

What Brokenness Really Reveals

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Ex 16.2-15; Eph 4.1-16; Jn 6.22-35

Introduction

Challenge: think differently about spiritual struggle....

The Other Side of Despair

A despair unremembered...

What we need to know...

There is _____ hope in Christ.

It may not _____ like it. You might be saying...

We live in a _____ world. _____ give in.
Don't let the devil rob you of your _____.

Thinking different, what is *underneath* our struggles?

What should you *not* do when you're struggling?

Where does Christ call us to be when we struggle?

Why?

Matthew 4:4 (ESV)

⁴ . . . ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ ”

John 6:33 (ESV)

³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

John 6:35 (ESV)

³⁵ . . . “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst.

What Our Yearning Reveals

Thinking differently, what do our struggles reveal?

When we struggle what does the devil tempt us to focus upon? Why does he do that?

“Our hearts are restless, O Lord, until they find their rest in YOU.”—St. Augustine, *Confessions* (c. 400 A.D.)

What do we often fill our brokenness with?

CCT: Christ’s love and hope _____ can fill the need that our encounters with the broken world reveal.

Conclusion

In *Ephesians* 4 the Lord calls us to *maturity*. What does that mean, at least in part, concerning spiritual struggle?

Prayer (Ephesians 3:16–21)

Fiscal Year 2017/18		
Operating Statement Summary		
ending June 30, 2018		
Detailed financials are available at the office		
<u>Church</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<i>Income</i>	\$841,462	\$799,214
<i>Expense</i>	\$688,835	\$684,862
<i>Net Income</i>	\$152,627	\$114,352
<u>School</u>		
<i>Income</i>	\$992,841	\$942,848
<i>Expense</i>	\$1,140,978	\$1,130,180
<i>Net Income</i>	(\$148,137)	(\$187,332)
<u>Total</u>		
Income	\$1,834,303	\$1,742,062
Expense	\$1,829,813	\$1,815,042
Net Income	\$4,490	(\$72,980)



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