



## WORKSHOP ONE

### MAKE ME USABLE - Freedom in the Spirit

You've may have heard the song "*If you can use anything Lord, you can use me*" - but perhaps a more powerful prayer by evangelist Reinhard Bonnke is - "*Lord make me usable!*"

Asking the Lord to "*make me usable*" is far more dangerous than praying to be used. Praying to "*be used*" focuses on others, but praying "*make me useable*" invites the Lord's intervention to change me, transform me and conform me into His will.

Becoming usable usually involves pain – a process of brokenness, molding and re-shaping to become yielded to the Holy Spirit.

Even when I've prayed "*Lord use me*" the Holy Spirit seems to have been primarily concerned with "*making me usable*". We may run from brokenness, think it a cruel word, or think brokenness describes only those living in grass roots or abuse – unbelievers. But brokenness often comes to those willing to be used by God to fill us with more of His Spirit and power, for when I am weak, He is strong.

What is Brokenness?

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Lloyd John Ogilvie, chaplain to the US Senate wrote "*Whatever happens that breaks us open to a deeper invasion of God's Spirit is a blessing in disguise.*"

- As I am emptied in brokenness it allows a "*deeper invasion of God's Spirit.*"
- Brokenness brings me to the end of myself so that I can live freely for God.
- Brokenness delivers me from my need for glory, to be a woman who brings God glory.
- Brokenness opens the door to freedom.

What is Freedom?

*"Freedom is an emancipated, fearless condition of our minds which is expressed in our personalities and our feelings about ourselves, others, life's challenges and opportunities, and our expectations for what the future holds."* Lloyd John Ogilvy.

We lose our freedom whenever anything blocks the free flowing of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Freedom is found in an intimate relationship with God based on knowing who He is, His love and purpose towards us, and trusting Him completely with all aspects of our lives.



To KNOW God is to love God,  
To LOVE God is to trust God,  
To TRUST God is freedom  
FREEDOM empowers me to love and serve unconditionally knowing I am freely loved.

- Freedom found in brokenness brings greater intimacy and dependency on Him.
- Freedom delivers me from self-sufficiency, control and fear.
- Freedom allows me to trust in God's power alone and in His ability to lead me as I yield to Him.
- Freedom is realizing I need Jesus Himself, even more than I need His help to accomplish His work.
- Freedom delivers me to love and serve others with His divine love, unconditionally, knowing that I am freely loved.

Take a moment to complete this sentence:

I need to be set free in: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Prayer This Weekend:**

From a missionary biography: *“Those who are actively involved in the deliverance of souls from the bondage of Satan will never go for long without themselves being attacked. For those who are to be of real spiritual help to others must be prepared for peculiar trials and tests, that the qualities of endurance and adherence to sympathy and understanding may be wrought out in them.”*

The places and women where God is calling us to minister – entering into the deep lost-ness, deception, wounding and brokenness of women's hearts, cannot be reached in our own strength or with noble desires, programs or tools. We need a fresh invasion of the Spirit and Truth to first fill our own hearts and minds transforming us, so that we can be vessels He can use to break strongholds, heal broken hearts and set captives free.

### **Are you willing to pray this prayer with me?**

Lord,

*Make me usable by transforming me.*

*Break me open to receive a deeper invasion of Your Spirit.*

*Help me fully yield to your Holy Spirit so that I become a vessel through which Your Spirit will flow to bring healing, deliverance and freedom to others.*