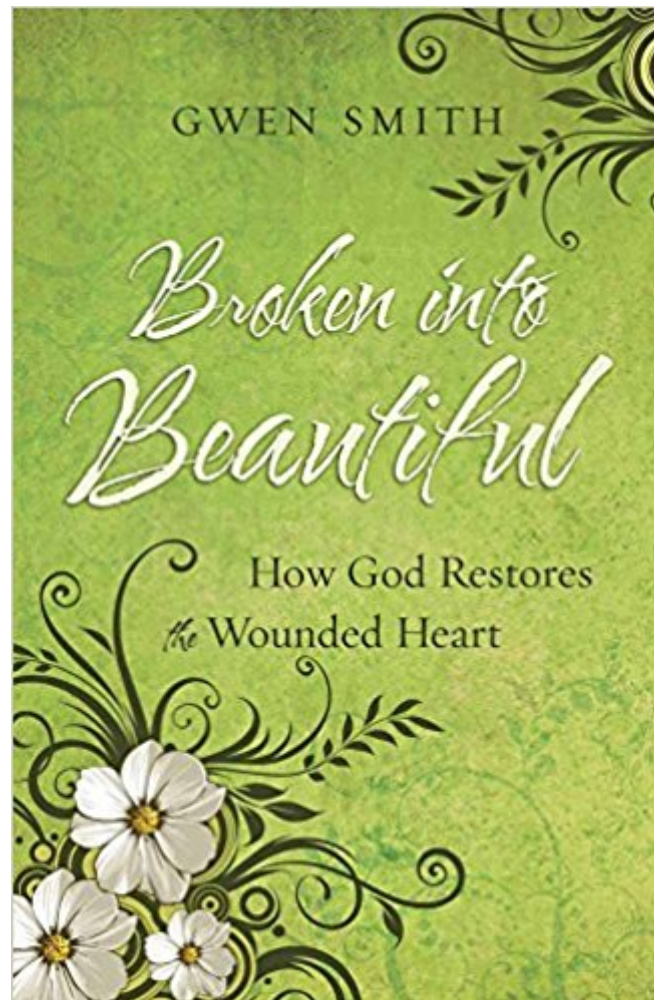




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# Broken Into Beautiful: How God Restores The Wounded Heart



## Synopsis

God delights in transforming lives. In *Broken Into Beautiful*, singer and songwriter Gwen Smith's first book, she tells the real-life stories of women with shattered dreams, shameful secrets, and damaged souls, and the God who makes them beautiful again. Each chapter features a compelling personal story coupled with relevant biblical teaching and application. Readers will meet women wounded by infidelity, abortion, widowhood, abuse, and other tragic events, only to discover the joy of being restored by a loving heavenly Father. The book will remind women of all ages of God's willingness to eternally forgive and forget and of His heart to transform broken lives. Readers will be empowered to believe truth, to remember grace, and to live for God's greater purposes. *Broken into Beautiful* is ultimately about a beautiful Savior who became broken for us so that all who are broken can be transformed to reflect His beauty.

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Smith, an evangelical singer and songwriter, offers Christian women her debut writing effort with both grace and candor. Smith winsomely challenges fellow Christians to be transparent in their admissions of failures, doubts, struggles and fears. To this end, she takes the lead by sharing her own emotional story of aborting her baby while in college. Years after the abortion, Smith was nudged by God to go public after hearing another Christian speaker tell a similar story. Still she battled against self-exposure because she was deeply ashamed and feared other people's judgment. Smith encourages women to seek God's grace and mercy for inner healing from past

mistakes and for today's trials. Each chapter brims over with stories of women who've been there in the trenches of infidelity, abuse, widowhood and despair. Smith exhorts Christians to stop hiding behind their smiles and be brave enough to get real so that they and others can discover true freedom and God's extravagant restoration. (July) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

"Broken Into Beautiful is well-written, and although it is filled with real-life 'trauma' stories, it was refreshing to see it was also packed with Scripture, which is one of the key things God consistently used to bring those people (and continues to bring us all) through the trials He allows in our lives." I have already passed it on to a friend to read, and will continue to recommend it to all the women I come in contact with. It definitely has something for women of all walks and stages of life."

—Peg Wildermuth "Broken into Beautiful is truly one of the most encouraging books I have ever read. Although Gwen tackles many tough subjects and examples of broken lives, her focus is truly on the delight that God takes in mending hearts and transforming lives for His glory. The book is beautifully written, doctrinally sound, funny, touching, and laid out in a consistent, easy to follow manner from chapter to chapter." "Thank you Gwen for your obedience to write this book and to share your beautiful Savior with a broken world. I've said it before, but will say it again: I love Gwen Smith because she loves God and now readers of Broken into Beautiful will too." —Jane Currin

This book and all the testimonies in it are inspiring. I would recommend this book to anybody that thinks they are not good enough to serve God. I would also recommend it to those out there that want to do more with their lives, but keep holding back for some reason or another. Beauty from ashes, this book teaches you how to use the negative things/situations that have happened in your life, into using those things/situations to help others. I can't say enough about this book, I love Gwen and her honesty. This book has changed my life in a great way and I know it will do the same for you! Just buy it already!!!

Each night before bed, I would read a chapter or two of Gwen's book. Her stories touched me deeply. I highlighted many pieces of Scripture to return to when needed. God is using Gwen to touch the lives of many women, young and old. She has been given a wonderful gift from God in her music, speaking, and writing. She is a blessing to us all.

Great book and we are in the last week, week 5 of the Bible study live on Facebook. Gwen is an awesome leader and author. She's real Thank you for your obedience to God The Father His Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit. What a blessing. I had also read her I Want It All first .. another great read with a study included in the book

I quickly turned the pages of this book due to the conversational style of writing that can be described as heartfelt and real. Gwen's passion for life shines through and reflects back to her walk of faith. Her "God Light" is shining!

It is a warm good read.

What a great book. I feel so Blessed that I read it. In fact I read it twice and did your study on Facebook. Thanks for becoming vulnerable and listening to The Lord's leading on sharing your story!! I know you will help many women who are broken to become beautiful. What a gift you have. Thank you for using it!!!

This Christian devotional book is comprised of the author's story of having an abortion at a young age, as well as several other women's stories of brokenness. The thread woven throughout the book is one of the Master Artist's hand who can put all the broken pieces together again in a way that was better than before. An inspirational read!

I love this book! Gwen speaks life - all of the GIG women are amazing! I love how this book reflects true life and not just someone's made up stories. You are such an inspiration to me and I love how God talks to me through you! Love your work!

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