

From Multiplication to the Storm

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This sermon emphasizes the importance of renewing our hearts and receiving correction in order to deepen our relationship with God and fulfill His purposes, especially in times of storm and difficulty.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the transition from a season of blessing and multiplication to a season of storms and challenges. It highlights the importance of renewing our hearts, receiving correction, and remembering kingdom principles during these transitions. The message encourages gratitude for what may seem insufficient, embracing brokenness as a pathway to miracles, and holding onto past faithfulness as we navigate through storms towards breakthroughs.

Transcript

Please turn with me to the gospel of Mark chapter 6 gospel of Mark chapter 6 The title of my message this morning is from multiplication to the storm From multiplication to the storm. I had to say it twice I ask forgiveness of our my dear friend my brother who gets the title for the Website and I said from multiplication to the storm and he looked at me says what I said from multiplication to the storm And then I walked away in two minutes later. He said listen brother.

What's the title again? And I know I know we you think it should be from the storm to multiplication from brokenness the blessing from From pain to purpose I understand But all of us know it is a spiritual reality That as we walk with Christ in our lives and in ministry in serving him That we will walk through seasons where we went through a time of blessing a time of multiplication and maybe a time Where we felt? Finally Oh God one area of our life is really coming alive Our son it's going better at work or or after a struggle in your in your work there there's a breakthrough there, but then your son or your daughter starts to and then you you'll have a Breakthrough spiritually, but then the doctor will call you and say there's a scan. There's a lump. There's a It's it's cancer there.

How many of you understand the reality of I was in multiplication and here I am going through a storm say yes, please We're gonna look at two. We're gonna look at two miracles of Jesus that Jesus tied together The the miracle of multiplication and the miracle of The calming of the storm now these two miracles are usually taught Considered and understood separately as if they're two different stories, but Jesus brought

them together Jesus taught that you have to there. There's an understanding.

There's a revelation of on how we go through our Multiplication and blessing season into the storm and out of the storm into deeper multiplication in the gospel of a mark chapter 6 at the at the end of the Verse 51 a middle of the chapter verse 51 he says then and Jesus went up into the boat to them This is in the storm and the wind ceased and they were greatly amazed in themselves Beyond measure and marvel for they had not Understood about the loaves Two miracles tied together, but they are not understood about the loaves because their hearts were hardened so we will pray this morning and ask for a spirit of revelation and maybe you have been Going through and then through the internet and now on our different campuses and in Jersey You will have people that have been going through there was a season of blessing and multiplication and then you're coming face into a Storm and if it's not this is in your case this morning This is a reality in the cycle of walking with God and we have to know we have to know what we must do when we go from Multiplication to the storm so we pray God we pray for a spirit of revelation in this place We pray for cloven tongues of fire upon each of us Oh God that there would be a spirit of truth if a brother or sister man or woman here or through the next Weeks months and years through the internet around the world is watching this message and is going through a season of storm after multiplication not Understanding what is going on the disciples are going with a hearts that are hardening through the storm Because they do not understand so we pray Oh God that you would the Holy Spirit would lead us into all truth We pray for an open heaven.

We take authority against any lies confusion opposition distraction of our enemy and we claim this morning this message this moment in you to be a moment of Defeat for the kingdom of hell lies and darkness and of great victory For the kingdom of God in our lives in Jesus name and all of God's people shout amen And give him praise for what he will do this morning Now we read from multiplication to the storm and we read in Mark chapter 6 and in verse 30 And then the Apostles gathered to Jesus and told him all things both what they had done and what they had taught And he said to them come aside by yourselves come come to a deserted place and rest a while come with me But there were many coming and going and they did not even have time to eat So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves But the multitude saw them departing and many knew and ran their own foot from all the cities they arrived before then and came together to him and Jesus when he Came out saw a great multitude, and he was moved with compassion for them having the Because they were like sheep without not having a shepherd and so he began to teach them many things What must we do when we go through?

Multiplication to the store season of store. I want to propose to you that we must renew our hearts we must receive correction, and we must remember and Recognize some kingdom principle that I'm going to share with you at the end of the message that I believe will make a difference We must we must renew our hearts the the disciples needed for their hearts to be renewed their hearts were Hardened as they went through the storm because they are not understood.

There was a hardening of the heart Because of weariness and and maybe because of a certain woundedness that was in them the Bible says that Julia No, the the chef Brad previous chapter that Jesus had sent them and they are doing his will they are doing his work They are preaching and teaching and healing and and witnessing and serving and battling darkness and when they come to Christ They shared with them that we read that they they are telling all of their exploits and everything that they that they are doing but Jesus is seeing that beside behind the facade of Activity enough enough being out of breath almost spiritually that there is a there is a tiredness. There's a feebleness There's a weakness. There's a a weariness, so he says come on, let's get he takes them away from the activity and he takes them on the

boat and they go they go into the sea and and how How amazing it must have been in the presence of Christ? away from the crowds a demanding crowd as they heal me and and deliver me and and Understand me and free me and listen and speak to me and teach me and bless me and oh They just it's so beautiful on the lake.

They must you know, just just the present It must have been like on the Mount of Transfiguration just this presence or just the presence of Christ his words. It's so peaceful. It's so Wonderful, but the Bible says that as they're getting across in this beautiful play Yeah, this place of blessing that the crowd knowing where they were going This is what we just read made their way around and was waiting for them on the other side Hey, it's us And it's not in the text but but I I could hear a moan from the disciples Oh, not them.

Not them again. There's a weariness But the multitudes came to meet them and you see this weariness in their disciples Reaction was a set a little bit later. So send them away But Jesus was moved with compassion as we go through our Multiplication to storm and the weariness and the the busyness Can can cause us to spin? I like this definition by the Christian philosopher Soren Kierkegaard who speaks of busyness With his sentence business his definition is that state of constant distraction that allows people to avoid difficult realities and maintain self deception Busyness state of constant distraction that allows people to avoid difficult realities and maintain self Deception and they were in that state of of weariness enough and oftentimes it is a reflex It is our instinct many of us It is our nature many of us when we are going through a storm to just keep moving and oftentimes The storm itself is so consuming someone in your family is sick or are there you're going through a battle with your children or son There's a situation at work or in your house So there there's that there's conflict and it's it's consuming all and yeah and oftentimes we have a carnal reflex a new human nature reflex to to relax or to to even Dizzy ourselves even more not to stop they their hearts needed to be renewed Because of their weariness and their hearts needed to be renewed because of their woundedness Because if you know that what the event that's just before if you understand the verse we we began to read with the verse of the Apostles come and they tell Jesus all they've done But the very very very previous verse and events is the beheading of John the Baptist Is that awful lot insane?

I'm just Terrifying and disgusting moment where John the Baptist the holy man is is put in prison and and he he confronts with justice and truth the adulterous king and his mistress and their and their wife and mistress and she in an in an orgy of decadence and and and dirt there in an orgy of Insanity that the crazy king says ask me whatever you want I'll give it to you and and the daughter dances before him in there and she runs to her mother what shall I ask ask for the head of John the Baptist the Bible says they didn't sign a sanity of the wicked king and and the the gays the group that is there and that orgy and that decadence that sense of filth and then and immediately to verse 27 the king sent an executioner and commanded his head to be brought and he went and beheaded him in prison brought his head on a platter and gave it to the girl and the girl gave it to the mother and when his disciples heard that they came and took away his corpse and Laid it in a tomb Then the disciples gathered to Jesus and told him all the things they had done in it So there's no stopping there's no they're going in and they their previous moment We don't know for a day or week or what it was, but they actually take the beheaded body They they're everything every fiber of their being is screaming out.

How come? How can that be how can that be allowed how it's so unjust it's Unexplicable, it's it's beyond understanding there They're hurt they're wounded so so deeply but they keep they keep running They run and they run and they run and they and Jesus says stop and come with me You need to come in my presence. They didn't even have time to eat And I'm speaking to men and women this morning as we go

through the storms of life from multiplication into a storm Weariness and oftentimes woundedness that we don't even care or tend to that We just keep running keep dizzying ourself not even sometimes feeding our soul feeding ourselves Spiritually the voice of God calls out and says you must renew your heart in my presence You must renew your heart.

You must feed your spirit You must stop and bring your hurt your pain your question your weariness your storm to me that my spirit would come Comfort strengthen rebuild and give you direction say yes, please In their weariness they needed to in their weariness they needed to to To be mended in there in their weariness in their woundedness and even I would say for us The heart becomes hard through the storm because of our weariness or woundedness, but for us many times It is also because of our worldliness but in times of storm if you begin to and even through a through it the the All all around us all around us of what there's a worldliness that comes and seeps into our spirit now They weren't even able to feed that so busy not even feeding themselves and the question of the spirit for us today is What are you feeding in your life?

And what are you feeding your soul with? Few years ago years ago, and I've traveled in this as an evangelist I I went different many many different churches, and I always remember this church in Kentucky in the deep deep And out of the cities of Kentucky and and I was just a French guy from Montreal I end up in Kentucky, and this was a really man It's not all of Kentucky, but this this area was very very rural And it was very it was amazing great church But very very bang bang bang banjo, and it was just whoa it was really I mean I I was just I was from Montreal You know I'm from the streets in Montreal And this is so it was just that and I'll never forget there was a brother who got up It was testimony time and there's a brother that got up It's a French guy doing a Kentucky accent so bear with me The brother got up, and he a tattooed all over and praise God He was exploding with the testimony what God had done in his life completely saved him Alcoholism and everything else that and violence and crime and his wife was with him And they were they were shining and he says one of the things I used to do Before I used to make a lot of money in the dog fights I would raise pitbulls for in the dog fights say not and I always made money Because I always knew which dog was going to win And I knew where to bet to make the money He was doing this all by himself that and you you wonder how did he know let me tell you how I knew and he He says I always knew which dog was going to fight and which dogs gonna live and which dog was going to die Because I knew I knew I was always feeding one and starving the other The disciples are not time to eat so the question of the spirit is who what are you feeding are you feeding your flesh?

Or are you feeding your faith? Are you feeding your your worldliness or your worship? Are you feeding your bitterness or the blessing of God? Are you feeding lost? Netflix HBO internet Facebook Instagram and much of it will not feed your spirit will not renew your heart Are you feeding your hurt criticism and murmuring and endless questioning or are you feeding your hope are you feeding? Are you feeding your flesh, or are you feeding your flesh? Yeah Your faith and as you go through your desert the voice of God as Jesus took the disciples The voice of God through the ages from Hosea to Jesus to me and you Oh say I to behold as you walk in your desert I will bring you from your wilderness and there I will speak comfort to your heart God wants to bring you in your time of multiplication to the storm to come away come away with me Let me speak to your heart words that will make a difference in your life speak to your heart Years ago.

I was preaching. I did a pastor's conference in Egypt And it was a one amazing moment preaching to 500 pastors in Alexandria most of them being in persecuted areas and the stories were I was teaching them and felt just to sit at their feet because They some of these men are such heroes of faith I'm present to their faith and yet the joy the purity of the worship and the strength and the love for God and the joy That

was there was it was amazing. There was a man there who was The an elder a father in the faith who had been serving for years and years and they all the men looked to him with such Respect and love and they loved him so much and I and they kept telling me stories testimonies of his life According to what I was told he was one of the first pastors in Egypt 50 years ago who baptized people who and a Revival that came but he he was in prison many time and and he was it was at the heart of a revival of God's spirit among Arab people in Egypt and he He was a father to them but in the years and and God and multiplied his ministry But in the fall in the previous years, he was struck with Parkinson, but with such Such severity it just hit him so hard so so fast and here I was in it On the platform and I would see him in the second row and and he would literally with with sweaters He would like time his body because his arms would go in every direction he just couldn't control his body and and I I had had His assistant his young brother tending to him told me how he's been retiring and he's so hurt and he's so it's so it's so Difficult for him to see himself in that state and so he's moved he's resigned and he's he's given us all these books He told all the young men you come into my library get all my books I'm just I can't serve anymore and and in this one service that I was speaking I was speaking on renewing our hearts renewing our passion.

He will not throw away the He will not throw away the dry heart. He will renew it He will resurrect it if it and I made a I'm in an altar call and was one of most poignant moments of my ministry when I saw this brother and all the brothers over there just was so so shocked because he he went up as if the Spirit of God had reached him so deeply and he took away that Like the sweater that was around his arm and he came up to the platform and then and after the service He says because of you it's because of you. I'm back in ministry.

I'm telling the guys get me my books back I want my books back And when he told when he told that Testimony he had been in multiplication into a storm and when he told that testimony There was such an anointing that without him saying anything. I was just hearing it through the interpreter and just expect expressing I needed after all these years I needed my heart to be renewed and young men and men of all ages and women started silently to move out of the audience And come and join him on the platform to on their knees to say Oh God I need my heart to be Renewed and you need your heart and I need my heart through the storm to be renewed in love and in peace and in trust And in compassion and in faith, I need my heart to be made new again. Say yes, please When we go through Multiplication to the storm we must renew our hearts and we must receive correction.

There was no amen. I wasn't expecting any Jesus corrects them Jesus when he came out saw the great multitude and was moved with compassion splat G's omate in the Greek He was so moved inside That he had to to go to them But not the disciples the disciples that peace send them away the people are tired the people are discouraged It wasn't the people who were tired and discouraged. It was the disciples The people needed Christ were coming to Christ, but the disciples heart had dried up He had to correct them send them away.

Jesus is no You give them something to eat. We don't have the resources Bring what you have let them go back to where they came from. Let them that let the city take care of them No, you have something to give them when the storm came They suppose he was a he was a ghost but immediately talked to them.

No, don't don't be afraid It is I there's a correction through the storm in in their direction in their actions in their words in their Perspectives and their priorities and how they see how they speak how they think what's in their hearts? Well, the decisions they're making you see is correcting their attitude. They are not Understood because their hearts were hardened. They needed to change they needed to be corrected

They needed to repent they needed to change and break patterns.

They needed to grow They needed to change and to be corrected so that God could fulfill his purposes in them I want you to smile don't do it aggressively but smile and say to the person next to you You need to change say that to somebody next to you Hey Now now Now Now I see some wives who really took the opportunity there every You need to change his four words and this lasted three minutes. I don't know what's going on Just to make sure say to the person I need to change so that's a person who's to make sure See much shorter much shorter I need to change in 32 years of ministry and of training people to fulfill the call of God on their life in their lives I've been face to face with tens of thousands of leaders hundreds of students in our Bible school that are now serving the Lord in the nations and I I am more convinced after those 32 years that I am absolutely convinced that the number one prerequisite the one number one quality and prerequisite for fruitful and and and Impactful ministry our life Christian life abundant life is a teachable spirit a Teachable spirit through the storm out of abundance through the storm Jesus wants to teach you to deepen you to change you to correct you A teachable spirit. I've come to the conclusion that no matter what the background I want to say that to somebody here that has had a horrible background no matter what the background No matter what the family or social background no matter what the mistakes no matter how huge the mistakes no matter how heavy The past no matter no matter how how dense or intense the the wounds of the past There is no I want to declare it to break a lie of the enemy over someone today.

There is no Limitation to what God can do to a man and a woman with a teachable spirit There is nothing no limitation to what God and time can do Through a man in a man and through a man with a teachable spirit God loves to take the feeble foolish uncapable Things of this world you and me and I and to transform them Transform them to his glory if we allow him if we have a teachable spirit and the paradox is this however No matter how talented gifted called destined knowledgeable charismatic professional proficient a person is I Can't and God can't do anything with somebody who's not teachable It's impossible. I it was one of the biggest mistake of my early years of ministry I would see a gift or I would say potential I would see the person that I would be try to to try to change them try to have and be patient and then spend Years sometimes when there is that hardened unteachable spirit There's nothing nothing that can be done only There's no progress. There's no fruit People are hurt people quit they go from a church to another to a place to another they keep jumping around So the Spirit of God would ask the question of all of us today when you are going through out of multiplication Into a season of storm can God correct you can God speak to you can God change you can God use? someone To speak into your life now just a journey a few verses in the in the Proverbs There's tens of them I just allow the Holy Spirit to take the word that made this can make a very big difference in your life adjourning the Proverbs we must receive correction 1017 he who receives correction finds the path of life, but he who refuses correction will go astray and lose his way We can lose what we work for so hard to build and to gain if we resist correction stubbornness stifles the supernatural in our lives Proverbs 12 1 he loves instruction and correction loves knowledge he who hates correction is a fool is stupid I don't write this stuff.

I just read it He who rejects correction is a fool She or he becomes blind to the pattern of his The patterns in his life keeps repeating the same mistakes hurting the people the same way and he is bound in a cycle or she is bound in a cycle of bitterness and always of blame of others 1318 poverty and shame will come to him who doesn't keep a teachable spirit But he who highly regards correction will be honored correction is not Condemnation it is grace and love Unconditional it is not to demean us. It is to develop us. It is not to beat us down It is to build us up.

It is not because we are disqualified It's because we are destined by God for his purposes that he loves and corrects us harsh consequences 1510 harsh consequences are for him who ignores or forsakes the way and he who despises correction will die The way is Christ, but it's a way of change of change of correction The way is true that the truth the way is truth, but it's a truth that is to transform us You can have the doctrine of grace and be and have the doctrine of Christ and of the way and of truth But if you don't have a teachable spirit, you could actually be walking the doctrine of grace with a spirit of legalism I'm not gonna name a name But I a few years ago was in a conference where one of them at that time if we look at 2000 to 2014 it was one of the most well-known Pastor who started a church a movement of churches amazing communicator amazing developer of churches church planting multi-site and a doctrine of grace taught with great great passion and great zeal and he pioneered a church who became a huge church and that church became a movement of churches and 2000 to 2014 in 2014 The thing that struck me and people that that that saw him behind the scene is that even in the pulpit but behind the scene There was a harshness. There was an arrogance. There was a cutting to the man.

There was no it was an immorality It wasn't it wasn't heresy But there was a harshness to him and to the world the Christian world's amazement and bewilderment at the end of 2014 everything imploded The church Exploded the church closed its door the church asked him to leave the movement He found him asked him to leave and close closed door here closed up everything closed And it was it was it was and after that you would hear men of God to men of God who says I met with him I talked with him. We sat with him a board of elders sat with him There was a great gift things great knowledge great truth, but it was not there was no teachable spirit I say Oh God today when I am in multiplication, and I walk through a season of storm Give me the humility to open my heart. What do you want to teach me? What can change what must change in me search me Oh God and see there would be in me any Wicked ways that I would find the paths of life say yes, please Questions through questions to the storm.

What can I learn from this storm? Is there a part you're gonna love this one now, it's gonna get quiet for a second Is there a part of this storm that I bring on myself and my family? That I am responsible for as a pastor you see people that go through the same cycles of storms From getting into debt to other things to to strive to fight to neglecting your family You see a cycle in a cycle and you'll have some people say sometimes things like how come these things always happen to me There's a cycle my God stop in the middle of the storm and say Lord, is there something what should I hear from you? Show me teach me speak to me. What's my what must I keep what must I let go? What must I change transform me into your image? I don't want to go through storms that I bring on myself. I want to bring glory to you now I'll be transformed by you say yes, please Correction Correction we must receive receive the the the correction I was preaching on forgiveness In the beginning of this year after our times of fasting and prayer and there was two families They went to another church for years They've been coming for two years to our church and and all adults and they had in 2015 the the sadness that the profound hurt of the father the grandpa the kids and the father Passed away and his wife just a few months later these grown adults and and all our professions They all were professionals and they Christians and they they had kids but they to they had the grief to lose the mom and lose the dad in the same year and it was a Family of the doctor the father was a doctor and the mom was a nurse and they they had them they have done well in life good Christians that went to churches and and and when in an Astonishing way in the grief They had been so blessed and now they're going through a storm of grief of hurt Everybody's hurting dad is passed away mom has passed away and it was so fast and so there's a lot of unsettled things but but to to to My astonishment and we prayed and try to counsel and they began to fight over the inheritance but in a really bad way in a nasty way families with families and and then brother the big brother and sister and their

Husbands and then and it started to get so crazy that actually they got lawyers involved so lawyers now and and and a Christian mediation was tried and there was nothing and just became and and and they would it was very we we as elders prayed we were about to have to do something because they were coming to our church that everybody was coming to The church and and I would watch them from the corner of my eyes.

They're like stones They're just there's nothing coming in out The Bible says that man or woman who's under offense is like a man in a dungeon in a prison There's nothing that comes in nothing that comes out It was just so and I and we had been praying and through the fast and what we have to help them We have to do something and the insane things was that the kids teenagers Were under this and then when I got talking with the family They said it was like a it's like 30 40 years of conflict cycle conflicts I would come and now with the passing of mom and dad. It just just came to an ugly ugly explosion and I Was preaching on forgiveness a Syrian forgiveness and it was I preached a message and then I prepared it so we have communion at the end and and and if the thought of Communion and if you have something it's your brother and you stop and you and and it was amazing as I I was leading communion as pastor Carter did this morning I saw one of the brothers who was so vehement that the older brother and he moved out of his seat and he started to Go across the front and his sister and their family two sisters were sitting over there and he went and just hugged them He just hugged them and this big guy just started to cry and hug them and they were just everybody just just melted and he's There and he kept saying enough enough enough. How can we how did we get here? How can we how can we be here? Enough enough and in the week that followed they met with with some elders and and it's as if the the thing had vanished It just they settled it so fast and I the reason the reason why I'm telling you is that in the last year It just so happens that in the last year though two of their teenagers Who had been so disgusted about everything that had happened had been staying away from church I've begun to come back and I accepted the Lord recently in this morning at our church at Nouvel V There's 50 people getting baptized in water and I looked at the list and the two daughters two grandkids Getting baptized this morning.

There's a there was a risk restoration of the blessing. I Want to say and we'll clap with all our hearts. I want to say to someone I want to say to all of us There is a restoration.

There's a level of life There's a level of flow that is there that you don't see right now But there's a step of obedience and of correction change me God that the flow of life would be restored to my life And my family in Jesus name and we say amen everybody For multiplication to the storm we must renew our hearts. We must receive correction in my last thought We must remember Remember some kingdom principles in verse 41 of Luke chapter 6 and when he had taken the loaves this is Jesus and the two fish he looked up to heaven blessed and broke the loaves and Gave them to this disciple to be said before them and two fish he divided among them all so they all ate and were filled And they took up 12 baskets full of fragments and a fish Now those who had eaten the loaves were about 5,000 men and immediately he made his disciples Get into the boat They were in his will and go before him to the other side to but say that while he sent While he sent the multitudes away and when he had sent them away He departed to the mountain to praise praying for them and when evening came the boat was in the middle of the sea and he was Alone at land and he saw them straining and rowing for the wind was against them now about the fourth watch of the night It's 2 in the morning What they saw a he came to them walking on the sea and would have passed them by and when they saw him walking on The sea to suppose it was a ghost and cried out, but they all saw him and were troubled But immediately talked with them and said to them be of good cheer it is I do not be afraid And then he went into the boat to them and the wind ceased But they were greatly

amazed in themselves Beyond measure and marveled it because they had not understood about the loaves because their hearts were hearted When we go from multiplication to the storm, we must renew our hearts We must receive correction and we must remember and recognize Some kingdom principles, I'm gonna give you three kingdom laws that are very simple But if you lay hold of them, they can make a difference in your life when you go through a storm after multiplication The first kingdom law is what we call the kingdom law of blessing Jesus took when he had taken the five loaves and two fishes He took them to heaven you look to heaven and and he took them and he gave grace He he blessed he he gave Thanksgiving He thanked heaven for that for for the bread and the loaves and the fishes and and he offered them to God He he gave thanks and blessed them Jesus Blessed what was clearly not enough? He blessed what was clearly not enough these Fishes and loaves were not were clearly not enough for this multitude But there's a kingdom principle that when you go through a storm after Multiplication you have to learn to thank God for what you think is still not enough Thank God for your to bless don't curse your don't curse. You're not enough This situation is not enough.

My finances not enough. My husband not enough my kids not enough My son at this time in his life not enough my church not enough my ministry not enough. Don't curse You're not enough Jesus blessed and thank God and offered the what enough not enough Because his eyes was on what his eyes were on to God that is more than enough I Want when you go through your storm bless God for your what enough Oh God I bless you for my children even in the state They're in now because the promise is over their life.

I bless you for what you give me my home I bless you for my church. I bless you for everything you've done in my life I offer you that not enough and you will multiply and bless say yes, please Say to somebody next to you no more not enough say that to somebody next to you We must remember and recognize the kingdom law of blessing and the kingdom law of brokenness He blessed but then he broke the miracle was in the breaking the miracle does not begin until he blessed and broke the loaves and Jesus kept as Jesus kept breaking the loaves the miracle kept multiplying We often get discouraged in season of breaking in our lives even thinking brokenness will disqualify us But to the contrary brokenness in Jesus's hands Can deepen us? Develop us into the destiny God has for us if you if you if you receive this That's a card. I was sharing.

We're sharing together, and you're sharing with me on this last night Not knowing that's that yesterday afternoon not knowing this has been this has been something God has been teaching me in the last two three years Deeper than in the last 30 The sense of in our brokenness In our brokenness and when you go through a season of broke you're just broken before God this storm is just breaking me It's just break. I'm just breaking and facing what I'm facing just breaking before you God is saying bring your brokenness to me and through this brokenness. I am working Oh, I'm doing a work.

I am deepening your roots. I am changing you I'm Transforming you I am preparing you for what's on the other side of that storm because on the other side of that Storm was a multitude that needed Christ and the disciples walked off the storm right into a season of Supernatural breakthroughs and miracles and change and God was hey They if you even study the gospel at this point they had known him as a teacher and a miracle worker But they're gonna know him in a deeper way now the law of blessing when it's not enough I offer it to God the law of brokenness if you grab it if you Understand it and believe it it will change the way you go through your season of brokenness God as I go through a season of Brokenness you are preparing me you are preparing me out of my brokenness the miraculous would come forth someone say yes As the musicians come as the musicians come it is a we must renew our hearts receive correction we must remember and recognize the law of blessing the law of brokenness and we must recognize what I

call the law of Breakthrough Understand that the impossible is where God starts It's the threshold of his purposes I that one. I'm not even allowing you not to say amen you have to say yes to that The impossible is the door is where God starts It is the path of entry to the miraculous the little boy who wasn't even counted Brought the sacrifice the offering who mattered the most When they say 5,000 men they always counted only men in the New Testament So you every commentary estimates it must have been a 10 12,000 people that were fed miraculously and They the breakthrough was so so astonishing these thousands are fed and that the disciples must have Should have been filled with a sense of wait a minute if we bring our Brokenness to him and our pieces to him if we let him renew our hearts He's gonna do Beyond and he's so faithful and then and as they go the Bible says that they not only with the 5,000 fed But they all there was 12 baskets left for the 12 apostles So literally you could see them on barking.

They don't even know too much. What's going on. They're just so dazed and Jesus right away Immediately say come on you go you get into this boat.

You're going in my will now and They you can see them sitting on the boat each with their arms around their basket Around the basket of faithfulness Blessing is omnipotent is Almighty God. He he can do anything he changed he multiplies He is God. He's just Jesus going and they go into the storm and even when he comes towards him They don't recognize him and they're afraid because their hearts were hardened.

They're not understood the the the law of breakthrough is that you must Remember and recognize and take the blessing take the baskets of yesterday's faithfulness into today's storm You have every one of us. We have baskets of God's faithfulness in our lives through past storms through past month through past miracles and and our our human tendency and and the work of the enemy which is the line to to lie in our mind and our hearts against the faithfulness and the character of God Our tendency is to like them and turn to the boat still without around our arms around the faithfulness of God and his arms around us and Began to begin to scream and begin to be terrified and not even recognize him. I want to say to somebody right now He's walking towards you in your storm, and you don't recognize him, but it's him.

It's him He has never you've never left this side from the mountain. He was praying. He saw them He was trying to bring them into a place of you walk And not repeating the pattern every time that God gives an amazing breakthrough and I rejoice then in the next storm It's as if he did nothing in the past my God take us to a place of faithfulness a place of stability of strength Of trust of confidence and we say my God is the same yesterday today This basket is with me.

God is with me say yes, please That through through for multiplication to the storm this morning We will say God renew our hearts we receive correction, and we must remember we will bless What is not enough we will offer you our brokenness because in the brokenness begins the miraculous And we will stand strong in the law of breakthrough that God was faithful yesterday. We will come today Into well walk into this storm with the baskets of faithfulness in our close to our hearts and No matter what we go through Allow God to use us and say be and say even if I'm going I was in multiplication I'm going through a storm, but even as I cross over this storm right in the heart of it right now I know that on the other side of this storm There is a bank of God's blessing and you deep work in me and through me say yes, please I shared with the man yesterday, and I close with this Man This cycle we all go through every one of us in our lives and not only pastors or preachers and Every single one of us are called to shine and to through the storm glorify him and be used of him As our church in 2015 was going through and I'm not going to tell you why we had different people with different very very dramatic deaths and people passing away

Dramatic young girl was killed in front of our church that she was coming to church and it all there was there was a year of Great paradox we it was a year of great advancement for the kingdom but but of Mourning and one of our staff died at the age of 40 and then his widow and it's just a year of just Heart wrenching battle. I mean you've been ministry 30 years I've been around I've been through fights for my whole life in spiritually But no doubt was the hardest year of our lives in many many ways and also in the life of people around us and as a pastor I found amazing inspiration in the model and in the Example of some of the men and women in our church That were going through their storms themselves and in their faith not people necessarily people of public ministry But people that have a walk with God There's a couple in our church who have been with us for many many years and very faithful Philip and Ria and she And and he's a he's an entrepreneur.

He's got his his own business and and he just turned 60 and as he was approaching 60 such a generous man and been serving with us in many many ways and a very generous giver and great compassion for the poor and and he's a president of many of our boards and just that and as he was Approaching to 60 he had in and being generous and but God had blessed him so much and he had this whole plan of I'm gonna turn 60. It's it's pre-retirement. I'm gonna go easy at the job.

He's got a place in, Florida I'm gonna go to Florida I feel direction to leave Quebec from December to March to do and serve God in Florida many people feel that direction And He he went first and it's a good man his wife and his wife's involved my wife in so many ministries and In December a couple of years ago December November December he went for a physical felt good and the doctor said you're you're starting chemo Tomorrow you have a grade 4 cancer. It's in your kidney It's on your lungs and he embarked on the year a hellish year Where they took out his kidney he went through the chemo He did not know from month to month where all his plans all this future everything he had gathered everything he had set up Can go like that you understand? He had known such multiplication and now he's in a storm of his life and they took out His kidney and and then they took out a port a low but portion of his one lung another portion of one lung a portion of the other long and then Weeks and months and and I saw him and his wife through this Just just and everything that I've shared with you tonight tonight. I saw him having to say to God Oh God renew my heart his heart get He was having days of terror days of fear days of why and they days of his daughter is pregnant And now am I even gonna see my granddaughter and then just days of but but I saw this man Just just before God with his wife and his wife leaves a prayer meetings with my wife and which on talent I saw them just it's just God renewing them and and even even The deep deep correction now.

That's not me saying this he said after all these years of walking with the Lord He said so much through this sickness and through this battle through this storm He said so many times things will never be the same this will never be of this I can't believe I was seeing things like that the true treasures the true importance of things the true the things that truly matter and and I we were seeing him and and then God was blessing in so Many ways in relationship with his children and in his own life and in his tenderness And his kindness to people and in this way served the Lord and there was such this way and even through that He was saying Oh God. I want to you. I want you to be to use me I want you.

I want to be used of you. I want you to and he's not a preacher He's not a he's not a public is not a pulpit person But he's a businessman and he's a man who loves the poor and and for years For years we had prayed for to have a building to have something We thought we'd have a little storefront to help to house Young girls and boys that we helped through all their years in the system And but when they come out orphans and when they when they come out of the system the gangs Grab a hold of them. They come out

literally in Quebec with plastic bags I have nothing and and and the gang get holding the girls end up in prostitution and and all so so we wanted to have a place where they could be safe and we could teach them and help them and find help that and restore them and We've been praying for many years and we felt this was the this was the year to do it and then and when he's going Through this cancer a 6 in the morning.

It'd be in prayer They didn't go at 730 for his chemo and they're taking out part of his body And he doesn't know if he's going to survive one morning is praying and he sees his computer pop up and he looks and it's One of his partners in finance that says hey, there's this building in your city and it's right there We can get it for a third of the price. We could make easily a million on this We buy it. We flip it.

We share the profit. Let's do this and he looks at the building. It's four stores It's a brick building brand new newly built industrial.

It was a center that that that went bankrupt But it was brand new and it's four stores Apartments industrial kitchen everything we would need but not for a storefront Center for something beyond anything We could ever imagine But here he is in his cancer and he he's got a million things to think of survival in there his future But he's saying Oh God renew. My heart changed me. Correct me God use me for your glory I'm taking this brokenness and I'm giving it to you.

Oh God. She calls me and says a pastor I think we can get this building for a third of the price and I'm gonna make a long story short within a month We had bought the building. It is now a center if you go on our website, you'll see it It is now and the amazing thing is it's on a street corner I've driven in front of it for years on my way to church five in the morning on my way to church on Sunday every Day of the week prostitutes on that street corner I've seen ladies on a street corner with a baby in a carriage next to them doing the streets And I would I would pray in the spirit God driving by saying Lord There was a vacant lot there and women from our church would go and witness to the ladies and they would give them a coffee Sandwiches and talk to them about the Lord and two ladies from our church among the others.

I remember specifically I brought them from the whole church recently. They they would go that vacant lot They would hold hands and would say Oh God one day You gotta give us something something to a house of safety a house to protect these kids and to help one day Oh God and on that vacant lot now stands this building to the glory of God and hundreds of kids Are receiving services now? Listen listen Philip was there at the end of his hellish year with his wife a hellish Year of cancer to cut the ribbon at the inauguration the mayor politician everybody's there. He had warned me.

I'm not making these speeches I'm not a speech God, but as he was cutting the ribbon the joy of God on his life He's had three scans over the last year over the last few months. He's completely cancer free He's gonna see He's gonna see his granddaughter being born in a few weeks He was a man blessed by multiplication that went through a storm, but through that storm. Oh God renew my heart Oh God, I received correction.

Oh God. I remember your blessing and your faithfulness I give you my brokenness And he's not crossing over on the bank of greater things that God has for us in Jesus name say yes Oh, this is not enough. I want you to stand and People give a ovations here on Broadway.

They do it at Madison Square Garden. They do it at Yankee Stadium Can we give Jesus a standing ovation in the house of God? Please bow your heads with me God as a that word for many many of us

here to this morning It's gonna be a there's a change that's gonna take place. There's something of the enemy that has been unveiled has been unmasked Exposed and Truth will set you free Truth will go into deepest recesses of who you are of your heart and your mind and your spirit So this morning no hesitation because we have to respond to the word whether you're brand new You've just been coming for a few months or years Well, you've been here you say pastor Claude.

I've been coming here 30 years. I've been here many years as well I've been walking with God many years But if you hear this morning and you say I have known I had known seasons of multiplication in my life But this morning this message is for me I'm going through a storm and I need for God to renew my heart Like the disciples Might be a weariness just carrying this for a long time Weariness of the storm or it can be the woundedness things that have happened tragic things Taking place. I don't understand.

My mind was bombarded questions and doubts and fears This morning I'm coming to God I'm saying Oh God you need I'm coming. I'm bringing my heart Please renew our heart through this storm Renew my heart through the storm renew my joy and my peace and my trust renew my faith Renew my love for you and for people. Oh God, I'm bringing my heart to you.

Holy Spirit in this desert Come and speak to my heart. I I am bringing my heart. Oh God renew me Renew my heart if this is you this morning I want you to step out of your seat and to begin to come God is gonna minister to you Our brother is gonna lead us in worship and I mean I'm gonna turn it over to Pastor Carter but if you're here and you say Come on, come on from all over God.

I brought me here for you this message for you if you're here this morning and you say There's things that seem to be not enough in my life But I want to bring my not enough to God I want to bring my son my daughter my life my marriage Situation in my ministry situation in my school in my studies in my future And my kids or my grandkids. It's a it's not what I expected. It's so so not enough But this morning I'm coming to bless God for my not enough in my brokenness I'm coming to bring my brokenness to God.

I want you to slip out of your seat And come literally to bring it to him come to offer it to him and to say oh god, I'm bringing it to you And I know we're too many for everyone to come forward, but I want everywhere main floor balcony Could you please just begin lift your hands and say oh god I'm giving it to you and begin to pray begin to pray over the church So I'm giving my brokenness to you out of this brokenness. I'm bringing the brokenness to you I'm bringing Oh God, they're not enough to you. I'm blessing you for what is not enough because you are all Sufficient you are more than enough So I give it to you today Use me use the brokenness use the pain use the question use the doubts use the valley of pain Use the cup of pain that I've been drinking to your glory I bring you the broken pieces and as I give them to you, you will multiply them in me and through Change me speak to me.

Oh God change me My god, I will take yesterday's baskets of faithfulness into today's storm And I want you to begin to thank him and to even ask the Holy Spirit Holy Spirit Remind me deeply Holy Spirit come and do a work in me remind me Establish me in the promises of God and the faithfulness of God and the past Breakthroughs of God in my life in the life of others I stand in the church where God has moved and God has miraculously intervened and healed and delivered and transformed So today I bring my brokenness to you I bring Oh God the broken pieces to you and I give you praise. I give you honor change me transform me. I Declare by faith that on the other side on the other side of this storm There is their bank of your glory and of your a bank filled with Breakthroughs and and your purposes and greater things that I've ever seen in the name of Jesus

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