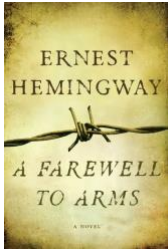


JOY IN THE BROKEN PLACES

2 CORINTHIANS 12:9-10 | ERIC SIMPSON | DECEMBER 15, 2019



“The world breaks everyone and afterward many are strong in the broken places.” — Ernest Hemingway

2 Corinthians 12:9-10

...⁹ “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. ¹⁰ That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

- It’s in the broken places where we’ll experience the beauty of His healing grace filling the cracks.

James 1:2-4

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴ Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

- The joy isn’t in the experience of being broken apart—it’s in the work of art that God creates through the trials and sufferings.

John 20:27-28

²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” ²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

- The harder we try to “fix things” in our own wisdom and strength, the bigger the mess.

Eucharisteas (Greek) = Eucharist = celebrating the Lord’s supper with an eye, not just on what he suffered, but also on all that he conquered