

Break My Heart

Sunday, January 22, 2023 Dave Michel Stepping Stones Community Church

¹⁸ My grief is beyond healing; my heart is broken... ²¹ I hurt with the hurt of my people. I mourn and am overcome with grief. ²² Is there no medicine in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why is there no healing for the wounds of my people?

Jeremiah 8:18, 21-22 NLT

1. Burdens lead us to action

- We naturally seek the easy path
- We want to be burdened by what <u>breaks</u>
 <u>God's heart</u>

2. The <u>blessing</u> of a spiritual burden

- Moses God's people oppressed
- David <u>Disrespect for God</u>
- Nehemiah God's city/temple in ruins
- Paul His people missed the Messiah

3. It is better to <u>hurt</u> with a purpose than to exist without one

	Next Steps:
	Commit to increase my prayer life:
$\sqcup F$	Ask God to "break my heart"
(Pray this week and make my confession to God: "I like life to be easy, but I know it is better to have a spiritual burden. Help me"
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¹ With Christ as my witness, I speak with utter truthfulness. My conscience and the Holy Spirit confirm it. ² My heart is filled with bitter sorrow and unending grief ³ for my people, my Jewish brothers and sisters. I would be willing to be forever cursed—cut off from Christ!—if that would save them.

Romans 9:1-3 NLT