



Q1: Have you ever felt betrayed? Beaten down? Lied to? Alone? Abandoned by someone that you trusted? Stabbed in the back by a “friend”.

Q2: Here is the more sobering question: How many of us have been the beater, the liar, the one abandoning, the stabber??

We are going to look at 3 types of vessels today..

- Chosen Vessels
- Vessels of Wrath
- Broken Vessels

Matt. 26

20When it was evening, He was reclining at table with the twelve disciples. 21And as they were eating, He said, Solemnly I say to you, one of you will betray Me! 22They were exceedingly pained and distressed and deeply hurt and sorrowful and began to say to Him one after another, Surely it cannot be I, Lord, can it? 23He replied, He who has [just] dipped his hand in the same dish with Me will betray Me! 24The Son of Man is going just as it is written of Him; but woe to that man by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better (more profitable and wholesome) for that man if he had never been born. 25Judas, the betrayer, said, Surely it is not I, is it, Master? He said to him, You have stated [the fact].

26Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread and, praising God, gave thanks and asked Him to bless it to their use, and when He had broken it, He gave it to the disciples and said, Take, eat; this is My body. 27And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink of it, all of you; 28For this is My blood of the new covenant, which [^{is}ratifies the agreement and] is being poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. 29I say to you, I shall not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it with you new and of superior quality in My Father's kingdom.

In Jesus time, they had one bowl of food that they would dip bread into whether it be juice, or some kind of substance. As you dipped from the same bowl, sometimes drank from the same cup, and ate from the same loaf of bread, there was a spiritual meaning to this as well. You symbolically became apart of one another.

30And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. 31Then Jesus said to them, You will all be offended and stumble and fall away because of Me this night [distrusting and deserting Me], for it is written, I will strike the Shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered. 32But after I am raised up [to life again], I will go ahead of you to Galilee.

SING:

After looking his betrayer in the eye, feeding him, walking with him for 3 years knowing this man was going to betray him..
Looking around the room and seeing face after face of those that you loved
Looking into the eyes of those that poured your life into knowing that they would deny you..
Looking at Peter knowing that before the rooster crowed, he would not only deny him but curse him..
Knowing the pain and scourging that he was about to endure,

**JESUS SANG A HYMN..
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Acts 16:25

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them.
After being beaten, thrown in prison.. Paul and Silas sang a hymn..

CHOSEN VESSEL-

- Vessels for the temple came from clay from the Jordan River
- When the potter would put the clay on the wheel..
- When the clay spins, the spinning force throws the clay into the hands of the potter so he can mold that clay.
 - Nail pierced feet push the pedal causing the spinning that spins your world what sometimes seems to be out of control
 - But it is the same nail pierced hand that catch you when start to spin off the wheel.
 - Without the turbulence, you would never be thrust into the hands that can make you what you need to be.
- Before the vessel was fired.. the potter would paint designs on the vessel... decorating and distinguishing it..
- Sometimes in the heat, due to the minerals in the paint or the chemical reactions of the clay, the fire would form a starburst or a pattern of some sort.. so unique from others..
- The Potter would hide it from the others.. put it away in a safe place away from harm.
- If you asked about the special or chosen vessels, the potter would bring you to the closet..
- When you bought it, the potter would sign his name on it.. There is not another one like this one..

- When God made you, He wrote His name on You as one of his..
- You are a chosen vessel.
- Some of the most anointed people are ministering in obscure communities.
- Some are just lay people in a church.
- It is God that chooses the time and place for the chosen vessel to come out of the closet..
- It is God that says it is your time to speak, play, write, witness, under the special power of the spirit.
 - You can choose to walk in the plans that God has for you or not..
 - *A man went to heaven and asked God who the greatest military man of all time was... God pointed to the man's next door neighbor. The man replied, God this man was not a great military leader, he was my next door neighbor.. God said I know, If he only walked in the plans I had for him, he would have been the greatest military leader the world had ever known.*
- In the WILL OF GOD – TIMING IS EVERYTHING
 - God could have called Paul earlier in his life, but it was not his time.
 - When it was his time, Paul was called, he accepted the call, and walked in the calling.. He was a chosen vessel.
 - You may feel your on the back burner, there will come a time when God will call you out.
 - Your season of winning your family to the Lord is coming.
 - You will be set out to be a voice of influence.

VESSEL OF WRATH – Vessel which is discarded.. There no hope of being repaired.

- There was this place between the temple and Gahenna (Hell) where a perpetual fire burned.
- It was the trash dump of the city.
 - Where dead animals were taken.
 - Where dung from the sacrificial animals was taken and thrown away.
- Jesus was accused of blasphemy..
 - Blasphemers were thrown into Gahenna..
 - That's why Joseph begged for the body of Jesus
 - Otherwise Jesus body would have been thrown in Gahenna and burned.
 - There would have been no visible evidence.
- Near this place was an area called Acheldamah (Field of the Man's Blood) (potter's field)
- Judas betrayed Jesus for 30 pcs of silver.
 - SIGNIFICANTS: This is the amt need to redeem a female slave.
 - Jesus was about to form a church (ecclesia)- feminine word.
 - The 30 pcs of silver represents the price in the natural realm to redeem an alienated woman (ecclesia). The price for Jesus was 30 pcs of silver.
 - Jesus gave his life for the Church.. He became the redemption price for that which His own death was about to usher in.
- After Judas betrayed Jesus, he said he betrayed innocent blood.
- This could not go to treasury. So the priests purchased a field – Acheldamah
- Above Acheldamah there are 2 gates (zion gate and dung gate)
 - Un-repairable pottery would be thrown off the edge where it would shatter to pieces.
 - The priests bought a field to bury strangers in.
 - Judas knew about a field where vessels that could never be repaired were taken
 - where it was long forgotten.
 - Judas remembered that Jesus said it would have been better for that man to have never been born.
 - Judas goes to that place and hangs himself in a tree in the area of the potters field. Acheldamah..
- There are people that have become so vial and perverse in there thinking that God turns them over to a reprobate mind.
- How can you tell the difference
 - If something inside of you that has a desire to be set free, then God can set you free.
 - If there is something inside of you longing for a change.. God can change you.
 - If there is something inside of you screaming for healing, God can heal you.
 - You can be born again, Jesus can save.
- Can their be a vessel of Wrath..
 - Bible says that all manner of sins shall be forgiven man except the blasphemy of the Holy Spirit.
 - Calling the testimony of Holy Spirit a liar..
 - When you reject Jesus – Just get a t-shirt that says Vessel of Wrath..

BROKEN VESSELS

- Has anybody been so broken by failure, divorce, destroyed trust, depression, or whatever.
- Depression sets in..
- There's the broken vessel..
 - Can be repaired
 - Has a flaw that creates a weakness
 - When pressure comes, it creates a crack in the vessel.
 - When the crack appears, the vessels can't hold water or oil..
- Broken and being broken.. Brokenness can come from God in the form of testing to expose what is in you.
- God tested Abraham... He heated up Abraham to see what he was made of.
- Thank God for the battles, when you get in the comfort zone, the enemy will sneak in, beat you up..
- As long as you depend on God, pray, If you say God, If you don't help me I'm not going to make it.. God will

- God cannot always grow you to the level He wants to until He works some things out of you.
 - Sometimes the reason you are under pressure is because God want so pour something special in you..
 - Pressure reveals weakness, weaknesses creates cracks and brokenness that once identified can be corrected.. But HOW !!!!!
 - What happens if the vessel fails God.. Does God reject the vessel.. This vessel is not the vessel of wrath..
 - The potter does not put regular clay in the crack because it won't bond.
 - The potter would go to a Shepard and say I need to get some ticks.
 - Ticks suck blood..
 - It couldn't be any blood, but it had to be the blood of the lamb.
 - The potter would then mix the clay with the blood of the lamb, they don't why it does it.
 - The potter would put clay mixed with blood in the crack, and put the vessel back in the fire for a time.
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- What jelled the clay together was the blood..
 - As long as there are failures there will be people
 - As long as there are people there will be failures
 - As long as there are people and failures there will be the blood of the lamb to restore..
 - He don't turn the vessel away !!!
 - He repairs the vessel with His own blood.
 - Then He pours that which is precious – your anointing to do that which God has set before you before the beginning of time for you to walk in.
 - How did the potter know when the pottery was done?
 - The potter would put the pottery in the fire..
 - How do you know when it is done?
 - Too short in the fire it messes it up.
 - Too long and it destroys it.
 - Just enough the pottery starts to sing.. whistle..
 - The vessel is ready to have oil poured into it..
 - When you feel down. When you've been broken, the Devil tries to take your JOY
 - When he takes your joy he takes your song.. you can sit in church and not sing
 - When others are happy, you can't smile..
 - But when you know you have been repaired.. When all hell is breaking loose and you sing in the mists of the battle.
 - You can say you know you are coming out of the fire when you can sing in the middle of your fire.
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- Jesus is about to be broken, beaten, crucified, but the Jesus sang a hymn.
 - Judas is on his way to get the money.
 - Peter is on his way to wack a mans ear off.
 - The Disciples are on their way to hide behind closed doors.
 - But Jesus said lets go to the garden..
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- How could Jesus sing when the people you healed are rejecting you
 - How could Jesus sing when those that were crying hosanna where going to be yelling crucify him.
 - How could Jesus sing when He knew the pain he was about to feel.
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- During Passover, Jews sang the Hallel songs.. song of the psalms (This is the day that the Lord has made – I will rejoice and be glad in it)
 - The King is rejoicing now, then He is going to suffer, when He has suffered, He going to raise from the dead,
 - For the joy that was set before him.. He is now setting at the right hand of the father.
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- How can you sing.. because it will not be this way all the time..
 - You can say God has not forsaken me,
 - He has not rejected me..
 - He is here and things will get better if not in this life in the life everlasting..
 - If I have to persist in this world like this it will make eternity that much sweeter,
 - if God chooses to deliver me from this while I am still live I will have that much more to testify of the grace and mercy of God..
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- It may be dark in the night, but joy is coming in the morning.
 - Don't let the Devil take your song.. Keep singing.
 - Song of the 3 Hebrew children.. Hebrew tradition..
 - When the 3 Hebrew children hit the fire they hit it singing.
 - The children never experienced the effects of the heat because they had already counted the cost
 - They had already in their own resolve went through the fire.
 - They had made that determination in their heart long before they ever hit the real fire..
 - They were singing and were not destroyed.

Sing like nobody's listening.. Dance like no ones watching..
Salvation is the Lords.