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We Are Broken By:

- **Emotional Brokenness**

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- **Physical Brokenness**

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Are there any sick among you? Then ask the elders of the church to come and pray over the sick and anoint them with oil in the name of our Lord.

- **Spiritual Brokenness**

James 5:15 (TPT)

And the prayer of faith will heal the sick and the Lord will raise them up, and if they have committed sins they will be forgiven.

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God Gets the Glory When I:

1

Share my hurts with fellow Christians so they can pray with me.

James 5:16a (NIV)

Therefore, confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

2

Surround myself with genuine and faithful Christians.

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