## Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

## WHEN EVERYTHING SEEMS BROKEN

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## When everything in life seems broken, what do you fix first?

Much of the body of Christ is suffering from a broken spirit. Instead of us fixing the world, the world is breaking us. We feel we have been sidelined due to circumstances and we have wounds that won't heal. We suffer from guilt, anger or despair. **Proverbs 18:14** - "The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear?"

You may not have enough strength for the entire journey, but God will give you enough for the first step. **Proverbs 17:24** - "Wisdom is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes of a fool are in the ends of the earth."

## Three things that can cause a broken spirit in a believer:

- We feel that we have disqualified ourselves from God's favor because we have displeased the Lord. Most believers have never really understood the full meaning of God's grace. 1 Samuel 30
- 2. We have been wounded by the criticism or rejection of others. When the enemy wants to get us off our goal, he will bring into our minds a wrong self-portrait of ourselves. The self-image you have of yourself is what you will become. **Proverbs 23:7** "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he..."
- 3. We feel that God has left us to our own devices. **2 Chron. 32:31** God left him to test him and to know everything that was in his heart. Our greatest seasons are sometimes preceded by a period in which we feel completely abandoned by God.

The struggles you are going through may be preparing you for the greatest season of your life. Most believers understand the concept of sacrificing for the faith, but <u>few</u> ever learn how to actually receive from the Lord. It is possible to be so busy "working for Jesus" that we never learn how to receive all the good things God has in store for us!

**Hebrews 4:10** - If people enter into his rest, they will cease from their own works just as God did from his (on the seventh day).