

BROKEN PEOPLE: Exodus 2:11-25

INTRODUCTION **ILLN:** Broken saucepan lid

“To throw our or not to throw out? That is the question.”

The question I was faced with recently.

I have an old saucepan – 30 years old – the lid broke yet again

MOSES WAS BROKEN

He knew he was special – saved by the Lord for a purpose – to help his people

Tried to help his people – to be their saviour

Misunderstood and rejected

Had to run for his life

Became a fugitive – a refugee - an asylum seeker

All he had worked for and hoped to be had come to nothing

He felt useless

APPN: HOW WE ARE BROKEN?

We may not have murdered anyone but impetuous - action or words

Times we may have tried to help someone and been misunderstood

We may face rejection, opposition, illness, failure, loss

Our hopes and dreams may come to nothing

We may feel useless

HOW WE FEEL?

Failure, afraid to try again, withdraw, stop dreaming, give up hope, lose passion,
feel we are no use

SAUCEPAN LID

Throw out? WHY? No use. Buy another. - Hebrews attitude to Moses.

How we treat broken people - criticize, reject, ignore, write off

Repair? WHY? Precious - 1st pan/expensive

Potential - roast nuts – the best pan for that job - use again

Moses Impetuous, temper - killed Egyptian Cf. stone tablets, water from rock

BUT compassion, courage - daughters/shepherds

You are precious- we are bought with a price - Christ

God's sees your **potential**

GOD REPAIRS BROKEN PEOPLE

TAKE TO GARAGE - time out of use - waste of time? - no! - repair
Unemployment, illness, bereavement, family problems

REMOVE OLD GLUE - **self** confidence - recognise own weakness/limitations

NEW GLUE - SUPERGLUE - confidence in **God 2 Cor 1:9**

The burdens laid upon us were so great and so heavy that we gave up all hope of staying alive ... But this happened so that we should rely, not on ourselves, but only on God.

TIME TO SET

Waiting - let go of own dream - freedom **in** Egypt - new dream - better - **own** land.
Things in Egypt had to get worse so that the Hebrews were desperate enough to accept him as their leader

Learning - live in desert - shepherd - lead people - not a waste of time

BACK IN USE - stronger - better than before

Able to confront Pharaoh and not give up
Believe that the Lord would work to set his people free
Lead his people through the desert for 40 years

CONCLUSION

SAUCEPAN mended several times before. Will I ever throw it out? Eventually

God never throws you out. You are precious, you have potential.

God loves you

1 Cor 13:7 *“God’s love never gives up: it’s faith, hope and patience never fail. God’s love is eternal”*