



Walking with PURPOSE pt. 2 & 3
The Necessity of Breakdown

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Sermon Notes

What is the difference between an obstacle and an opportunity?

Answer: Attitude (Attitude is a CHOICE)!

Breakdown:

#1 Deal with Fear

John 12:23-24

²³Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴I tell you the truth, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.

Faith is Stronger than Fear

Matthew 21:21

²¹Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, if you have faith and do not doubt, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and it will be done.

Acts 4:29-31 (New Living Translation)

²⁹ And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus."

³¹ After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.

#2 Not to be Discouraged

1 Kings 19:1-4 (New International Version)

¹ Now Ahab told Jezebel everything Elijah had done and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ² So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, "May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them."

³ Elijah was afraid ^[a] and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, ⁴ while he himself went a day's journey into the desert. He came to a broom tree, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, LORD," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."

#3 Be Honest about Your Struggle with Sin

Psalm 32:3-4 (New International Version)

³ When I kept silent,
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

⁴ For day and night
your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was sapped
as in the heat of summer.

Rely on God

Psalm 51:10-11

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God.
Renew a loyal spirit within me.
¹¹ Do not banish me from your presence,
and don't take your Holy Spirit ^[a] from me.

#4 Not to Be Offended by Criticism

Matthew 11:19 (New Living Translation)

¹⁹ The Son of Man, ^[a] on the other hand, feasts and drinks, and you say, 'He's a glutton and a drunkard, and a friend of tax collectors and other sinners!' But wisdom is shown to be right by its results."

#5 Be Prepared for Problems

2 Timothy 3:12

¹²In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

#6 Embrace Change

Deuteronomy 32:11

¹¹ like an eagle that stirs up its nest
and hovers over its young,
that spreads its wings to catch them
and carries them on its pinions.

#7 Not to Be Negative

Matthew 15:18-19 (Amplified)

¹⁸But whatever comes out of the mouth comes from the heart, and this is what makes a man unclean and defiles [him].

¹⁹For out of the heart come evil thoughts (reasonings and disputings and designs) such as murder, adultery, sexual vice, theft, false witnessing, slander, and irreverent speech.

Positive Thoughts & Actions

Philippians 4:8-9 (New Living Translation)

⁸ And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise. ⁹ Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Conclusion

Genesis 4:6-7 (New International Version)

⁶ Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷ If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."