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Brokenness and Restoration

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We humans get broken. Sometimes we are broken by life circumstances or societal inequities, and sometimes through our own sinful actions and choices. No matter how we become broken, God's restorative love is at work putting us back together.

At times, in our brokenness, God's restorative love works through others to provide healing and restoration. When I broke my wrist in January, the doctors and nurses put my wrist back together to allow it to heal. The hand therapists taught me exercises to restore its strength and flexibility. My husband braided my hair and tied my shoes. Our friends fed us.

At other times my brokenness is the result of my own sin as I turn from God, breaking my relationship with God and with others. God's restorative love is with me at these times, making me whole and enabling me to reflect on my behavior, repent and repair the damage I have done, and return to God.

We humans get broken, and I am grateful for a God who is always with us, loving us and restoring us to wholeness.

"Yes; it's out of his fullness that we have all received, grace indeed on top of grace." John 1:16 (New Testament for Everyone)