

BLESSED & BROKEN

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Luke 24:13-35

As they sat down to eat, he took the bread and blessed it. Then he broke it and gave it to them.

Suddenly, their eyes were opened, and they recognized him.

Luke 24:30-31 NLT

- They recognized Jesus for who he really was, as he was breaking the bread.

And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them,

Luke 22:19 TNIV

Then He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, He blessed and broke them, and gave them...

Luke 9:16 NKJV

We see this picture in the lives of...

- Abraham
- Isaac
- Moses
- Joseph
- Jesus

When God wants to use someone, He brings them through these stages

- taking
- blessing
- breaking
- giving

When you're in the _____ stage, it can be uncomfortable and disorienting.

When God is _____ you it makes all the taking worthwhile.

It was in the _____ of the bread, that they recognized Jesus for who he really was.

- The knowledge I received of God in the blessing stage, cannot compare to what I learn about him in the breaking stage.
- God cannot give to the world bread that hasn't been broken.
- When God breaks you, he has a purpose for you. He breaks bread so that he can give it.

It is doubtful whether God can use a man greatly until he has hurt him deeply.

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- Every great leader that God used, he first had to break.

**All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*