

## Jesus Loves Me

Last week we talked about loving our enemies. (Recap last week)

Before we jump into tonight's message, I want to take you back to a time as a little kid, a great and an amazing time that some of us loved and well some of us didn't!

A very important time in a little kid's life... **NAPTITUDE! O yes! Remember naptitude? How great was that?**

**[TEACHER NOTE: Tell a story about nap time or sleeping when you were younger.]**

A lullaby, or cradle song, is defined by Merriam-Webster as just that: "a song to quiet children or lull them to sleep ... a soothing refrain."

Now some lullabies are great... some straight up scary and weird... For example:

*Rock-a-bye baby on the treetop. When the wind blows the cradle will rock. When the bough breaks, the cradle will fall. And down will come Baby, Cradle and all.*

THAT'S MESSED UP! Who sings this crazy crap to their kid? I mean come on. You might as well put the movie IT on and let them sleep with a hockey mask on! For real!!!

One that may be a little less crazy is **Jesus Loves Me This I know!**

SING IT WITH ME! WOW!

Practically everyone knows that little song or lullaby. Just about everyone we know does, anyway.

But many don't know the truth and power of that statement. The first two words are understood, but maybe not embraced; **Jesus Loves.**

The phrase “Jesus Loves You,” is personal but yet complex! That is what makes it so beautiful!

Everyone faces pain. Everyone faces problems. Everyone has purpose.  
You can be forgotten, love finds.  
You can be broken, love mends.  
You can be outcast, love includes.  
You can be... and love works.

Love never fails. Consider the person who’s so discouraged that depression has sunk their hope for tomorrow, would there not be a glimmer that gives them strength to press forward.

Love moves forward. Love is a power phrase packaged as a single word. For many, it becomes even more complex when the name Jesus is added to it. **JESUS LOVES YOU!**

‘You’ has a lot of layers to it. There is a lot to you that maybe you aren’t even aware of, but “Jesus Loves You.” JUST THE WAY YOU ARE...  
BRUNO MARS WHAT?

You know what I can’t stand... things when they are broken and aren’t whole!

I don’t like broken chips. I like whole ones to scoop my amazing salsa! No crumbs!  
I don’t like cookie crumbs I like whole ones.  
I don’t like a cracked phone screen. I like one that I can see whole.  
I don’t like when one head phone is broken and the other is fine or only one wireless pairs! DRIVES ME CRAZY!

One thing that Jesus is great at is loving broken things and broken people. He loves broken people living in a broken world.

## 1. **Jesus loves the Broken**

In the Bible we find this incredible story of Jesus, encountering someone who was seen as completely broken.

**Mark 10:46-52 (NKJV)**

Now they came to Jericho. As He went out of Jericho with His disciples and a great multitude, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the road begging. 47 And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Then many warned him to be quiet; but he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" 49 So Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called. Then they called the blind man, saying to him, "Be of good cheer. Rise, He is calling you." 50 And throwing aside his garment, he rose and came to Jesus. 51 So Jesus answered and said to him, "What do you want Me to do for you?" The blind man said to Him, "Rabbi, that I may receive my sight." 52 Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.

The blind man knew who Jesus was. He knew that Jesus came for people that are broken and could demonstrate his love by healing him.

Jesus had a reputation already of loving the broken and this blind man knew it! Imagine if "our reputation" was defined by loving the unlovable!

That what they knew of you is that you loved Jesus and lived for him, and when people heard you were coming somewhere, they wanted to be there and be close to you!

When Bartimaeus heard the trample of feet and the rush of the crowd he asked what was happening, they told him Jesus was there. He started to cause an uproar. Then at the moment he cried out to attract Jesus' attention to him.

**Our brokenness can be so heavy at times that it will cause an uproar to arise out of us.**

Notice that people around the blind man told him to shut up! They told him to quit crying out.

**People will try to silence our brokenness.**

But the more they told him to be quiet the louder he cried. He was not going to allow this chance to leave him in his brokenness, he cried out so violently that the crowd stopped and Jesus noticed.

## 2. **Jesus hears the Broken**

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Jesus calls him and asked what do you want me to do for you...Jesus is asking us what do you want from me...Jesus knows what he wants but Jesus still asked him....this is a tough idea for me.....

I would think dude you're JESUS! I am blind what do you think that I want! I want to be able to see. I want to be able to know what is going on!

I think Jesus asked the man because he wanted to hear his heart. He wanted to hear the request. The brokenness in his voice and in his soul.

The man refused to be stopped in his brokenness.

### **When the Clock Stops**

There once was a man who sold insurance door-to-door. One of his clients was a poor family who lived in an old house on the other side of the tracks. Every month he would go to collect the insurance money, and he would sit in their living room and talk. One day he noticed that the clock was wrong. It said nine o'clock when, in fact, it was noon. He said nothing. But he saw the same thing the next month and then the next month. Finally, he said something to the husband and wife. Tears came to their eyes. "That was the moment our boy died ten years ago," they told him. The clock had stopped in their lives.

The pain of betrayal can stop the clock. This happens to people who get hurt by others. The clock stops. We go through life, month after month, year after year, and often church after church, but the clock stopped in our lives way back when they were hurt.

**Life cannot go forward when the clock has stopped us in our brokenness.**

Yet I wonder, how many of us today are living their lives with the clock stopped?

### **3. Jesus heals the Broken**

*52 Then Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your faith has made you well." And immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus on the road.*

This blind broken man was healed by Jesus. Why? Because again Jesus loves the Broken.

He cared enough about this man to stop, acknowledge him and heal him.

The verse said that he immediately received his sight! It didn't take a process it was instant!

So why does Jesus care about the brokenhearted?

**WORSHIP**

**MUSIC PLAYS**

Some of you feel like sitting on a curb frustrated about your condition...but are you going to do something about it....Jesus is passing by tonight. Are you going to give your life to him, your issues to him, or are you going to let the moment pass you by?

So, what are we to do with our brokenness? Exactly what Bartimaeus did.

Call on Jesus today and trust Him to save your soul. Trust Him to wash away your sins. Trust Him to give you eternal life and to carry you to Heaven some day. Trust Him to change your life

***"He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted" (Luke 4:18 NKJV)***

Any idea where the phrase "broken heart" comes from?

In Psalm 69:20, David said: *"Scorn has broken my heart and has left me helpless"*

It doesn't matter what you call a broken heart or how you got it; Jesus can help.

In fact, in Jesus' very first sermon, he says it's one of the reasons he came. Whether you've been let down by disappointment, rejection, or resentment, Jesus came to heal your heart.

Jesus said about the Father, *"He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted"* (Luke 4:18)

If you've been hurt, God wants to help.

The Bible says in **Psalm 147:3 (NKJV), "[God] heals the heartbroken and binds up their wounds."**

Jesus loves the Broken.  
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He wants to love you.  
He hears you.  
He wants to heal you.

**(Ask students to come up and get prayer)**