

Hope for the Brokenhearted

Psalms 34:18; 147:3 (NIV)

- Psalm 34:18: *The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*
- Psalm 147:3: *He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*

Introduction:

1. The testimony of Mrs. Christiaan Barnard
2. The volume of Billy Graham—*Hope for the Troubled Heart*

I. CAUSES of a Broken Heart

- A. Inflicted by SELF—Matthew 26:75 (Peter)
- B. Inflicted by OTHERS—Genesis 36-50 (Joseph)
- C. Inflicted by CIRCUMSTANCES (beyond our control)—2 Corinthians 4:8a (Paul)

II. CURES of a Broken Heart

- A. Acknowledge REALITY—John 16:33
“in the world you will have trouble”
- B. Share with Dependable FRIENDS—Proverbs 17:17, 18:24
“a friend loves at all times”
- C. Trust in GOD (see 2 texts above)—2 Timothy 4:17-18
 - “the Lord stood by my side” (v.17)
 - “the Lord will rescue me” (v. 18)

Unless you have **within** you
the One who is **above** you
you can be destroyed
by that which is **around** you.

III. CONSEQUENCES (Good) of a Broken Heart

- A. Brokenness Can Produce USEFULNESS
 - Broken Alabaster Box/Jar—Mark 14:3-6
 - Broken Lad’s Lunch—John 6:8-11
 - Broken Body of Jesus—Luke 22:19
- B. Brokenness Can Produce OPENNESS
 - To the Love of God
 - To the Salvation of God