

Broken
Part 1
June 19, 2022
Father's Day



## I. INTRO

- A. Humpty Dumpty had a great fall!
- B. We live in a society where trust in every major institution has been broken

Judges 17:6 (NLT) In those days Israel had no king; all the people did whatever seemed right in their own eyes.

C. All of this leads to broken people

Psalm 34:18 (NIRV) The Lord is close to those whose hearts have been broken. He saves those whose spirits have been crushed.

## II. GOD HAS ALWAYS HAD A PLAN

- A. God and His word are the final authority and the absolute standard of truth
  - Our feelings are not a safe standard, neither is our culture nor society
- B. God's purpose
  - Everything in creation has an assignment

Genesis 1:27 (NIV) So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

• God created them male and female—to "image" and "represent" Himself

Genesis 1:28 (NIV) God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

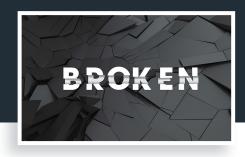
C. Sin broke the mold

Genesis 5:1-3 (NIV) This is the written account of Adam's family line. When God created mankind, he made them in the likeness of God. <sup>2</sup>He created them male and female and blessed them. And he named them "Mankind" when they were created. <sup>3</sup>When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth.

- The purpose of creation and humanity was for God to reveal Himself
- D. Of all the "broken" things, the greatest casualty is the family



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## **III. FATHERLESSNESS**

- A. The role of a father is irreplaceable
  - 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes
    - 5 times the average. (US Dept. Of Health/Census)
  - 90% of all homeless and runaway children are from fatherless homes
    - 32 times the average. (US D.H.H.S., Bureau of the Census)
  - 85% of all children who show behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes
    - 20 times the average. (Center for Disease Control)
  - 80% of rapists with anger problems come from fatherless homes
    - 14 times the average. (Justice & Behavior, Vol 14, p. 403-26)
  - 71% of all high school dropouts come from fatherless homes
    - 9 times the average. (National Principals Association Report)
  - 70% of youths in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes
    - 9 times the average. (U.S. Dept. of Justice, Sept. 1988)
  - 85% of all youths in prison come from fatherless homes
    - 20 times the average. (Fulton Co. Georgia, Texas Dept. of Correction)
- B. Hope for the broken

Psalm 68:5-6 (NLT) <sup>5</sup> Father to the fatherless, defender of widows—this is God, whose dwelling is holy. <sup>6</sup> God places the lonely in families; he sets the prisoners free and gives them joy. But he makes the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

Joel 2:28-29 (NIV) <sup>28</sup> "And afterward, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions. <sup>29</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days.

Joshua 24:15 (NKJV) And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."