



Kintsugi

In Japan broken pottery is often repaired with gold. The flaw is seen as a unique piece of the objects history, which adds to its beauty

Japanese American author, speaker, and artist Makoto Fujimura has spoken extensively about *kintsugi* as a metaphor for human brokenness and mending in Christ. We come to Christ in fragments; he lovingly puts us back together. The scars remain, but like his, they shine.

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HIGH
POINT
Friends
MEETING
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Genesis 3:8-13,

8 During that day's cool evening breeze, they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden; and the man and his wife hid themselves from the Lord God in the middle of the garden's trees. 9 The Lord God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 The man replied, "I heard your sound in the garden; I was afraid because I was naked, and I hid myself." 11 He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Did you eat from the tree, which I commanded you not to eat?" 12 The man said, "The woman you gave me, she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate." 13 The Lord God said to the woman, "What have you done?!" And the woman said, "The snake tricked me, and I ate."

Psalms 51:16-17

16 You don't want sacrifices.

If I gave an entirely burned offering,
you wouldn't be pleased.

17 A broken spirit is my sacrifice, God.

You won't despise a heart, God, that is broken
and crushed.

Message:

The Journey from Brokenness to Wholeness

Open Worship: In this time of open worship, Friends take time to center down, wait on God to provide ministry to your soul and see if God wishes to use you as an instrument of grace.

Hymn: "Oh God, Eternal Friend and Guide" (Insert)

Benediction:

Postlude

Thoughts For Reflection:

"We hide ourselves in different ways. We put on a smiling face when we are sad. We try to look confident when we are afraid. We act as if we have it all together when it's all falling apart. We go through the motions of believing when we doubt. We feign interest when we honestly don't care. In the words of the Adam and Eve story, we cover up our nakedness with the fig leaves of pretense. Not surprisingly, our relationships with God and other people are often characterized by a sad superficiality and lack of intimacy. Pretend people have pretend relationships."

(Trevor Hudson)

High Point Friends Meeting

Prelude:

How Great Thou Art

As the music begins, we invite Friends to settle into a silence that serves to prepare us for our time of worship. Welcome the music to gather us together as a faith community at worship.

Welcome & Announcements:

Centering Prayer: "Loving God, may our journey with You move us increasingly from brokenness to wholeness. May we experience in You the grace that heals our wounds, mends our brokenness, and leads us towards the fullness of life offered in Your grace. Amen."

Hymn: "All Creatures of Our God and King" #43

Prayers & Concerns:

Offertory:

If My People Will Pray

Scripture:

Genesis 3:8-13, Psalm 51:16-17

Hymn:

"Spirit of the Living God" (Insert)
