

## **When Brokenness is the Beauty: How God uses the Arts to bring hope and redemption into pain and chaos**

The arts have been used by God universally throughout history to bring hope and redemption out of pain and chaos; for example, the Japanese art form, Kintsukuroi, which repairs broken pottery with gold and reckons that the restored piece is more valuable for having been broken. From Jehoshaphat placing the singers in front of an army on a suicide mission, to concentration camp artists painting butterflies on barbed wire, event to two beaten missionaries singing in a jail, followers of God have always employed the arts to bring the beauty and hope of His redemptive truth into the ugliness of devastation. As Henri Nouwen so well put it, “Friends, we are wounded healers.” And no one can demonstrate that better to hurting society than the artists.

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- I. We Hold This Treasure in Jars of Clay
  - a. 2 Corinthians 4:7-18
  - b. The Word of God uses an illustration from the Artisans
- II. The Life of Jesus is Manifested
  - a. The Broken Life Points to Things Unseen
  - b. The Enemy tries to use wounding for Evil
  - c. God uses wounding for Good
- III. The Eternal Weight of Glory
  - a. The Kintsukuroi Principle
  - b. Brokenness is the Beauty
  - c. We are Wounded Healers

***Suggested Readings:***

***The Wounded Healer – Henri Nouwen***

<https://www.amazon.com/Wounded-Healer-Ministry-Contemporary-Society/dp/0385148038>

***The Art of Being Broken – Aaron Mark Reimer***

[https://www.amazon.com/Being-Broken-Aaron-Mark-Reimer/dp/0993806929/ref=cm\\_cr\\_arp\\_d\\_product\\_top?ie=UTF8](https://www.amazon.com/Being-Broken-Aaron-Mark-Reimer/dp/0993806929/ref=cm_cr_arp_d_product_top?ie=UTF8)