Pastor's Weekly Devotional- June 30, 2016

"The Beauty of Broken Pieces"

When the Royal Palace of Teheran in Iran was designed, the architect ordered huge sheets of mirrors for the walls. When the first shipment arrived, they found to their horror that the mirrors were shattered. The broken mirrors were discarded and thrown into the trash. Soon thereafter, however, the architect changed his mind. He ordered that the broken mirrors should be retrieved and smashed into hundreds of tiny pieces and glued to the walls forming a mosaic of silvery, shimmering bits of mirror. It is said that it is one of the most beautiful mosaics in the world.

Broken to become beautiful! Turning your scars into stars! It is possible to become better through the avenue of brokenness. So, never underestimate God's power to repair and restore! He can take the scars of the past and weave them into a fine garment of happy memories and precious gems.

Jesus came "to heal the brokenhearted" (<u>Luke</u> 4:18) and to set people free from the brokenness of sin and bad habits. You may not be able to escape the raw realities of life but Christ can take them and shape them into a beautiful mosaic if you would allow Him to do so.

Release the pressure within you. Exhale deeply. Blow out the tension. Breathe in the presence of God and blow out the poison fumes of the brokenness from the past. Tell yourself: "God has a wonderful plan for my life. I will look ahead with optimism, cheerfulness, hopefulness and joy. My life will become a new and beautiful mosaic through the power of Jesus Christ! Amen!" I BELIEVE! I RECEIVE! Thank you Lord!

This Sunday we will be celebrating Holy Sacrament. Also, it is our Independence Celebratory Service.

Have a blessed week! Pastor Sewdin