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BEAUTY OF BROKENNESS

BY PASTOR SOLOMON KARUNAKARAN

Kintsugi is an ancient Japanese art of repairing broken pottery. Its philosophy celebrates flaws and mistakes by turning them into an aesthetic concept. Damage is not hidden, but accentuated. Instead of mourning, Kintsugi teaches us to accept the imperfect and, above all, to appreciate it. (Source: Internet)

You may have heard about this, but it caught my attention when a preacher mentioned about this art. This art illustrates for us a major theological concept or one of the ways God works in our lives during the transformative process of becoming like Christ. We are all broken under the power of sin (Romans 3:9-11, 23) and none of us are perfect.



But when we encounter Jesus on the cross and understand His sinless death for our sakes and begin to follow Him, we enter into the process of being remade and restored.

In life we experience brokenness in the areas of Relationships, Health, Death of loved ones and friends, Loneliness, Rejection, Abuse (Physical, Verbal, Emotional), Broken dreams, Financial stresses, Disappointments, Depression, Mistreatment, etc. The memories and scars of experiencing brokenness are the very pieces the Lord uses to create beauty in our lives from the inside out. In Jeremiah chapter 18:1-4, we read, “This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: 2 “Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.” 3 So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. 4 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.”

The marred clay in the hands of the potter are the broken pieces which the Lord uses to create the beautiful character of Jesus in our lives.

In Romans 9:21, it is written, “ 21 Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use?” Though we may not understand the broken experiences of life, we can conclude that the master creator is re-creating a masterpiece to achieve His divine purposes. We need to experience brokenness in order to be restored into a unique vessel or pot for the Lord to use for His glory. May we stay in the hands of the potter and be remade and restored through our broken experiences for the Lord to shine His glory.

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MAY BIRTHDAYS

Benita Magdalene	May 01
Iniya Premkumar	May 02
Emmanuel Jebaraj	May 02
Priya Shibu	May 06
Daniel Wesley	May 09
Elliana Fredrick	May 12
Elda Williams	May 13
David Livingston	May 14
Nirmal John Rajkumar	May 15
Anitha Joe	May 16
Brian Samuel Richy	May 16
Chelsia Angeline	May 17
Christy Aarathana David	May 18
Samypillai Jayaraj	May 18
Bilson Santhappan	May 18
Davina Shalom	May 19
Joshua Raj	May 23
Preetha David	May 26
Jasmine Shamine Andrew	May 28
Stephen Kirubakaran	May 28
Daneshia Bilson	May 28
Ranjith Jayapandian Jothimani	May 30

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Sivakumar & Kavitha Sivakumar	May 03
Christopher Newton Job & Shanthi Newton	May 11
Immanuel Anand & Christilda Immanuel	May 13
Jefferson & Anu Jefferson	May 13
Rajasingh Fredrick Nagarathinam & Jerrina Jayapaul	May 14
Vijay Kumar & Sheela Christy	May 16
Venugopal KS & Florence Daniel	May 20
Raj Premkumar & Yogapriya Premkumar	May 22
Richy Gerard & Angel Richy	May 23
Shajin Pathrose & Abisha Shajin	May 24
Jebastine Vetharaj & Alice Swarna Rathnakumar	May 25
Andrew Yesuraj & Jasmine Shamine Andrew	May 26
Arul Shalom Aruliah & Sheeja Shalom	May 27

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**TGC
RETREAT
2024**

GUEST SPEAKER
**CLEMENT
SASTRIYAR**

JUNE | 21ST - 23RD | 2024

BLUE MOUNTAIN CHRISTIAN RETREAT CENTER
1 CHRISTIAN LN, NEW RINGGOLD, PA

CONTACT: BRO. RAJASINGH | BRO. ANICE NEWTON | BRO. DAVID LIVINGSTONE

Sunday Service
Every Sunday @ 5:00 PM

Fasting Prayer
May 11th @ 11:00 AM

Mother's day Sunday Service
May 12th @ 5:00 PM



TAMIL GOSPEL CHURCH
INVITES YOU FOR

VBS 2024

MON, JUNE 24TH TO FRI, JUNE 28TH
(6:00 - 8:30 PM)

142 SANDHILLS RD,
MONMOUTH JCT, NJ 08852

For ages 3 to 7th grade kids

Register here:
https://bit.ly/tgc_vbs2024

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