

**"A bruised reed he will not break,
and a smoldering wick he will not quench,
until he brings justice to victory;
and in his name the Gentiles will hope."
(Matthew 12:20-21)**

**"Are you bruised? Be of good comfort, he calls you. Conceal not your wounds,
open all before him and take not Satan's counsel. Go to Christ, although trembling,
as the poor woman who said, 'If I may but touch his garment' (Matt. 9:21).
We shall be healed and have a gracious answer. Go boldly to God in our flesh;
he is flesh of our flesh, and bone of our bone for this reason, that we might
go boldly to him. Never fear to go to God, since we have such a Mediator with him,
who is not only our friend but our brother and husband."
(Richard Sibbes, The Bruised Reed, 1630, Chapter 2)**