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Crushed Bones Rejoice
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I think it is safe to say that Psalm 51 is a favorite for pastors to quote and preach. In it, you find renewal and redemption, but one verse is often overlooked because of its cryptic delivery. David writes in Psalm 51:8, "let me hear joy and gladness, let the bones you have crushed rejoice." Anyone who has broken or crushed a bone knows that rejoicing is pretty low on the list of emotions.

This verse has a rich history. The picture is of an Israelite soldier fighting the Philistines and that soldier, in the course of battle has broken his arm. There is no time to set the bone properly during the fight, and thus, the soldier's broken bone has grown back together in the wrong fashion. In order to be ready for the next campaign, the soldier's bone must be broken again. David says to God, your correction is like breaking a warped bone and resetting it. It hurts, but I rejoice! Change is painful, but I welcome it! Would you allow God to break your spiritual bones to make you better? Resetting areas of your life that have developed hazardously can be extremely difficult, but in the end you emerge a greater spiritual warrior!



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