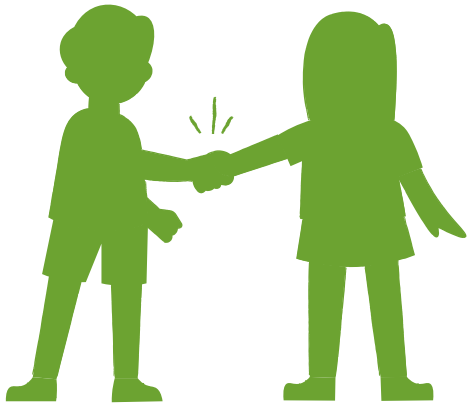


Thoughts on Repairing



Have you broken a mug or a bowl or a plate?
It breaks into jagged pieces.

Have you been in a friendship that broke,
from an argument, unkind words or actions?
Friendships break into jagged pieces too.
That's why it hurts, however it was broken.

The Bible says

'[There's] a time for tearing down and a time for building up, a time for searching and a time for losing, a time for keeping and a time for throwing away, a time for tearing and a time for repairing.'

Ecclesiastes 3:3,6,7

'All of you should live together in peace. Try to understand each other.

Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be kind and humble.'

1 Peter 3:8

What do you think about these verses?

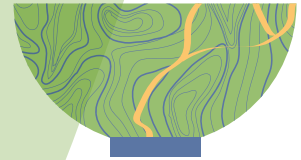
Do

Find a picture of a kintsugi bowl, or draw one, as a reminder of repaired relationships.



Fact

Kintsugi, which means golden joinery, is the Japanese art of repairing broken pottery with lacquer dusted or mixed with powdered gold, silver, or platinum.



Idea

Friendships can be repaired, but a lot of effort, and sometimes time, needs to be put into the repair. Think about all the good things in your friendship that are worth repairing. Think about why your friendship broke into pieces. How can you put the pieces back together? The love and care you use to do so is just like the gold glue in the kintsugi bowl. The gold shows where the bowl broke but also makes it beautiful and stronger. Being aware of what broke a friendship, and repairing it, makes it stronger and better as well.



Pray

Thank you that broken relationships can be repaired. Give us the strength, and show us the best way, to repair what is broken, making our relationships stronger and better.



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