

# **A Broken Heart**

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**Psalm 34:18 (NIV)**

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

My brother and sisters I can remember a time when I was so broken, I did not know if I wanted to live or die. The pain was so overwhelming that no matter what I did in and of myself, the pain became worse. Without giving away too much, I felt like I was suffering because of something someone else had caused to me. However, it was not until I gave it all to Christ that I realized my part in allowing what happened to me.

I came to Morning Star Baptist Church in January of 2004 dying spiritually and sick physically. I met with Bishop Debnam and he asked me what do you want to do. The most obvious to me at the time was to get my family back but instead I opted to say I wanted to go back to school to get a Master's Degree. Still not fully understanding that there was a significant void in my life, I began the next steps to obtaining that degree. It was during a class session where we had to sit in complete silence that I realized that God had never left me and that I needed to return to Him for my healing. It was not what someone else had done but what I had allowed to happen that broke my heart.

God tells us in Genesis that He is a jealous God and that we cannot have another before Him. I placed everything before God and even became small in the eyes of others so that my spouse could continue the work of ministry. All while dying on the inside because I had not followed or accepted the path God had for my life. Coming to Morning Star Baptist Church was one of the greatest decisions I have ever made. The sanctuary here is more than a church but a place of healing and deliverance. I have everything I need to be who God called me to be and so do you. You need to know the lord orders the steps of a good man or woman. If by chance you are reading this devotional just know that you can make it if you keep God as your focus and stay in the Word of God. Yes, it helps that you come when Bishop calls for alter call prayer but you must enforce what was prayed for you. The best way I know is to return to the basics of scripture. I declare and decree that your life will change rapidly with God as the centerpiece of your life.

In summary, we can all agree that the Lord is close to the brokenhearted because the word tells us so. With that said, whatever has caused your heart to break, I encourage you right this very moment to give it to God. God is the beginning and the end of our faith and He promises to never leave us or forsake us. The Lord is close to the broken hearted and counts our tears and reminds us to cast every care on Him because He cares for us. Be encouraged as you are forgiven and know that God loves you unconditionally. Finally, I do not know how and I do not know when, however, one day the pain will be gone. This check you can cash at any bank and it will not bounce!