

A sunset over a forest and ocean. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a golden glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, wispy clouds, and the sun's rays create a bright, hazy atmosphere. The ocean is visible in the distance, reflecting the golden light. In the foreground, a dense forest of evergreen trees is silhouetted against the bright sky. The overall mood is serene and contemplative.

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While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he **broke** it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take and eat; this is my body.”

<sup>27</sup> Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you.

<sup>28</sup> This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins

# God Uses Broken Things For His Glory

Broken bread (Acts 2:42)

Broken things used throughout the Word

(Matthew 14:19, Judges 7:19-20, Mark 14:3)

## Men Who Were Broken in the Bible

1. Job (Job 16:12, 42:5-6)
2. Jacob (Genesis 32, 33)
3. David (Psalm 51:16-17)
4. Paul (Acts 9:15-16, 2 Corinthians 12:7-10)

The Heart of Jesus Was Most Broken of all

The cleansing water – the Word (John 15:3,  
Ephesians 5:26, John 3:5)

The atoning blood (Matthew 26:28)

. The message and meaning for us

All of us are in a dissolving circle

But all of us are one in the Lord

<sup>16</sup> Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup> Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

(1 Corinthians 10:16-17)

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It is God who can remake us

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, *he is* a new creature;  
the old things passed away; behold, new things have  
come.