TOPIC: YOU NEED A BREAKTHROUGH!

If you are going to experience a breakthrough, you are going to have to overcome FEAR.

KEY POINTS

- What is FEAR? **F**alse **E**vidence **A**ppearing **R**eal.
- Who is the master of FEAR? The devil! He is forever trying to put us in bondage by using FEAR to immobilize us.
- We will never accomplish anything for God until we can overcome the FEARS that the enemy has put in our lives.
- The fears of:
  - Insecurity
  - Low self esteem
  - I'll never accomplish anything
  - Why would anyone or even God love someone like me?
- For those who haven't given their hearts to the Lord yet, the enemy of your soul uses the same tactic on you:
  - I can't live for God
  - He didn't die for me; I am way past saving
  - I won't be able to give up things that I know are wrong. I'm addicted…
- How are we going to overcome these FEARs? Through faith in God we can overcome all our FEARs (1 John 4:17-19).
- When we allow the Love of God to touch us we can overcome FEAR. When we reach out in Faith we overcome FEAR.
- What did Jesus do when he was confronted by the devil? He used the Word of God (Matthew 4).
- What should we do? Use the Word of God. By Faith and using the Word of God we can overcome our fears (Hebrews 13:5-7).
- God has called you to do something great: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13).
- For those who walk in fear daily:
  - Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me (Psalm 23:4)
  - The LORD is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)
  - He shall cover you with His feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth shall be your shield and buckler (Psalm 91:4).
- For those who are tired and feel they can't make it any further: "But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (Isaiah 40:31).
- For those who feel the devil is on their back: "And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen" (1 Timothy 4:18).
- For those who feel if they start this way that they will not be able to make it to the end: "Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:6).
- It's time to experience a breakthrough. It's time to overcome fear!

Key Scriptures:
1 John 4:17-19; Matthew 4;
Hebrews 13:5-7

Discussion Tools

1. When you were a child, what were some of the things you were afraid of? Are you still afraid of those things today? If not, how did you overcome those fears?
2. What are some of the things you may be afraid of today? Are you doing anything to overcome this fear, or what things can you be doing to get rid of this fear?
3. Like a soldier equips himself or herself for war, we also ought to equip ourselves with the Word of God to face down fear. What scriptures can you arm yourself with for future confrontations with fear?
4. Take a moment to pray for one another and declare a breakthrough!

Discipleship Project Family Connection

In a family devotion this week, discuss:

- What are the "vocal" spiritual gifts, and what is their purpose (I Corinthians 12:7-11)?
- Why is it important to be vocal about our faith?
- Has anyone in the family ever been used in a vocal gift, or heard someone else being used this way?
- Discuss the experience(s) of this. What was the atmosphere before/after the use of the gift?

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PRAYER TIME

Lord, I am tired of living in fear. It is time for my breakthrough. Today I am declaring victory, in Jesus' name!

Small Group icebreaker: Are you a gracious winner, or a sore loser?

WEEK OF SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2016
PRAYER NEEDS/THANKSGIVINGS/COMMENTS:

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