



Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

Matthew 3:2 ESV

From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

Matthew 4:17 ESV

metanoeo – v. – to change one's mind and purpose as the result of knowledge.

metanoia - n. - repentance

- 1) awareness of sin
- 2) take hold of God's mercy in Jesus
- 3) turn from sin
- 4) pursuit of godly living

"Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from iniquity."... Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from what is dishonorable, he will be a vessel for honorable use, set apart as holy, useful to the master of the house, ready for every good work. So flee youthful passions and pursue righteousness, faith, love, and peace, along with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

2 Timothy 2:19, 21-22 ESV

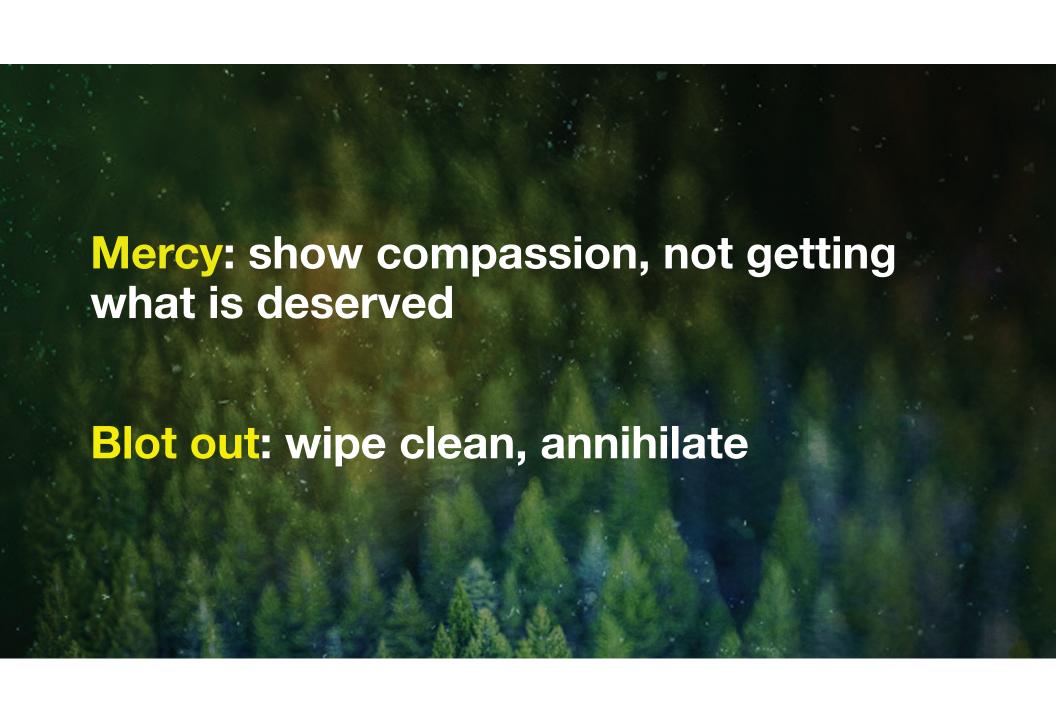




1. Brokenness Brings a Cry for Mercy

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!

Psalm 51:1-2 ESV





2. Brokenness Leads to Owning My Sin

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Psalm 51:3-5 ESV

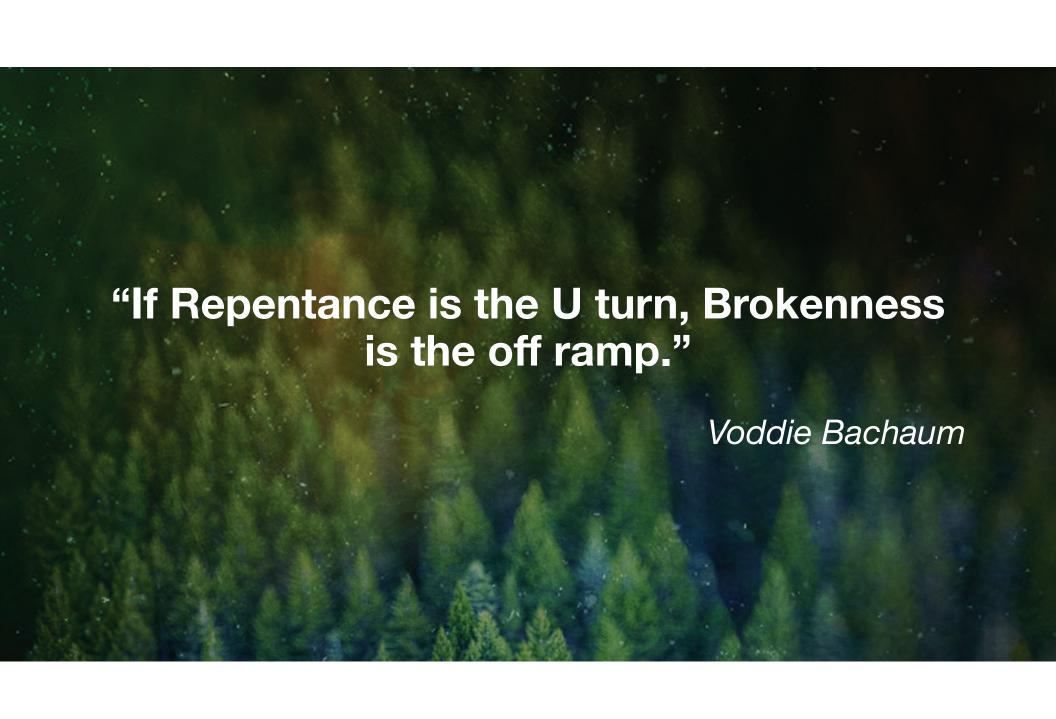
The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.'

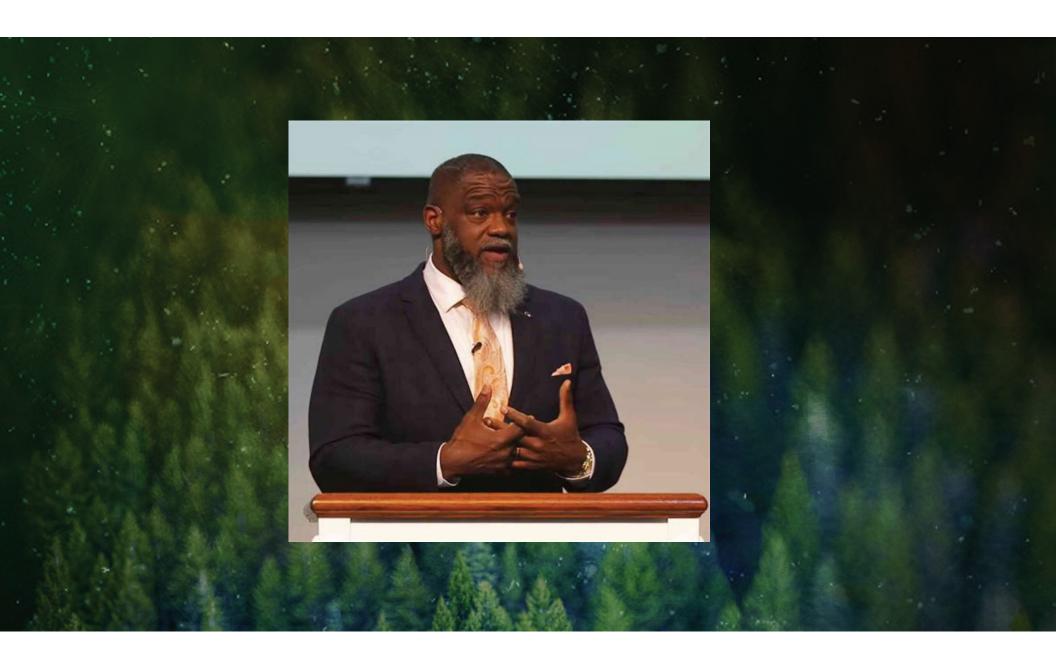
Luke 18:11-12 ESV

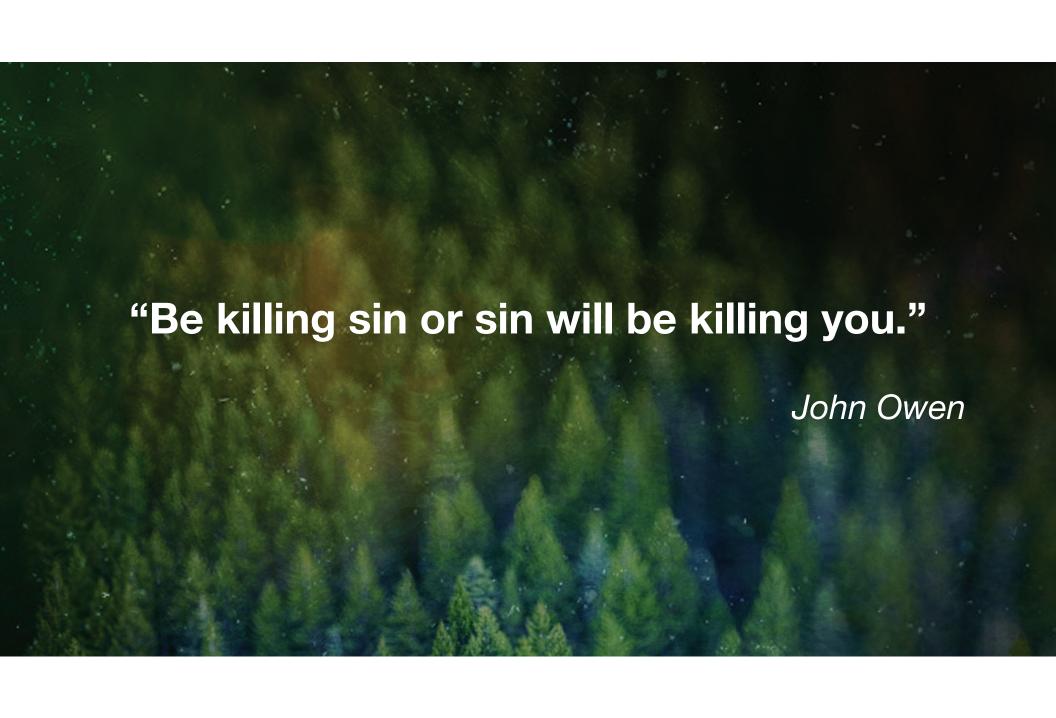
But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other.

Luke 18:13-14 ESV







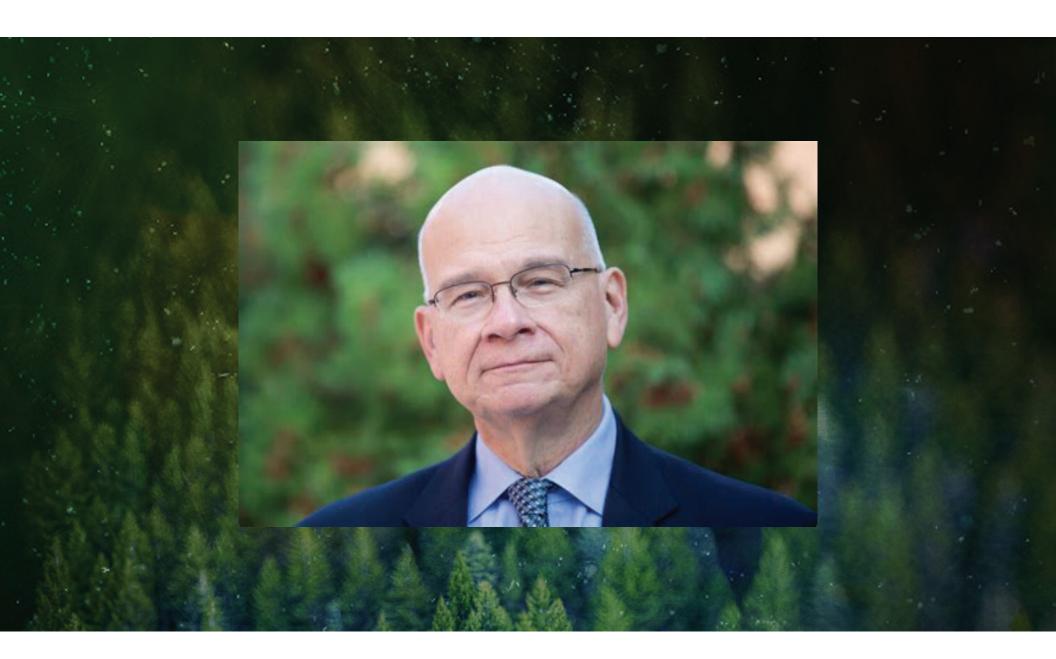






"You are more sinful than you could ever dare imagine and you are more loved and accepted than you could ever dare hope ... The Christian Gospel is that I am so flawed that Jesus had to die for me, yet I am so loved and valued that Jesus was glad to die for me."

Tim Keller





3. Brokenness Leads to Seeking Cleansing

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.

Psalm 51:6-9 ESV



4. Brokenness Leads to Seeking Restoration

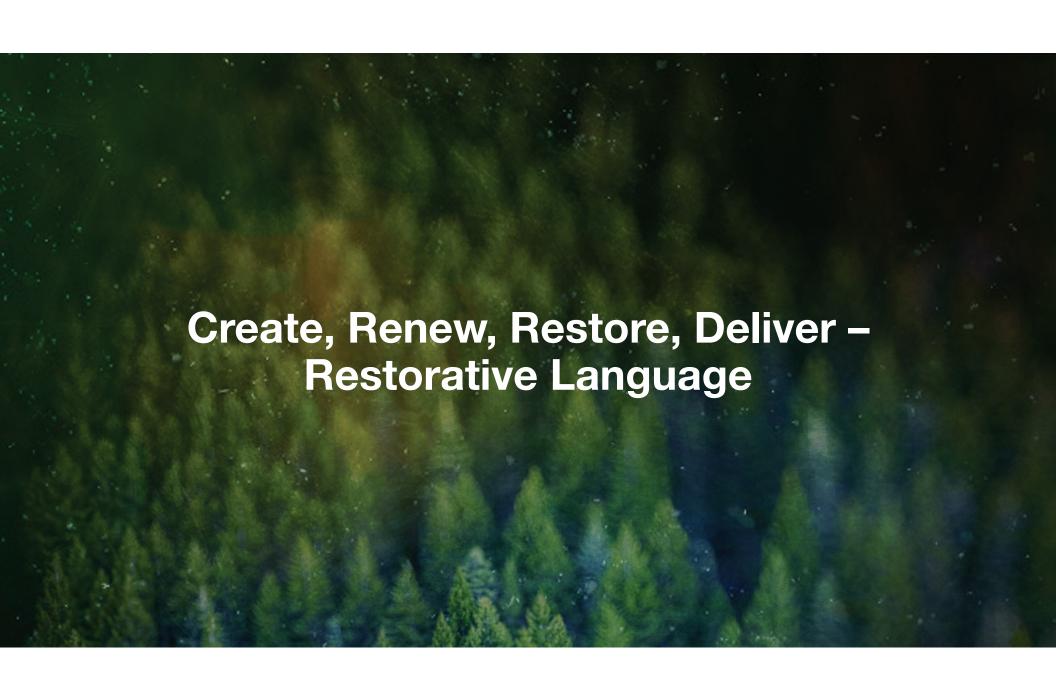
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

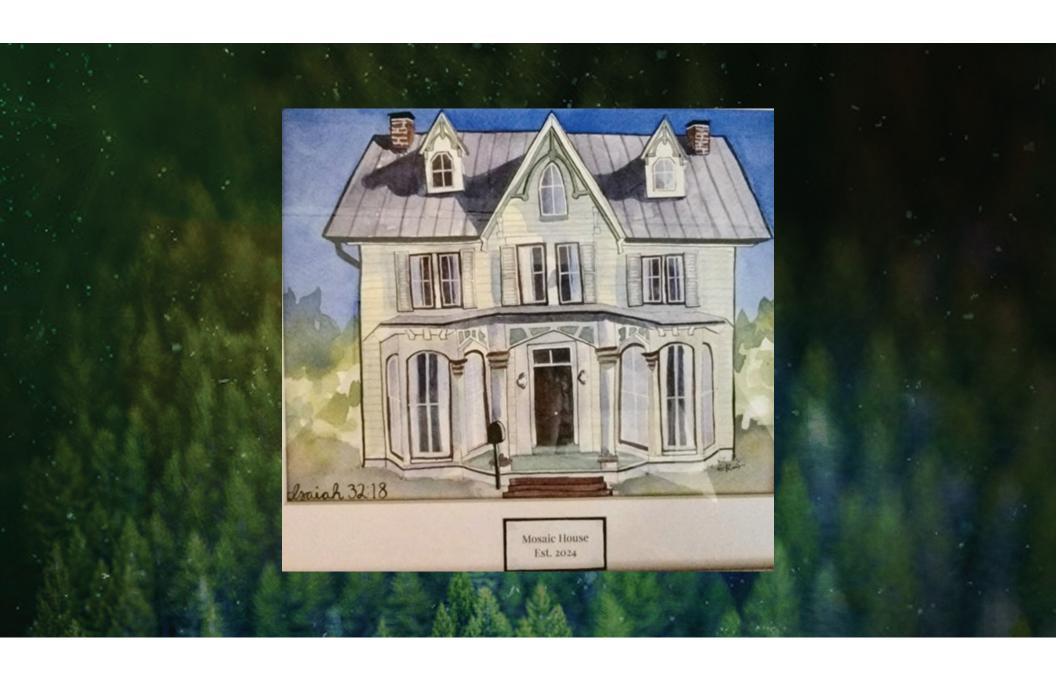
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

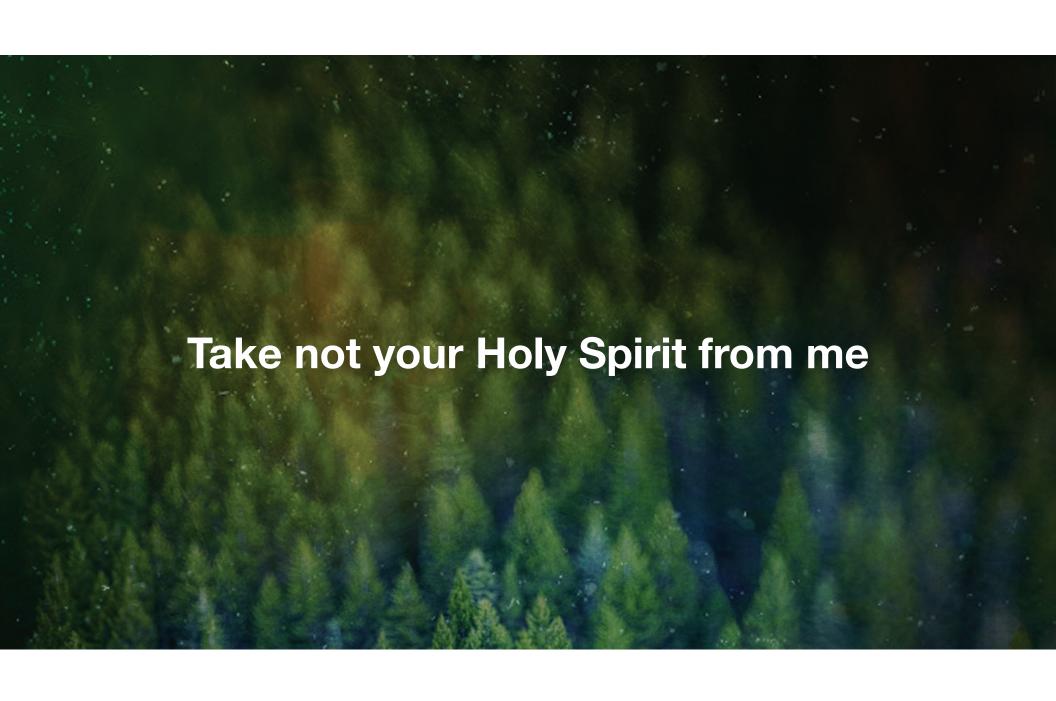
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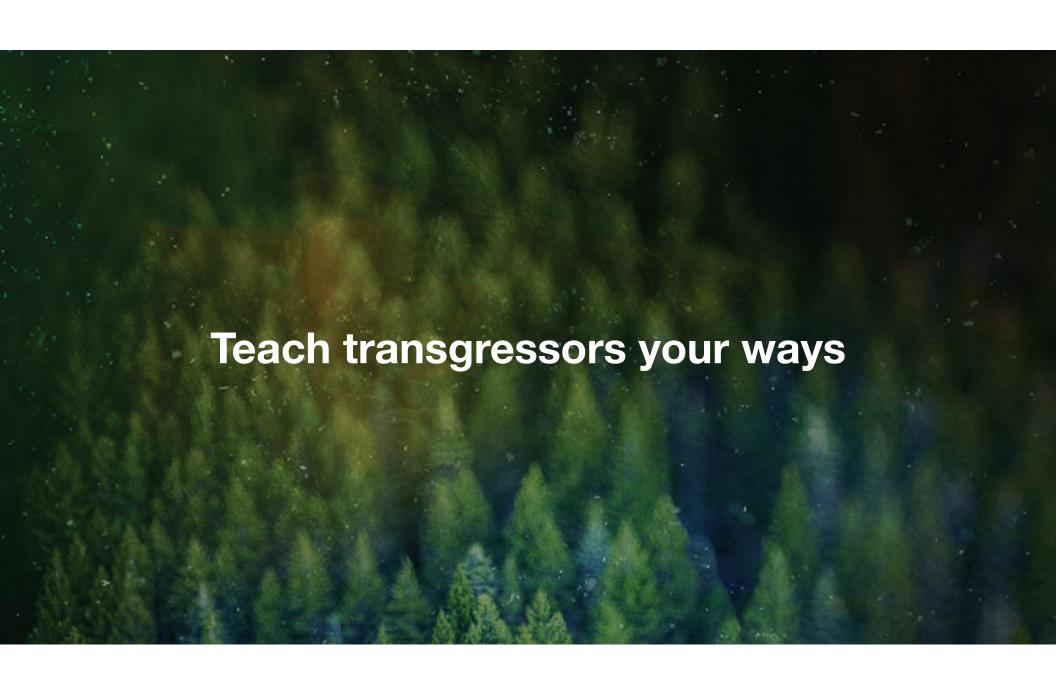
Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

Psalm 51:10-14 ESV









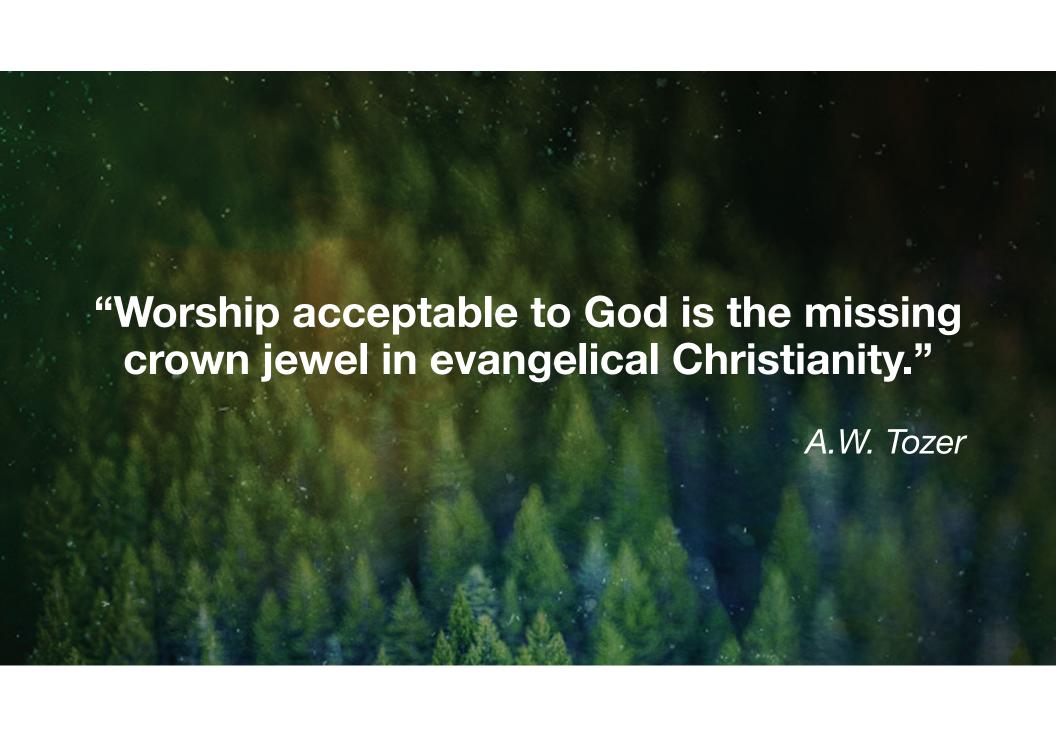
5. Brokenness Leads to True Worship

O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

5. Brokenness Leads to True Worship

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; build up the walls of Jerusalem; then will you delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Psalm 51:15-19 ESV



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