

DROBEN AND DLEGGED (GURVIV

The LORD Almighty is the one you are to regard as holy. He is the one to fear and dread. He will be a sanctuary. But for the houses of Israel, he will be a STONE that causes men to stumble and a Rock that make them fall. (Isaiah 8:13-14)

Jesus looked directly at them and said. "This is the meaning of what is written, THE STONE WHICH THE BUILDERS REJECTED ..." Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed." (Luke 20:17-18)

OPTIONS

- a) step upon it (humility) = blessed
- b) stumble over it (haughtiness) = broken
- c) refuse to learn (hardness) = crushed

If we <u>learn</u> from the pain and <u>change</u> our attitude (pride > humility) then the brokenness has blessed us. It caught our <u>attention</u> and changed our <u>direction</u>.

The <u>value</u> of the fish turned net loss into <u>net gain.</u>

- net without Christ = <u>failure</u>
- Christ (even) without net = fish

Torn net was <u>not</u> the <u>disaster</u> they assumed, because Christ was calling them to a new purpose in which <u>no</u> net was <u>needed</u>. They would survive!

It was the very <u>fragments</u> and <u>shreds</u> of the boat which became their <u>life rafts</u>!

- Trapped inside the ship they would have <u>drowned</u>.
- Only because it BROKE apart were their lives <u>spared</u>.

God can use every broken piece of my life to transport me to a blessed place and transform me into a better person!