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Touch Points


"Quotes" by Jordan


 "Visions are God's art."

 "Not praying is like giving God the silent treatment."

 "When Satan shows up, he rarely wears black."

 "The most important things to see are invisible."

 "The things people say are impossible, I think are possible, but just not done yet."

 "People would see much better if they used the eyes of their hearts."

Jordan's fingerprints touch upon important points to ponder.

♥ From the Heart of Child Artist *Jordan Cook*

WINDOWS OF THE SOUL

Have you ever seen something that made you think of something else? I have.

Mom and I were driving to the mall the other day when I saw this broken window. It's not like I haven't seen it before; I've seen it so many times! Anyhow, this time when I looked at it, it made me think about people in the world that have *broken souls*.

A *broken soul* is different from having a *broken heart*. Everyone's heard of a broken heart. A broken heart is when you are deeply hurt by someone or something. Not as many people know what a *broken soul* is. A broken soul is when something happens that changes who you are, or at least who you *think* you are.

When your soul is broken, what you *think* about yourself is wrong, what you *feel* about yourself is wrong, and what you *think others think* about you is wrong.



Look at the building for a minute.

Maybe that building is you.

Someone broke into you from the outside, or you let them in and they broke you from the inside out. Maybe it wasn't *someone*, but *something*.

Whenever you get hurt, things change. Inside, you aren't the same as you were before.

It might not seem like a big deal at the time. After awhile, you

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might not even think about it anymore, but if it hasn't been fixed, it's still broken!

Actually, the problem isn't that your window is broken; the problem is that the break in your window changes your view out of it.

Now, every time you look out your window, you see things through the break. You might be so used to it that you don't notice it anymore, but it doesn't mean it isn't there.

The break is messing up the way you see.

Your *view* is different because *you* are different.

You know what that means?

It means that what you think about others might be wrong too, like wearing a bad pair of glasses.

I looked at the other windows and had more ideas.

Broken windows aren't the only problem with people's souls.

Some people have *hidden their souls*.

People with *hidden souls* might have had their souls broken before.



Either that, or they are very afraid of having their soul broken. Maybe they've had a few close calls.

People with hidden souls cover their windows with paint so no one can see in. They hide who they are so you can never know the real them.



The problem with hiding is that by making it so others can't see you, *you mess up your own vision*.

**“Without vision,
people perish”
Proverbs 29:18**

How are you going to reach the world that way?

How in the world will anyone reach YOU?



If you board yourself up, you're a prisoner!

Your vision is *everything*.

When I paint, I show people things through their eyes. If they shut their eyes, my paintings can't talk to them.

Even if you are scared to open up, you really need to try. You might be surprised at how much nicer things look when you let some light in!

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Start with a few panes at a time. As you get used to it, keep going until you are whole!



Life will not only start coming INTO you, but also OUT of you where you least expect it!



Let God come in and open up your life! Don't be broken, painted, or boarded up if you don't have to be. He cares very much about the building of you. He was a carpenter, remember? He knows how!



Lessons From A Rubber Band Snowman

It's cold outside,
But no snow's
on the ground;
Not even a flake
Of snow to be found!

But that will not stop me!
I'll use what I find!
Rubber bands,
barrettes, and clips that
bind!

Don't ever be limited
By conditions or time—
There's always a way to
express your mind!

Don't Be Lukewarm!

“ I know your works and what you are doing;
you are neither **cold** nor **hot**.

I would like it if you were **cold** or **hot**!

So, because you are **lukewarm** and neither
cold nor **hot**, I will spew you out of My mouth!

- Jesus (Revelation 3:15-16)





Jordan's Journal is authored by 8-year-old Jordan Cook for people of all ages. All articles are put together using *her* original ideas. Though nothing has been added to her content—doctrinally, or otherwise—her mother, Michelle Cook, assists Jordan by editing her work for grammar and clarity, and by providing the technical aspects of graphics and layout for Jordan's creative designs.

We pray her words bless you as she writes about whatever the Spirit moves her to express.

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Bread of Life

At Christmas Eve Dinner, my Aunt Jamie was taking a last bite of bread when we noticed this heart in it. *How cool!*

Did you know that Jesus is called "The Bread of Life"? Do you know that *Bethlehem* in Hebrew means *House of Bread*?

Isn't it interesting to think that God sent Jesus to us in a *manger*? Do you know that a manger is a food holder for animals?

Our Heart Bread was a reminder of so many things.



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