



DANGEROUS  
PRAYERS

## 4. BREAK MY HEART

Jeremiah 8.18-21;

Romans 9.1-3

### **Key Points :**

- Key point 1. **Let us move on from being moved in a moment (Rom 9:2)**
  - It is easy to feel emotionally moved by the plight of someone else, but God wants us to move from sympathy to empathy instead of apathy. This can only come from getting God's heart for the situation. His Holy Spirit will give us a burden for more than a moment.
- Key point 2. **God wants to connect our passion with the needs of the world (Jer 8:21)**
  - God wants us to be connected to things that break his heart, rather than just distant interest. Be attentive to the things God has drawn you to in the past and be open to the possibility that your greatest desire may meet a deep need.
- Key point 3. **Our prejudices block God breaking our hearts (implicit in wider context of Rom 9)**
  - In order to let God break our hearts we need to be ruthless with the prejudice that lies within our hearts. When we are judgemental towards anyone who is different to us (e.g. someone from a different religion, social class, race, background, culture, political persuasion, education, etc) we build a barrier against God breaking our hearts.

### **Questions:**

#### **Conversation Starter**

1. What are the things that break your heart?

#### **Start thinking**

2. Do you get overwhelmed by the needs of the world? How do you respond? If you read the news, do you pray about what you read?

#### **Start sharing**

3. Do you think you're more likely to choose apathy or activism when faced with something that breaks your heart? How might you take that to God in prayer?

#### **Start praying**

4. Heavenly Father, would you break our heart for what breaks yours, help us to move on from being moved, connect our passions with the needs of the word, and help me to notice whenever judgemental attitudes stop our hearts breaking. Thank you, Amen.

#### **Start doing**

5. Spend time praying for God to break your heart about one thing. What might it look like to do something about it: pray, give, act?