

# The Broken Ones

The Talleys are a contemporary Southern gospel music trio composed of Roger and Debra Talley and their daughter, Lauren Talley. The Talleys have appeared at Life Care events on a couple of occasions.

One of the most moving songs they perform is *The Broken Ones*. Here are its lyrics:

*Maggie came home one day with a Raggedy Ann.  
She said, "Mama, look what I found in the neighbor's garbage can."  
It had a missing arm, and a right button eye hanging by a thread.  
She carried it gently up to her room and laid it on her bed.*

(Chorus)

*She loves the broken ones, the ones that need a little patchin' up.  
She sees the diamond in the rough and makes it shine like new.  
It really doesn't take that much, a willing heart and a tender touch;  
If everybody loved like she does, there'd be a lot less broken ones.*

*Twenty years later in a shelter on Eighteenth Avenue,  
A 17-year-old girl shows up all black and blue.  
With needle tracks in her left arm, almost too weak to stand,  
She says, "I'm lost and I need help," as Maggie takes her hand  
And says, "Come on in!"*

(Bridge)

*If you call her an angel, she'd be quick to say to you  
She's just doing what the One who died for her would do.*

(The close)

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Today, thanks to modern technology, a little girl can own a lifelike replica of a baby that can walk and talk, drink and wink, slurp and burp, sigh and laugh – almost anything a real baby does, including wet itself and get diaper rash.

But to the little girl in the song, the rag doll she found in a garbage can was real and was loved just the way it was with a missing arm and a button eye hanging by a thread. Missing these parts, it was still what it had always been – just itself.

(more)

Too often, we may come across like these high-tech dolls – trying to impress others with skills, talent, education, speech or mannerisms instead of just being ourselves.

Within every person lies the innate desire to be loved and accepted. Don't try to be something or someone that you are not. Just be yourself.

And apply your God-given skills to the mission to which we are called: serving the broken ones.

*He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8 NKJV).*

– Beecher Hunter