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# Breakthrough

100% of this class has in some shape or form stepped into breakthrough since you arrived here in first year.

**Breakthrough** is through an enemies front line of defense military

**Victory** is when something is conquered or overcome.

Military terms, love them both, but they are different things. Tendency to become complacent with breakthrough. I got breakthrough; yeah happy dance! It is punching through the enemies line, if its only that we’re settling short of what Jesus actually paid for.

How much freedom did Jesus purchase for? All!

Breakthrough is partial freedom, punching through, but not necessarily victory. When we settle for breakthrough it is difficult for us to step into being who He asked us to be. When we settle for breakthrough we live okay with the idea of still having to be fighting in an area. How much of a fight did Jesus have with the demonic realm? Jesus tempted in every way common to man, how much to a fight did He actually have? Not much, supremely confident in who God was, and who He was.

Whole lot of the voices lose their power, thoughts rather than powerful things I have to fight. Jesus’ fight not much of a fight. Almost pushed of a cliff, went for a stroll right through the middle of His opposition. Just don’t think that it was this epic battle. He died so we live in a place of freedom like that. More spiritually discerning we get the more we will see, but also the more we’ll live in freedom.

Yeah I see you, but you have just highlighted to me that God is about to do something! Why would I be scared of you? He won! Took all authority, good to actually take a hold of that.

# Truth

John 8:31-32 (ESV) So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, “If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

Ginosko: to know to know to know to know

Theory to knowing it. He knew that being shot wasn't going to tickle, he knew experientially that it hurt.

You shall know the truth, and the **Truth** shall make you free.

Knowing that I am made for freedom is different than living from freedom. I can yell out freedom, sing about it, teach, remember it. Knowing and living freedom is going to be different. Moving from head to experiential.

# Too much freedom

More refined and restraint, way too religious. More drunk way too free.

Not what Jesus paid for, He paid for us to walk in complete freedom! If I purchased a house for you, how many of you would be content living in one room? None of us would. Just stupid! Enormous big house, only living in one room of it that would suck.

Jesus pays an enormous cost for us to live in freedom. There is a sense of responsibility that is ours to actually step into it. He paid the price, done the work. It is for us to occupy.

Victory is occupying, a land, that what has been given to me. God says Shane, here you go, with where you are at in live, your skill you can have this acre of land. Work that thing, own that thing, get rid of the rocks, weeds everything. Perfect length grass, manicured.

# Growing

Then I pray this prayer; God grow me. What about having that one acre lot next door? Wait hold on? That one next door? It has rocks, weeds and is unkept. Oh this is what it means to occupy. To move in, take it, own it. Might sit there and go God give me more, give me more. Increase my borders and influence. What are you doing with that acre? I don’t like that acre. It is hard work, one of the problems with that one? It is just like that acre used to look like.

People don't acknowledge that they compare themselves to first years, they say I just suck, who told you that? Facing same thing I did last year, oh you mean God gave you another acre? Oh I thought that I just sucked… That God didn't answer my prayer, apparently I am doing the same thing; yes you are doing it, Taking over the land.

How much did Israel occupy? Not much at first, finally. In the end they didn't occupy everything that God promised them. What they did was punching a whole in the wall and then let it go. I can see it, it is beautiful, full of rocks and hard stuff. Sometimes we settle for this posture, looking at the land but never stepping up and owning it. Sometimes we settle for seeing it. Moses was on top of the mountain and could see part of the Promised Land. Israel got to go into it, but didn't occupy it, they took it partially and settled.

# Knowing

Problem for him as a Baptist pastor was only thinking, a hope that healing was real. Theologically he was there, convinced, but didn't have experience. Don’t really know it. Idea of going out on the streets would give him a bit of a bad taste in their mouths. He hid behind that, going and invading personal space.

# Overcoming Fear

It was fear, he had to have breakthrough in it, went every Friday with Friday Night Strikes. He hit a whole in the wall, boom, boom, boom. Eventually he could get his head through, not actually living in it, but not as scared anymore.

Took a while, still don't love it. I still don't like the agenda thing, love the idea of being down at the store and restaurant and getting a word of knowledge with people I encounter. The problem was his fear, that he would hide instead of speaking up and doing it. Took him to proactively doing this, rugged terrain, boulders for him to step into this and make it nice. Further forward and able to manicure the other acre.

Israel asked to go way beyond what they were asked to go, but they got comfortable. One Friday night strike, have breakthrough but can’t say that I have victory. One moment having a voice, beautiful and terrifying at the same time. Stand up and say I got breakthrough, what happens next determines whether it will stay breakthrough or become victory.

Grow and development a spiral staircase. You can have it as beautiful as you like. one coin, full circle you're in second year, perspective that you have. One day you go and say oh my gosh same place, important that you can see 90 degrees and 20 yards. There is more, how many want more? Punch a whole, run, get more get more! Take care of this place! Still have to take care of the first acre, then take care of the next one. I want more! Welcome to more responsibility. Don’t have time to do everything in my life! Don’t ask for more! There will be a cost associated. NCIS, boop off the list. Don’t have time, if I do my family in this acre are going to pay a price. Yeah there is grace, good and kindness and there is responsibility. We can be so consumed with more, that we can miss what is already out there. So consumed with what is happening here, spiral staircase idea is okay I have grown.

This is just normal, driving a car arrive and say how did I get here? If I don’t look back I forget that once upon a time I had no acres! Now I have an acre. Once upon a time I had so many problems in my life, now I am upset that I don't have fruit in my life. Celebrate the fact that you don't have any problems anymore! Tension, look forward and know where you're going to go, at the same time look back and say thank you.

If Israel did that, I wonder how many more they would’ve occupied, not because yesterday was more beautiful, but because it gives me hope for this. You're the one that did this and this, silly little trait I had.

# Overcoming Traits

One little trait he had was questions were attacks. Wasn't why did you do that? Why did you do that, you idiot? Got married, new acre of land, it was rocky but hey from day one it was awesome. We had to work out stuff from back ground differences.

When you pray something either your prayers are powerful and effective or they're not. You can say to this mountain go, and it will go. Spiritual agreement, demonic influence, go and it will go. All authority that you've been given comes with some weight and they recognize it.

After I dealt with the spiritual power, his wife asked him a question he had 20 years of emotional behavior he had to overcome, under construction. Why did God make me go through process with this? To remember, know and appreciate what He has done.

# A plan in place

Had to have a plan ready. Respond the way I want, rather than react the way I’ve learned. Automatically do, how do I want to behave, who do I want to be? Husband that is strong and tender. Fierce and gentle. Not fierce towards his wife, but a general personality trait, this is what I go after, fierce towards things that will kill my relationship. Fierce towards lust. Not become this marshmallow guy, want to be strong, fierce and be tender to his wife. How do I do that? Breathe, take a moment, she loves you, just a question, answer. Sounds so elementary and basic, took him forever. So much intentionality to respond to questions in a healthy way, that acre is manicured. No stones, beautiful.

Go back into the land, don't let the wild beasts own it. Sometimes we’re like oh opposition and beasts, your removal of this beast will give you power to have the next acre. Either God is true in His word and only has good for us, if He really is good and only wants the best for us, sure I see these rocks He must think I am strong enough. Looks like dinner.

Why do we stop, settle for the one acre? Why did Israel do it? Fear, scared failed to occupy what had been given to them because of fear.

How much freedom has Jesus paid for? All of it! Freedom and fear cannot coexist, measures of freedom, but as long as there is fear, can’t say there is freedom.

Why don’t we move forward?

Out on the streets, misunderstood? Atheist quote, If you believe there is a heaven please love me enough to tell me there is one. Sometimes we read things as Christians and quote and quote further down the road. Real? I don’t know, on some level I don’t care.

What is it from stopping you to knock down the wall? Is it NCIS? Facebook? Even if you manage to knock that wall down, what is stopping you from taking the land? Will you be intentional? You came here 15 months ago with dreams, expectations, hopes and desires. Will you take a moment, reflect back on those to have energy to move forward?

How are you going to make that your land? So wherever you go, it remains? Jesus thought your freedom was worth it. Freedom is what you're made for that He has paid the price. He wants you to have freedom, know completely and fully.

None of what Jesus is about is theory, there is theory in it, but it doesn’t exist out of it.