

GRACEFULLY BROKEN

You don't have to have it all together to worship God. In fact, when you don't have it all together, and you come to God in weakness and fragility, pouring your whole life out before the throne, that in itself is a precious offering of worship that touches the heart of Jesus.

On Sundays, it's tempting to put on our best clothes, our biggest smiles and bring a level of pretense as we journey before the throne of God. But the beautiful thing about worshipping Jesus is you don't have to check your troubles or issues in at the door of the church. You don't have to adopt a pose as you approach Him. God wants us to come as we are — and He knows we are broken.

*Here I am God
Arms wide open
Pouring out my life
Gracefully broken*

No matter how shiny our veneer, God does not pay attention to outward appearances. He looks at the heart (1 Sam. 16:7). So why not come to Him in worship in an honest way, confessing you have nothing to offer but your own brokenness?

David beautifully modeled this type of broken worship when he wrote, “The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise” (Psalm 51:17). In his brokenness, he offered up a song of praise.

In real worship, there is always a measure of rawness and brokenness. You can find it in the way we surrender to God, and you can find it in the way God shapes our lives. Worshiping from the broken places of our lives isn't an easy pursuit, and it's not a frictionless or trouble-free adventure. But there is always purpose in the difficulty, and there is always grace ready to meet us in our brokenness.

*Your power at work in me
I'm broken gracefully
I'm strong when I am weak
I will be free*