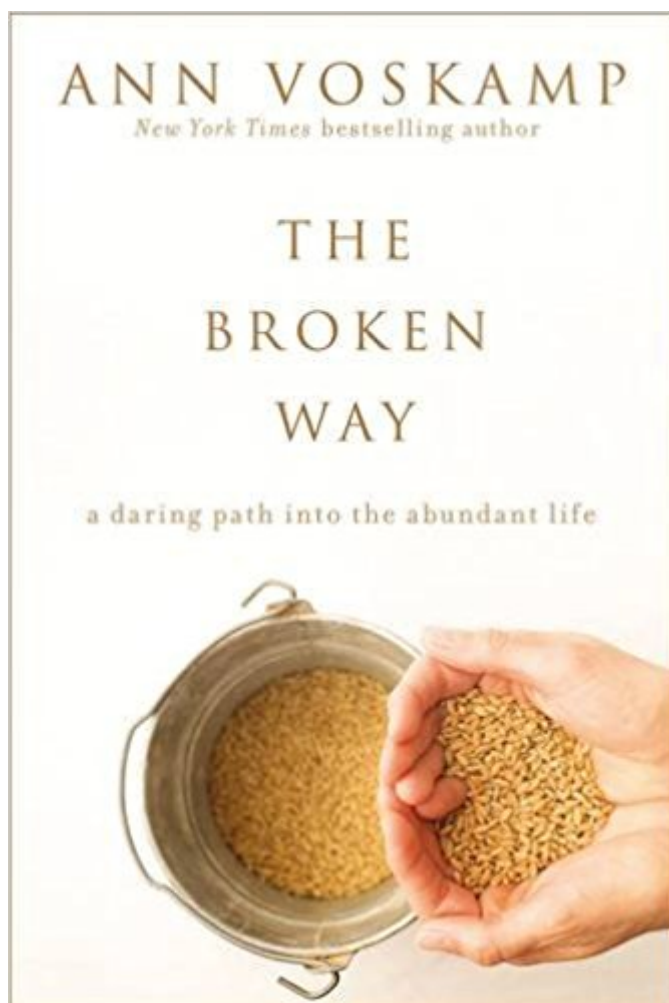


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# The Broken Way: A Daring Path Into The Abundant Life



## Synopsis

New York Times best-selling author of *One Thousand Gifts* Ann Voskamp sits at the edge of her life and all of her own unspoken brokenness and asks: What if you really want to live abundantly before it's too late? What do you do if you really want to know abundant wholeness? This is the one begging question that's behind every single aspect of our lives --- and one that *The Broken Way* - also a New York Times bestseller - rises up to explore in the most unexpected ways. This one's for the lovers and the sufferers. For those whose hopes and dreams and love grew so large it broke their willing hearts. This one's for the busted ones who are ready to bust free, the ones ready to break molds, break chains, break measuring sticks, and break all this bad brokenness with an unlikely good brokenness. You could be one of the Beloved who is broken --- and still lets yourself be loved. You could be one of them, one who believes freedom can be found not only beyond the fear and pain, but actually within it. You could discover and trust this broken way --- the way to not be afraid of broken things.

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What you need to know about Ann Voskamp: after the stunning success of *One Thousand Gifts*, she has chosen to decline the mantle of spiritual guru and instead to become even more intimately vulnerable. In this book, she helps us slow down, stop time, and allow gritty faith to penetrate, expose, and bring the hint of healing to the mess of daily life. For all imperfect people---in other words, for all of us---she offers a compassionate and wise way forward to help navigate our broken world. (Philip Yancey, editor-at-large, *Christianity Today*) In *The Broken Way*, a deeply personal revelation, Ann Voskamp leads us on a journey toward embracing and celebrating the brokenness

in each of us. The passionate words that pour from her soul will make you weep and shout hallelujah at the same time. (Kay Warren, Saddleback Church, Lake Forest, California) There are only a handful of authors in the whole world who I try to find and read every last word they've ever written. Ann Voskamp is one of those. The Broken Way is no exception, as Ann does what she does best---articulating the incredible grace of Jesus in a profound way that makes all of us go YES! but had no words for before. This must-read book will give life to any weary soul. (Jefferson Bethke, New York Times bestselling author of Jesus > Religion and It's Not What You Think) Ann Voskamp is convincing that there is nothing broken that cannot be restored by making the living Christ present. She provides a stunningly fresh treatment of a subject so often littered with clichés. My favorite phrase is, "Fight back the dark with doxology . . . doxology can detox the day." (Eugene H. Peterson, emeritus professor of spiritual theology, Regent College, Vancouver, BC) I read The Broken Way with tears streaming down my face, my spirit crying out, "YES, YES, YES, YES!" Few authors have impacted my own life like Ann Voskamp. If we can live out the truth contained within The Broken Way, I believe we will reach and impact our generation like never before. So powerful. So prophetic. So profound. Please read this book. (Christine Caine, founder of A21 and Propel Women) The Broken Way is the most honest and beautiful healing balm for an aching heart. The authenticity and grace from which Ann Voskamp writes are refreshing and life-giving. This book is a true gift from God! (Lysa Terkeurst, New York Times bestselling author and president of Proverbs 31 Ministries) Ann Voskamp's skill with words, her tenderness with hearts---it is incomparable. Life can leave us looking for an exit, a window. Ann has a hand on the curtain. She has a way of releasing light, just enough to chase shadows and give hope. (Max Lucado, pastor and bestselling author) Most of us want to run away from our brokenness. Ann Voskamp runs right into it, sharing the shattered pieces of her own life to help us acknowledge the shards we may be sifting through. Ann helps us see God's good purpose in all of it, and how He guides us, not around the pain, but through it. Beautifully written, The Broken Way offers a generous measure of hope, filled with Ann's tender honesty and God's powerful truth. (Liz Curtis Higgs, bestselling author of Bad Girls of the Bible) In the way only she can, Ann Voskamp invites us to discover that the whole life begins in our brokenness. Ann knows what it means to be broken. She knows what it means to have scars. This isn't her theory; it's her heartbeat. Lean in to this book, and listen for it. (Lauren Chandler, singer/songwriter and author of Steadfast Love) Ann Voskamp penetrates the soul with words that arrest us, convict us, and compel us to the arms of our Father. Ann Voskamps come along once in a generation. We best pay attention. (Gabe Lyons, author of

Good Faith)

Ann Voskamp is the wife of one fine, down-to-earth farmer; a book-reading mama to a posse of seven; and the author of the New York Times bestsellers *One Thousand Gifts*, which has sold more than one million copies and has been translated into more than twenty-one languages, and *The Broken Way*. Named by Christianity Today as one of fifty women most shaping culture and the church today, Ann knows unspoken brokenness and big country skies and an intimacy with God that touches wounded places. Millions do life with her at her daily photographic online journal, one of the top 10 most widely read Christian sites: [www.annvoskamp.com](http://www.annvoskamp.com)

"The Broken Way" is a guide into abundant life through self-sacrifice. A logical progression from Ann's first book, The New York Times best-selling "One Thousand Gifts," this new book answers the question "How do you live with your one broken heart?" Let me pause here to say that I am probably one of the few men who have read this book. This doesn't give me any more credibility than anyone else, but it does provide a rarer perspective on this book. Ann has struck a chord with women because she writes so vulnerably and openly about pain, loss, grief, and the thousand trials and joys of home life. Our culture--to its loss--seems to discourage men from probing their emotions, evaluating their relationships, or spending reflective time considering the state of their heart and their soul. This is a tragedy which can be overcome one man at a time. "The Broken Way" is not just for women and it is not just for stay-at-home parents--it is for anyone who has experienced brokenness; anyone who needs to learn how to live with a broken heart, not just limping through life, but living joyfully and abundantly. It is for anyone who believes that Christ is the Great Physician and that He Himself is our peace. It is for both women and men. I read widely and this is one of just two or three books which has helped me to change the way I live even while I'm still reading it. Ann's combination of storytelling, theology, practical application, and winsome vulnerability provide just the right combination to move readers past their own broken patterns and into a new way of thinking and living. I have already started to implement some of her wise advice about a broken life being a given life, and through that sacrifice of giving--through the cruciform way of giving away your one broken heart--your life becomes more whole, more rich, more abundant, more eternal. It is the way of Jesus. It is the way of the cross. And it is for every Christian, man or woman. Some of my favorite quotes are from chapter 6, entitled, "What's Even Better than a Bucket List": "Experiencing the whole world will not fill your bucket like experiencing giving yourself, and finding the meaning that will fill your soul." - p.92 "What

if living the abundant life isn't about having better stories to share but about living a story that lets others live better? "Live for something worth dying for.... Don't waste a minute on anything less than what lasts for all eternity." - p.92 "Live for something worth dying for.... Don't waste a minute on anything less than what lasts for all eternity." - p.95 Thank you, Ann, for giving yourself away in order to bless broken readers like me, whether men or women.

Her first book 1000 gifts helped me through the journey with cancer with my 14 year old daughter...this book The Broken Way, is helping me live without her and allows me to be honest about my brokenness. Everyone is broken, hurting, dealing with loss and disappointment...how do we live with a broken heart? Give it away...I highly recommend this book for you and for anyone in your life that needs help healing and encouragement. Ann brilliantly and poetically crafts profound and inspiring words in a way that pierces and comforts your heart all at once.

All of my life I have felt broken because of all the pain inflicted on me. I considered myself to be ugly, defeated, and stupid because of my brokenness. So I lived my life as a useless broken woman. That is, until I read TheBrokenWay. Ann Voskamp writes in such a descriptive way that she draws you into her story of brokenness and she opened my eyes to realize how God uses our broken story for His glory. I no longer feel ugly when a situation breaks me, I feel blessed with anticipation to see how God makes all things new. Ann Voskamp changed my life with her book A Thousand Gifts and now she's transformed my thought process with TheBrokenWay.

We all want to live an abundant life, but unfortunately, most of us think that life gets in the way of this goal. This book helps you understand that our brokenness is a huge part of what helps us actually live an abundant life. Our broken families, broken relationships, broken self-image can all be used to showcase Christ's glory and grace to us. Ann's first book, One Thousand Gifts, (If you haven't read that one...go ahead and get it too) taught me that I can "fight a feeling with a feeling" and that if I actually look, I will see endless ways that God shows His love to me. From it, I learned the absolute best way to count and that the best way to get over anger, frustration, sadness is to realize all of the amazing blessings I have been given, instead of allowing those things I see as negatives to get me down. This book, The Broken Way, is equally wonderful! In a beautiful way, it helps you realize how you can live out your thankfulness for those blessings...God's extraordinary grace. You learn how to live "broken-wide-open" - it's about loving people now, no matter how broken we feel... not in some distant future, but now. There is so much in this book that hit home, I

could paint my wall with quotes from this book!My review can't do this book justice...but I hope that you read this book and find it as wonderfully incredible as I did.

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