

# ***When Broken Is Better***

Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12, 17 ESV

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **NEEDS TO BE REFINED BY FIRE.**

**1 Peter 1:6-7** *In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith – of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire – may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **NEED TO BE DISCIPLINED.**

**Hebrews 12:10–11** *God disciplines us for our good, in order that we may share in his holiness. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **NEED TO BE PRUNED.**

**John 15:1–2** *Jesus said, “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.”*

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **SOMETIMES NEED TO BE REFORMED.**

**Jeremiah 18:3–6** *I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. Then the word of the LORD came to me. He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.*

5. **EVEN** \_\_\_\_\_ **NEEDED A THORN IN THE FLESH**

**2 Cor 12:7-10** *In order to keep me from becoming conceited, I was given a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.*

6. **THE LORD** \_\_\_\_\_ **FOR THOSE WITH BROKEN AND CONTRITE HEARTS.**

**Psa 34:18** *The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*

**Psa 147:3** *He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.*