

TITLE: *“Broken & Silent”*

**OPENING QUESTION:** Share a time when something in your life didn’t go as planned, and you couldn’t understand why.

**Mark 14:17–21**– When evening came, Jesus arrived with the Twelve. While they were reclining at the table eating, he said, “Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me—one who is eating with me.” They were saddened, and one by one they said to him, “Surely you don’t mean me?” “It is one of the Twelve,” he replied, “one who dips bread into the bowl with me. The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to that man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.”

**QUESTION:** What emotions do you think the disciples were feeling during this moment?

**QUESTION:** What are the uncertain or “broken” elements (betrayal, denial, scattering, suffering, etc.) in this passage?

**QUESTION:** Why do you think Jesus spoke so openly about what was about to happen?

**QUESTION:** What stands out to you about the contrast between what Jesus knew and what the disciples felt?

### **WHEN THINGS ARE BROKEN & GOD SEEMS SILENT:**

**When there is complete uncertainty, and God seems to be absent, the disciples discovered that God was still trustworthy.**

**QUESTION:** When life feels uncertain, do you tend to move closer to God or pull away? Why?

**V.22**– While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, “Take it; this is my body.”

**V. 23 & 24**– Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and they all drank from it. “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many,” he said to them.



**QUESTION:** Jesus talks about His body being broken and His blood being poured out—why is that significant in the middle of uncertainty?

**V. 27 & 28—** You will all fall away,” Jesus told them, “for it is written: ‘I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered.’ But after I have risen, I will go ahead of you into Galilee.”

**QUESTION:** How does Jesus’ statement in verses 27–28 show both truth (they will fall away) and hope (He will rise again)?

**V. 29—** Peter declared, “Even if all fall away, I will not.”

**QUESTION:** In uncertain seasons, what lies are you most tempted to believe about God?

**QUESTION:** Have you ever been confident in your faith, only to struggle later? What did that teach you?

**The challenge:** Can you maintain faith in God when there is absolutely no evidence of his activity in your life?

**QUESTION:** Why is this so difficult in real life?

*“God seems to take the broken things when He wants to do His most amazing work.”*

**It allows you to embrace uncertainty with the certainty of knowing that although life is uncertain, God is not uncertain.**

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## LANDING QUESTIONS:

**QUESTION:** Are you currently responding more like Jesus (trusting) or the disciples (confused, fearful, self-reliant)? Why?

**QUESTION:** What truth about God do you need to hold onto when your feelings don’t match your faith?

**QUESTION:** What are some practical ways to stay anchored when you don’t feel God working?

