

## “It’s Broken”

“It’s broken.”

Oh, how I dislike hearing those words.

If those words refer to your refrigerator, the milk is going to spoil.

If they refer to your air conditioning, you’re beginning to sweat.

If it’s talking about the internet, you can’t stream your favorite show or check your email.

If it refers to a relationship, you or someone you love is in pain.

We’ve all been there. (And for maybe some reading this, you’ve been in all of those situations this year already.)

“It’s broken.” What I don’t like about those words is that

I don’t always know how to repair it.

Often it is going to cost me something significant to get it fixed.

I might not even understand what is wrong with it.

And sometimes I am even the cause of it.

“It’s broken.”

The fact is, our world is broken. The good news is that God has no problem dealing with broken things or with broken people. He doesn’t just specialize in repairs; He renews and restores and breathes new life into things.

He has taken the biggest broken thing, the brokenness of all humanity, the broken relationship between people and God—something that it was not humanly possible to fix or fully understand—and God, taking the divine initiative, sent His own Son into the world to experience that brokenness in the flesh.

Because Jesus shouldered the burden of that broken relationship between caused by sin, He understands fully the scope of the problem. Jesus knew what type of work the repair would require. He Himself bore the significant cost to get things fixed when He died on the cross. And through His resurrection and life, He restored and reestablished the relationship that had been all but destroyed—He breathed new life into it.

No longer broken, but made brand new—that is what we are. How will you and I, then, help others to discover the restoration and renewal that Jesus wants to give them?

*“He himself bore our sins” in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; “by his wounds you have been healed.” For “you were like sheep going astray,” but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

1 Peter 2:24-25

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