Triumph through Brokenness. 22.

As a believer, do I claim to personally love the Lord Jesus, yet at the same time, do I act independent of His daily promptings for my life? **Perhaps I think I am 'serving' God, but have I ever realized the absolute necessity for the brokenness of my proud, independent spirit**?

The Bible reads, *"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning"* Romans 15:4. So let us learn that: **Brokenness of my 'proud self-will'** must be replaced by His joyful, liberating, resurrection Life being outworked through me at whatever the personal cost. The Lord has given us His wonderful promise: ***"A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise"*** Psalm 51:17.

In Genesis 32:24-32, we read about Jacob wrestling until the breaking of day and **how that God** '**touched and put his thigh out of joint.**' This life-changing incident resulted in a brokenness of his independent lifestyle and caused him to limp in total dependency upon God for the rest of his life.

Such dependency upon the Lord, effected God's future promises and blessings, not only for Jacob, but also for all his people. God declared: ***"Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed"*** Genesis 32:28.

Biblical prophecies fulfill God's plan for His people and their, Land of Israel. "***Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling …and in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for ALL people***" Zechariah 12:2-3.