

## *Sea Glass*

*“Sea Glass are worn pieces of broken glass that have been smoothed by the action of water and sand. Sea glass comes from any form of glass object that has been tossed in the water. Back in the old days, people didn’t recycle, they dug pits and buried or burned trash. These trash pits on the coastline became a source for much of the old glass that is found today. Other glass comes from people who carelessly leave their trash on the beach. Due to recycling and environmental awareness, sea glass is becoming rarer...*

*Genuine sea glass is created when broken glass is smoothed by water and sand or gravel. The action of water and sand act as a big rock tumbler. The smoothest sea glass comes from locations that have heavy surf or currents. Rougher sea glass comes from areas such as inland bays and lakes, where the water action is less turbulent.”*

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Sea Glass is a beautiful picture of the redemption of something that was considered useless or broken and cast into the sea. Over time the sands and surf smooth out the rough edges to produce something of beauty and interest. We are often like glass, starting out as whole and full of purpose and potential. We are cut or broken by experiences and people in our lives; sometimes small chips that are hard to see, other times we feel shattered by events beyond our control. We can feel like worthless pieces that no longer resemble something necessary or helpful or beautiful. We may even feel tossed away by those whom we once thought needed us, or whom we needed to feel we could achieve our potential.

We are thrown into the sea of life that can feel turbulent and overwhelming as we are tossed through the surf and current. But through the pain, our rough edges are smoothed and we become interesting and beautiful in a way we never knew possible. We wash up on the beach glistening and gleaming and can be found by someone who sees us as the treasure we are. We realize that we have a different potential that we never considered. We see that the pain in our lives we thought could produce no good has become the thing that shaped us and gave us character and richness in a way we never could predict. May we be given the faith and trust to endure the times we are tossed about in the sea, knowing that it is God’s way of smoothing our edges and brokenness and revealing more of our beauty than we knew existed.

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