

BROKEN HOMES



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Introduction: We live in a broken world. People around us are hurting. We are hurting. We struggle knowing what to say and what to do when we see the brokenness around us. God wants us to know that there is hope. Tonight we want to share five stories of hope with you that should encourage you and inspire you. These are stories of how God uses broken things, broken people, and broken homes to bring Him glory! Let's study together...

Discussion:

BROKEN HOME #1 = The Family of Adam (*Genesis 1-4*)

3 kids. No accountability. Blame game. Sibling rivalry. Lack of self-control. Death.

BROKEN HOME #2 = The Family of Abraham (*Genesis 12-25*)

3 wives. 8 kids. Homeless. Disengaged parenting. Passive. Conflict. Sexual misconduct. Materialism. Human rights violations. Spousal abuse.

BROKEN HOME #3 = The Family of Israel (*Genesis 26-50*)

4 wives. 13 kids. Jealousy. Favoritism. Deception. Rape. Incest. Famine. Rebellion. Covetousness. Idolatry. Animal rights violations. Spousal abuse.

BROKEN HOME #4 = The Family of Amram (*Exodus-Deuteronomy*)

3 kids. Abandoned child. Adopted into ungodly home. Murder. Conspiracy. Runaway. Rags to riches to rags. Inter-racial marriage. Sibling Rivalry. Vagabond.

BROKEN HOME #5 = The Family of David (*I Samuel 16-I Kings 2:12*)

7 wives. 19 kids. Divorce. Absentee parenting. Career was #1. Rape. Incest. Adultery. Drunkenness. Political corruptness. No discipline. Murder. Scandal. Mutiny. Death.

BROKEN HOME #6 = The Family of Jesus (*Matthew-John*)

5 kids. Teenage pregnancy. Neglectful parenting. Jealousy. Wanted criminals. Death.

BROKEN HOME #7 = The Kingdom of God (*I Corinthians 6:9-11*)

Fornication. Idolatry. Adultery. Homosexuality. Sodomy. Stealing. Covetousness. Drunkenness. Revelry. Extortion.

Conclusion: We live in a divided world, but God provides a united church. Brokenness may be around us, but God heals the brokenhearted. **Psalm 34:18** says, "The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit." You can find healing and a spiritual home that can never be broken! If you are broken, come to Jesus and be added to His family!