot of pressure.

You might be under a lot of stress.

You might feel like everything is closing in on you.

You might be at your breaking point.

How close are you to your breaking point?

Peter followed Jesus from a distance.

**Luke 22:55 (NIV) But when they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and had sat down together, Peter sat down with them.**

While Peter was following Jesus from a distance someone built a fire.

Peter sat down at the fire.

He was at such a distance from Jesus that He sat down at a fire.

He sat down at the fire with the enemy.

Peter was under-cover; he didn't want anyone to know who he was or whom he was following.

Peter warmed himself at the fire of the secular world.

He was fellowshiping with the Jesus haters.

He was close enough to see Jesus but not close enough to be associated with Him.

He had fellowship with the world and fellowship with the Church and he is warmed at the fire in the enemy's camp.

You can't warm yourself at the enemy's fire and still be God's man or God's woman.

Peter was a disciple hand picked by the Lord Jesus Himself warming himself at the fire of the enemy.

If you are going to warm yourself by a fire make sure that it is a Holy Ghost fire.

When the pressure is on, make sure that you are warming yourself by a Holy Ghost fire.

If it was any other time it might be okay to warm yourself at the world's fire, but when you are in trouble you have to get close to a Holy Ghost fire.

You have to be careful who you let comfort you.

You have to be careful who help you.

You have to be careful who you let be there for you.

He warmed himself by the enemy's fire.

He warmed himself by the fire of the world.

The world will dilute you.

It will dilute you so that you will be lead to the point of weakness.

The world will pollute you.

It will add so much foreign matter to you life that you will no longer be the Holy Ghost powerhouse that God intended you to be.

Don't let life dilute you.

Don't let life break you down on what you think.

Don't let life break you down on what you believe.

Don't let life break you down on what you stand for.

Don't let life pollute you.

Be careful who you let talk to you.

Be careful who you let pray for you.

People who bring you bad news all the time pollute your Spirit.

People try to pollute your faith until you reach the breaking point.

**Luke 22:56 (NIV) A servant girl saw him seated there in the firelight. She looked closely at him and said, "This man was with him."**

When you really belong to God, you are going to stick out like a sore thumb.

When you are touched by God people are going to know it.

You are marked for life.

**Luke 22:57 (NIV) But he denied it. "Woman, I don't know him," he said.**

\_ You might be saying to yourself, "I would never do that."

What you have to notice is Peter compromised his own principles.

Peter didn't want to deny the Lord.

Because Peter had pressure on him he did what he did not want to do.

Have you ever done anything that you didn't want to do?

Have you ever been somewhere that you really didn't want to be?

Have you got into something that you said that you weren't going to get into?

Have you ever said yes to something that you used to say that you would say no to?

Have you ever shocked yourself at the bad decisions that you have made?

It's pressure.

If you weren't under pressure you would have said no.

When you are under pressure you said yes.

Have you ever done what you liked but you didn't like what you did?

Peter is troubled by the conflict that exists because he is at the breaking point.

When you are at the breaking point you deny your own principles and break your own laws.

Things that you said that you wouldn't do yourself you violate them yourself.

Then the guilt comes because you have violated your own law.

Peter is in the dilemma of a breaking point and he survives it by lying.

It's a terrible thing to come to a breaking point and not be close enough to God to get the help you need for the crisis that you are in.

The devil will allow the pressure to mount as the distance increases between you and the Lord.

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**Luke 22:60 (NIV) Peter replied, "Man, I don't know what you're talking about!" Just as he was speaking, the rooster crowed.**

**Luke 22:61 (NIV) The Lord turned and looked straight at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word the Lord had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows today, you will disown me three times."**

In the middle of the Lord's own personal crisis he turned and looked straight at Peter.

The Lord wasn't looking at Peter to rebuke him.

He was looking at Peter through the eyes of love.

He knew that Peter was at his breaking point.

He looked at Peter breaking under pressure.

**Luke 22:62 (NIV) And he went outside and wept bitterly.**

**Luke 22:62 (Amplified) ?And he went out and wept bitterly [that is, with painfully moving grief].?**

Peter never knew that he could be broken like that.

Peter was at his breaking point.

When pressure comes you begin to evaluate everything.

At the breaking point you are not sure of anything or anybody including yourself.

Have you ever been to a breaking point?

If you live long enough you are going to come to a breaking point.

If you live long enough something is going to come your way that you can't handle alone.

They beat Jesus to a pulp, Peter the guy who said he would never leave Jesus alone, wasn't there.

In the Lord's time of need, Peter wasn't there.

They took Jesus to the cross; Peter wasn't there.

They took Jesus from the cross and took Him to the grave: Peter wasn't there.

You can't count on anyone who is at the breaking point.

At the moment of the Lord's greatest struggles, Peter wasn't there.

Peter wasn't there because he was distracted by a crisis.

You won't be there either when you are distracted by a crisis.

I want you to remember two words.

“And Peter.”

**Mark 16:1 (NIV) When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body.**

**Mark 16:2 (NIV) Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb**

**Mark 16:3 (NIV) and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"**

**Mark 16:4 (NIV) But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.**

**Mark 16:5 (NIV) As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.**

**Mark 16:6 (NIV) "Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him.**

**Mark 16:7 (NIV) But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'**

The angel told them, “Go tell, the disciples and Peter to meet Jesus in Galilee.”

Can you imagine how Peter must have felt after he messed up and blown everything?

Can you imagine how Peter must have felt after he embarrassed and disgraced himself?

Can you imagine how Peter must have felt after he went back on his convictions and got the message from Jesus?

“Peter, the Lord says to meet him in Galilee.”

Peter probably thought, “Oh no, he don’t want me.”

“He saw deny Him.”

“He saw me mess up.”

“He saw me go down.”

“He saw me blow it.”

“He saw me do wrong.”

Jesus didn’t ask for Thomas by name.

Jesus didn’t ask for John by name.

Jesus didn’t ask for James by name.

Jesus didn’t ask for Matthew by name.

Jesus specifically spoke Peter’s name.

Jesus said, “Tell the disciples and Peter to meet me in Galilee.”

This is what the Holy Ghost spoke to me to say.

When you are at the breaking point Jesus is going to call you by your name and tell you to meet him at the place of blessing.

When Jesus died I believe that He was thinking about Peter.

When Jesus rose up on the third day, He rose up thinking about Peter.

That makes me to believe that I am on God’s mind.

When I am at my breaking point, I am on God’s mind.

When I have pasted my breaking point, I am on God’s mind.

When I am broken, I am on God’s mind.

You can’t sink so low that God’s forgets the promise that He made on your life.

As soon as Jesus got up out of the grave, he gave the angel a message.

“Go, and tell Peter to meet me in Galilee.”

Jesus knew that while he was be crucified on the outside, Peter was being crucified on the inside.

When Jesus got up from the grave, He wanted Peter to get up.

“Go, and tell Peter to meet me in Galilee.”

Because Jesus got up from the grave, He wants us to get up.

Is there anyone here that has experienced what Peter experienced?

Jesus has a message for you.

He is telling us to meet Him at a place of blessing.

He is telling us to meet Him at a Holy Ghost Fire.

He is telling us that if we are at a breaking point that we are not alone.

He is telling us that if we are at a breaking point He is going to come and put the pieces back together again.

I'm glad that Jesus will call our name.

Something happened to Peter and the rest of the disciples when they met Jesus.

**Luke 24:50 (NIV) When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them.**

**Luke 24:51 (NIV) While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.**

**Luke 24:52 (NIV) Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.**

**Luke 24:53 (NIV) And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.**

When Jesus lifts up His hands and blesses you, you are going to have great joy.

**Acts 1:4 (NIV) On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about.**

**Acts 1:5 (NIV) For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."**

**Acts 1:6 (NIV) So when they met together, they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"**

**Acts 1:7 (NIV) He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority.**

**Acts 1:8 (NIV) But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."**

**Acts 1:9 (NIV) After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.**

**Acts 1:10 (NIV) They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them.**

**Acts 1:11 (NIV) "Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."**

In ten days from this time there was going to be the first Holy Ghost Revival.

**Acts 2:1 (KJV) And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.**

**Acts 2:2 (KJV) And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.**

**Acts 2:3 (KJV) And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.**

**Acts 2:4 (KJV) And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.**

At that first Holy Ghost Revival someone had to preach the meeting.

It wasn't Matthew that preached.

It wasn't John that preached.

It wasn't James that preached.

Then Peter stood up.

**Acts 2:14 (NIV) Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.**

**Acts 2:15 (NIV) These men are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning!**

**Acts 2:16 (NIV) No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:**

**Acts 2:17 (NIV) "In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.**

God wants every Peter to stand up and declare the Word of the Lord.

**Acts 2:18 (NIV) Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy.**

**Acts 2:19 (NIV) I will show wonders in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke.**

**Acts 2:20 (NIV) The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.**

**Acts 2:21 (NIV) And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'**

God uses people who have been broken.

What earned the Peter the right to preach on the Day of Pentecost because he was broken.

**Acts 2:36 (KJV) Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.**

**Acts 2:37 (KJV) Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?**

**Acts 2:38 (KJV) Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.**

**Acts 2:39 (KJV) For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.**

This message is for someone who is approaching his or her breaking point.

If you feel forsaken, if you feel broken, remember the Lord is asking you to meet Him at a place of anointing.

You can survive the breaking point.