STRENGTH BROKENNESS BY PASTOR WILL TORRES

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

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- Psalm 34:18 The Lord is close to the Brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
- 1 Peter 5:5-6 ... Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with Humility, for "God resists the proud, But give Grace to the humble." Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God that he may exalt you in due time,

Psalms 51:16-17

- ¹⁶ You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.
- ¹⁷ My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise.

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Psalm 34:7 The Lord is near to the broken Heart and saves the crushed in Spirit

Matt 5:3 Blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the Kingdom of God

Isaiah 57:15 For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, **And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit** In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.

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1 Cor 1:27-28 NASB but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are,

Psalm 25:9 He leads the humble in justice, and teaches the humble his way.

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Philippians 2:1-5

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being likeminded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

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Philippians 2:6-11

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

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Philippians 2:6-11 cont....

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Romans 8:28 amp

²⁸ And we know [with great confidence] that God [who is deeply concerned about us] **causes all things to work together [as a plan] for good** for those who love God, to those who are called according to His plan *and* purpose.

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Hebrews 4:16 Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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