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# The Beauty of Brokenness

*"To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everybody else, Jesus told this parable: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.' "But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, 'God, have mercy on me, a sinner.' "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 18:9-14)*

**WE LIVE IN A BROKEN WORLD – KNOWN AS THE “FALL”.  
BUT THE BEAUTY IS:**

- 1. There is a Balm in Gilead! (Jeremiah 8:21-22)**
- 2. Brokenness Takes Away \_\_\_\_\_ or  
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- 3. Brokenness Takes Away \_\_\_\_\_**
- 4. The Closer We Get to God, the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ We Will Be**

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled." (Matthew 5:3-6)*