

# **BREAKTHROUGH, Week 6: "Forgiveness, Repentance & Giving"**

## Sermon Outline

### **I. Introduction**

- A. Welcome and setting the stage for the message
- B. Mentioning the importance of Breakthrough
- C. Tease the three key elements for Breakthrough

### **II. Forgiveness**

- A. Define forgiveness as letting go of offense - Highlight the heart-centered nature of forgiveness
- B. Unpack the consequences of unforgiveness
  1. How it corrupts thoughts
  2. Its impact on future relationships
- C. Use the illustration of "living rent-free" to depict unforgiveness
- D. Stress how unforgiveness hinders Breakthrough
- E. Reference Jesus' teachings on forgiveness (Matthew 6:14–15)
- F. Provide practical application steps
  1. Giving your pain to God
  2. Asking God for His heart towards the offender
  3. Blessing those who have offended you

### **III. Repentance**

- A. Explain repentance as a 180-degree turn - Emphasize its connection to Breakthrough
- B. Highlight the Breakthroughs achieved through repentance
  1. Freedom from the penalty of sin
  2. Reconciliation with God, both in this life and eternally
- C. Reference Isaiah 59:2 to illustrate separation caused by sin
- D. Discuss Jesus' experience of abandonment on the cross (Matthew 27:46)
- E. Employ the "uncrossable river" analogy to emphasize separation
- F. Describe how repentance builds a bridge to God
- G. Share a personal story of transformation through repentance
- H. Offer practical application steps
  1. Believing in God's goodness
  2. Humbling oneself
  3. Acknowledging the impact of sin on oneself and God
  4. Turning away from sin through the Holy Spirit's power

### **IV. Giving**

- A. Acknowledge the challenging economic times - Mention inflation, rising interest rates, and stagnant paychecks
- B. Emphasize the importance of putting God first in finances
- C. Clarify that cutting back on giving would be a detrimental decision
- D. Highlight the need for both Financial and Spiritual Breakthrough
- E. Present the powerful truth: Worshiping God with money leads to Breakthrough
- F. Quote Matthew 6:24 to underline the impossibility of serving both God and money
- G. Describe the control money can have if it becomes a master
- H. Use an example of how budgeting can be compromised
- I. State the fact that God is a better manager of money
- J. Share examples of people who've experienced God's provision through giving

- K. Stress that giving is a principle of God's Kingdom - Reference 2 Corinthians 9:6 to explain the principle of sowing and reaping
- L. Encourage honoring God with finances for a Breakthrough
- M. Provide practical application steps
  - 1. Giving joyfully
  - 2. Starting to give today

**V. Conclusion**

- A. Summarize the message's key points
- B. Reiterate the call to Breakthrough and not settling for stagnation
- C. Remind the congregation about Professional Counseling
- D. Encourage forgiveness, repentance, and giving
- E. Call to action: Online giving or using an offering envelope
- F. Conclude with the message that by doing our part, God provides the Breakthrough

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### Sermon Notes

#### **FORGIVE**

- Let go of the offense
- Forgiveness is an act of the heart more than a face-to-face encounter
- Unforgiveness is a form of bondage...It corrupts your thoughts...It affects future relationships

**Illustration:** Unforgiveness is like allowing someone to live rent-free in your house

- Talk about how crazy it would be...
- Unforgiveness will keep you from the Breakthrough God wants to give you

***Listen to what Jesus said about Forgiveness and Breakthrough...***

Matthew 6:14–15 (NLT) “If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

**Forgive... and you will evict the offender living in your head and heart rent-free...**

- You will experience a Breakthrough!

#### **Application:**

- Give God your pain... and ask God to forgive you for holding the offense
- Ask God to give you HIS HEART for them
- Bless those who have offended you

**Transition Statement:** The next way you can experience a Breakthrough is to...

#### **REPENT**

- The easiest way to explain repentance is... turning 180 degrees
- Repentance and Breakthrough go hand in hand...
- When you repent God gives you a Breakthrough:
- Breakthrough from the penalty of your sin
- Breakthrough from the separation your sin was causing...
- Here on earth and potentially for eternity

**Isaiah 59:2 (NLT)** It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.

**SEPERATION...** God turns away... He hides His face...

- Jesus experienced this on the cross...

Matthew 27:46 (NLT) ... “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”

**At that moment Jesus took the sin of the world upon himself...**

- For the first time, Jesus felt separation from His Father

#### **Separation Illustration:**

- Married but you live on different sides of an uncrossable rushing river
- Communication would be tough... yelling over the sound of the river
- See one another from a distance only... no details

- Zero-touch or embrace
- That marriage isn't going to be strong or last long

**Repentance builds a bridge for you to cross the river and be with God**

- Repentance gives you the Breakthrough of closeness with God
- Repentance also gives you the Breakthrough of victory over your sin...

**Personal Story:** I used to have a vocabulary full of extra cuss words

- You know your cursing is bad when non-Christian friends ask you to tone it down
- I tend to go after everything with 100%
- If I am going to do it, let's GO ALL OUT!
- Watch This: When I surrendered my life to Jesus... God gave me a Breakthrough and foul language was removed from my vocabulary overnight!
- Repentance gave me a Breakthrough!

***Repentance can give you a Breakthrough too...***

**Application:**

- Believe God is good
- Humble yourself
- Acknowledge the pain your sin is causing you and God
- Turn 180 degrees and walk away through the power of the Holy Spirit!

**GIVE**

**We live in increasingly difficult economic times...**

- Inflation is on the rise
- Interest rates for loans are on the rise
- Paychecks have not increased as fast

**It would be easy to cut back on your giving and not put God first in your finances...**

- LET ME BE VERY CLEAR... This would be your worst decision at this time!
- Some of you need a Financial Breakthrough
- Some of you need a Spiritual Breakthrough, where Jesus is number one!

**POWERFUL TRUTH:** If you worship God with your money instead of worshipping money...

- God will give you a Breakthrough!

***Listen to what Jesus said about money...***

Matthew 6:24 (NLT) "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.

**If money is your master, you'll be controlled by it...**

- The more you try to hold on to it... the more you'll waste it
- It will slip through your hands like water

**Example:** Your budget is tight, but the next thing you know... you have a new car

**FACT:** You can't manage money better than God!

**EXAMPLE:** Many people have told me about putting God first and God providing for them...

- *“I started tithing, I didn’t know how it would work out financially, but God made the other 90% go farther than when I was spending the full 100%”*

**LET ME BE CLEAR: We don’t give to get!**

**GIVING IS A PRINCIPLE OF GOD’S KINGDOM:** God blesses the Faith-filled & joyful giver

- In fact... God’s principle works on a scale of giving...

2 Corinthians 9:6 (NLT) Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.

***Sow sparingly reap sparingly – Sow generously reap generously***

**HONOR GOD WITH YOUR FINANCES AND HE WILL GIVE A BREAKTHROUGH**

- It ALL belonged to God first... He gave you what you have
- If you honor Him first, He will provide an increase... a Breakthrough!
- If you try to manage the full 100%... I guarantee way more than 10% is being wasted...
- Honor God with the tithe; He will help you manage the other 90% better than ever...

**Application:**

- Give Joyfully
- Start today

**CONCLUSION:** Breakthrough is at your fingertips....

- Don’t settle for being stuck or stale and in need of a Spiritual Breakthrough
- Sign up for Professional Counseling
- Forgive and Repent
- Give... Go online right now or use an offering envelope

**YOU DO YOUR PART AND GOD PROVIDES THE BREAKTHROUGH**

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### Transcript

We are wrapping up a series called Breakthrough. How many guys have enjoyed this series? So far? They've been good. They good?

Yeah. Isn't it good to know that we worship a God, the God of the breakthrough? Right? Who knows that? Yeah, I know you feel stuck here. But I know how to get you there. I know, you feel like your head is in the clouds here. But I know how to get you there. Have you guys been on a commercial flight lately where the plane went through some clouds and it was raining and you know, gloomy when you took off? But you went to the clouds and you busted through those things? And you got into the sunshine? And wasn't that like, yes, the sun still shines, you know, if it's one of those days, or you're coming home, right? And you gotta go through the cloud layer. And then all of a sudden, you bust out of the cloud layer. And then you're like, it's Nebraska again, right? Like, it's that it's just that good feeling. But it's no fun when you're in the clouds. Right? I mean, look, as a pilot, I know, you get into the clouds, and it's bouncing is turbulent in there. And a lot of crazy things can happen, right? And so it's not fun. If you feel like emotionally, you're in the clouds, spiritually, you're in the clouds. It's not, it's not fun to feel like you're stuck. And so today, I want to talk to you about four very practical things, four different unique ways that we can find breakthrough in our life, we can find spiritual breakthrough, we can become the people that God wants us to become, we can let go of the old person, right, we can let go of the old ways, and we can start becoming the man or the woman that God designed you to be. There's four of them. And the first one I want to talk to you about is professional counseling, but not just any counseling, Christ centered, biblically based professional counseling. It's different than pastor counseling. It's the kind of counseling you make the appointment, you use your insurance, you pay cash, you use Medicaid, whatever it is, and you you invest time, energy and money into dealing with some of the maybe mental health issues, mental challenge, you're dealing with old pain, you're dealing with PTSD issues from the past. I mean, I don't know what it is. But I just know this, this is one of the ways that we're going to find spiritual breakthrough is through professional, Christ centered biblical counseling. And so because we know this, we decided here at New Life church, we were going to launch professional counseling as a brand new ministry. And I'm here to tell you today that starting now, okay, we've got two full time counselors that are completely certified and licensed with the state of Nebraska. And we are going to start offering right here out of our Kearney campus, to our Kearney campus, and anybody in Nebraska, because Nebraska let you connect with a counselor, legally over zoom so we can offer it throughout all of our campuses and all of our communities, we are going to start offering the very best in from our ability, the very best Christ centered, biblically based professional counseling to South Central Nebraska that that we can offer and to try to help you and help others find the breakthrough that God wants to bring them to life. Amen. That's what we're gonna do.

So it's a big, it's a big step. All right. And to help us get this kicked off, we've got two people that are going to be in those counseling seats to get started. I think we'll probably end up with somewhere around eight to 12

Somewhere in that zone when we when we build this whole thing out. But to get started, Would you welcome with me, Pastor Nate and Mandy king as they come to the stage with me. Come on out, guys.

Come on out.

Wow, well, hey, look, they already applauded. So they're already they're already with us right there. We're launching this thing and you guys are the first ones this to get out there and, and help us get this thing launched. And so you're fully fully licensed counselors in the state of Nebraska and continue to work and develop and become, you know, the counselors that are going to bring health and life to others. But why now? You know why now, like in my ministry career, and over the time, you know, being on this earth, this feels like right now there is a greater need for professional, Christ centered biblical counseling than potentially ever before a while I've been on this earth and I've been I'm 53 years old. Why Mandy? Why do you think that? Like it's a greater need?

professional counseling is a greater need now than maybe ever before? Help us understand why that might be? Yeah, so if we start with the statistics, it doesn't. It's not hard to find stats on anxiety, depression, mental health right now. One study I saw was from 2017 to 2023. women struggling with depression anxiety went from 26% to 30.

6% Men 17% to 20%. So it is a real need. And now I would say in my personal opinion is we're overstimulated. We got so much coming at us at all times. It's media. It's billboards. It's your opinion, my opinion. What does the Bible say? What does this pastor say? What does my friend say? What does my parents say? So we got a lot of information coming at us at all times. Also, I think the pandemic had a big, probably something that was already there,

just highlighted, and so we're home, how do we be still? How do we how are we okay with ourselves without going out to have coffee or go do the target run or whatever. So I think now, and plus, this is just the nature of our world.

The Bible tells us that towards the end times, I'm not speaking, I don't know anything about the timezone. The Lord with the Bible says, however, that things get a little uglier overall. Right? Yeah, yeah. And so that's my opinion, I think you could probably ask every, each person in here, there's maybe something similar, but just that we got a lot coming at us. And everybody's supposedly has the answer. Or, you know, is there one general answer for everybody? I don't know. But I think we're hurting. And we're overstimulated and we need, we need a big reset. Yeah, I think as well there, you know, there has been kind of a stigma on Oh, you Oh, you need to see a counselor. And we've even joked about it, you know, and it's really coming out of our fear and our insecurity. I think, since the pandemic, we've been coming to almost like grips with ourselves, like, Wow, man, I do need help. I don't want to be this way. I want to find freedom. And then all of a sudden, your friend is seeing a counselor and your friend is going, I'm finding traction in my life. And they're going well, I want that too. And we want that for our church. And so yeah, I do think the need is greater right now. But there's also a big difference between, you know, pastoral counseling, which a lot of churches and a lot of pastors, you know, offer in professional counseling. And so to help us maybe understand that, Nate, you sit in both roles, now you're a pastor, and you're a fully licensed counselor. So Nate will help us understand what is the big difference between pastoral counseling and the need for the use of professional counseling? What's the difference? Yeah, I really think it's the scope of practice. So when I talk as a pastor, I talk really fast. But now when I'm in as a counselor, I talk really slow, as really, oh, yeah. My wife's like, wow, you slow down. And so now that's one thing, because you know, I just want to ask her now, have you guys want to hear a sermon from Nate in a counselor mode?

Oh, let me let me ask one more question. How many guys think he could actually do the whole sermon and counselor mode? Impossible. There's gonna be a lot of meat, a lot of knee bending.

They're gonna be a lot of this. Yeah, that's what I do. That's when you get intense. That's how I get intense. Alright, sorry. Okay, come back to the scope. Is it back to the scope? Yeah, the scope of practice. As a pastor, I didn't go and learn the clinical mental health side, I didn't get to learn the bio psychosocial that you're going to get in professional counseling, you're going to, in professional counseling, we're going to look, we're going to do an intake and we're going to look at your family history, we're going to look at some of the things that are going on mentally help in the mental health side of your family in you and, and kind of give you a holistic approach to really find what's you know, where your struggle is, and what's going on. And then we're going to give you a biblical perspective, as well to the antidote or coping skills to help that. Um, so it's a total, it's a full picture. But yeah, you know, the COPE, the coping, and the scope of it really, as a pastoral I can, as a pastoral counselor, I can only took you so far. But now I have so many more resources and tools, because of the schooling that I have. I can take you further than maybe a pastor could take you. Yeah, yeah. And you know, I mean, look, when you're in the passenger seat, you're dealing with administration, leadership, right? You're writing messages, you're having to develop new ministries, and then you've got counseling, and it's like a slice of what you do. And then when you flip that switch, and you move into the single lane, of professional counselor, you just have a lot more time. I mean, we're talking like in a week, I mean, how many hours or how many clients can you see right now in a week as a professional counselor, versus how many people you can see, you know, in a pastor role, and so it just, it just totally expands it and it makes it that much more meaningful for people. So I love that. I so there's some differences. So we're still going to offer pastoral counseling at New Life, by the way, but we're going to work hand in hand and we know that now when it comes time to go, Hey, I suggest maybe we We transfer you over to see a professional, you know, Christ and a counselor, we kind of know where we're going right here. And so that's, that's encouraging as well. But what got you guys into this? You know, I mean, like, you know, when you're pastor, you better be a pastor because God called you, things are gonna get tough, and you

gotta go back. And you gotta say, God called me to this, and I'm going to stick to this. I think the same thing holds true with a counselor. I mean, you guys are carrying a lot of weight, and you're talking with people, and you're wrestling through situations with people. So what's the Mandy? What's the motivation? Like? What is the call? How did you go from whatever you were doing to doing this now?

Yeah, so I would say I always had a heart for helping Ministry of some sort. And then I also went on my own mental health journey about seven, eight years ago,

I was a stay at home mom, for my son will be 25 next month. So I've been doing that for a while. And then I have three daughters. And so my main focus was at home with my kids. However, I did a lot of volunteering, community wise in mentoring and ministry as well as here at new life. So when life kind of hit me hard a few years ago, and I found myself in a position I'd never been in before, and I did not know how to deal. I didn't feel like I had resources. I had seen local paths or my own pastors here at new life. But there was something that I was I wasn't grasping, or that wasn't settling in with me. I found a counselor here in Kearney.

She changed my life. And I remember going to her and being like, you know, about three months. And I'm like, yeah, so am I better? Like, can I, we wrap this up. And then I realized, Oh, this is a journey. I'm on a journey in and it changed my life. She is now my my mentor. I said, I love you as a counselor, but I don't want you to be my counselor anymore. I want you to be a mentor in my life. And so that's kind of unusual. But that really was a big turning point in my life. And so in 2020, when, right before the pandemic hit, um, gosh, like, what am I going to do with my life? My kids are getting older. My last one is entering high school. I have this heart for ministry. I thought about going back to school several years ago, but my kids were just too young at that time. And I I wanted to be president. So I'm at the coffee shop in January of 2020. And I ran into a girlfriend, I see she has a backpack. I'm like, What are you doing? Are you going back to school? Haha, because obviously, I'm not young. We're both older. And she's like, Yeah, I started the Clinical Mental Health Program at Yale and Kay. And I thought, huh, but something Yeah, something's resonating with me. So I went home, talk to my husband, Sean, and looked into and decided I'm going to jump in, I just had such a piece. I knew it was the time And so fast forward, I just graduated this year. Like I said earlier, don't be afraid of that I've been, I'm not that brand new. I have been doing some mentoring and teaching for many, many years, however, now in the clinical role is just my niche. And I'm just so proud and to be a part of city care. And with new life, it's a dream come true. So that was my journey. I love it. I love it. It's really what I love about your answers. Like it's always been in there. It's just that you got a chance now to kind of like, let it flourish. And the fruit of that Mandy, I think the future is this going to be one of those kinds of things. You're gonna look back and with tears in your eyes go God, thank you for being faithful and leading me in this journey. Now we know you. We know you. You know, I mean, you've been around here. You've been on staff for quite a long time. So why make the shift? Yeah, so I've always had a heart to love people. And that was about seven years ago, I was in a time of prayer and devotion. And I was praying and talking to the Lord and the Lord just put it in my heart. He's like, Hey, would you ever go back to school? And look at getting your master's in clinical mental health counseling? And my argument was, Lord, I didn't do very good the first time. How am I going to do this seemed daunting. It seems like there's no way and so But a week later, I get a phone call from seven young adults and college students saying, Hey, do you know any professional Christian counselors, and right then in there, I was like, Okay, Lord, this is that moment. And so I applied and yeah, and then here I am. And so it was funny as we were in classes together, because I graduated a year sooner than she did. And we were talking to each other. I'm like, What are you going to do? And she's like, What are you going to do? I'm like, we don't know. We don't know. But we know now. Yeah. And God's timing is perfect. Yeah. And so we're excited to partner with city care in New Light and launch this and it's cool. Yeah, I had a dream to do this, like nine years ago and approached a licensed Christian counselor, and it just didn't work out. And so just kind of been sitting on it for nine years. It's amazing how God can give you a thought and an idea. And you think it's for now, but he's like, No, it's a decade from now. Like, just be faithful, you know?

Just wait it out, wait it out. So I'm excited about this. And we partnered with another ministry of counselors called City care. And there's, there's over 40 of them. They're based really out of Omaha. And it's really a Christ centered counseling that is connected with the local church. That's their whole desire. And so we found them, they found us. We just decided, let's do this, let's make this thing happen. And that's helping us expedite the ministry of professional counseling to our community quicker. But Nate really quick, really fast. How if somebody



wants to take this step, and they want to make an appointment with either of you here? What do they need to do? Okay, because some people, they That's the hardest thing they're going to do today is making this appointment so that they can experience breakthrough, how do they make the appointment? Yeah, you can go to our website, Manulife church.com. And you can click and just scroll down to the towards the middle of the page, and there's going to be a city care link right there. They're showing it to you right now on the screen. And you can just go ahead and click on that you can click to make an appointment, you can also look at our pictures, and the biography and you know, our bio, and all that stuff on there and find out more about us and who would be a better fit. And then you can click on it, you know, click the appointment, and you can set up on the portal with city care. You can make yourself a client, you can fill all that out, you can look at our schedules. And then you can just literally just click and set your own appointment. But if you'd like to make a phone call, there's a there's a number on the screen that you can call and talk to one of our lovely receptionists and they would love to answer any questions help you with billing questions, anything like that to set that appointment. And we'll also even get you the paperwork so that you can get that filled out before you come in. So it doesn't eat up some of that time in that very first session. And so yeah, we'd love to connect with you in media. Love it. It's gonna be great, guys. It's gonna be great. So thank you guys for following the call of God on your life, and helping all of us find the breakthrough that God has for our lives. Amen. Let's come on

Wow, I love that. I think those are two fantastic counselors to have on our team here. And we're just getting started by the way. This is not the end. This is just getting started. Hey, thanks, man. Wow, you carried the table in my drink.

super talented.

super talented.

Huh?

It's still warming Great.

Is that too much information? Okay. Anyways, pick let me give you the let me give you the other three. Okay, first, the or the second one is forgiveness. If you want to find spiritual breakthrough, it comes to forgiveness and forgiveness really is what you got offended by someone. And you have to figure out how to let that go. And forgiveness a lot of the times is a heart issue more than it is a face to face issue. Some of the times you got offended by a particular person. It could have been horrific. And it might be better that you don't even see that person again. Alright, so it's more of a heart issue. It's what you do in here. And we have to remember something that's powerful about forgiveness and unforgiveness that unforgiveness acts like bondage to your soul.

unforgiveness is like bondage. unforgiveness is like, you know, strap your wrist together, tape them together, tape them to your ankles, because that's kind of how you look spiritually. You're in bondage, and it starts to corrupt the way you think it starts to corrupt the relationships that are around you. And that's where unforgiveness, you know, keeps you in bondage. So therefore, forgiveness leads you to the break through unforgiveness. You've heard the old the old cliché statement, unforgiveness is like letting someone live rent free in your head. Now, who would let someone live rent free in their house? Okay, a couple of you would. But let me ask you this. Who has ever had a friend say, Hey, I just need to stay a week. And then they stayed a month?

Have you ever thought about that? What would you do if you offered your house up to a friend and you thought it was only gonna be for a week and then it turned into two months? What happens when someone overstayed their welcome, and now you actually want them out. But you don't have the guts to actually evict them out.

But that's what unforgiveness is like. unforgiveness is like letting that person live rent free in your mind and in your emotions. It starts affecting your will and then the you lose the ability to really evict them and kick them out. And so Jesus says this about forgiveness and break through Matthew chapter six, verse 14, he says, Look, if you forgive those who sinned against you, your heavenly Father will give you break through. He'll forgive you. But if you refuse to forgive others, then your Father will not forgive your sins. He'll let you stay in a place of bondage.

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### Small Group Guide

**Icebreaker** (5 minutes): Share a brief moment from your life when you experienced a significant breakthrough or transformation. What contributed to that change?

**Forgive:** Letting Go of Offense: *Read Matthew 6:14–15 (NLT)* 14 “If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. 15 But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

1. What does forgiveness mean to you personally?
2. Discuss the idea that forgiveness is more about the heart than face-to-face encounters.
3. How can unforgiveness affect our thoughts and future relationships? Share examples if comfortable.
4. Consider the illustration: "Unforgiveness is like allowing someone to live rent-free in your house." What does this mean to you?
5. Reflect on how unforgiveness can hinder the Breakthrough God wants to give you. How can forgiving someone lead to your own Breakthrough?

**Repent:** Turning 180 Degrees: *Read Isaiah 59:2 (NLT)* 2 It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.

*Read Matthew 27:46 (NLT)* ... “My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?”

1. What is your understanding of repentance, especially in the context of turning 180 degrees?
2. Share your thoughts on how repentance and Breakthrough are interconnected, both in terms of freedom from sin's penalty and reconciliation with God.
3. Discuss the separation caused by sin, as described in Isaiah 59:2 and Matthew 27:46. How does it relate to the "uncrossable river" analogy?
4. Share personal stories or examples of how repentance has brought closeness with God or victory over sin.
5. Consider the practical steps mentioned for repentance. Which one resonates with you the most, and why?

**Give:** Worshiping God, Not Money: *Read Matthew 6:24 (NLT)* 24 “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.

*Read 2 Corinthians 9:6 (NLT)* Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop.

1. Discuss the idea of serving God vs. serving money. What does it mean to you personally?
2. How can money become a master that controls our lives? Share examples from your own experiences or observations.

3. Reflect on the principle of sowing and reaping as mentioned in 2 Corinthians 9:6. How does this apply to giving?
4. Share any personal stories or testimonies related to giving and how it impacted your life or the lives of others.
5. In what ways can we honor God with our finances? What practical steps can you take in this regard?

**Conclusion:**

1. Summarize the key takeaways from our discussion about forgiveness, repentance, and giving.
2. What commitments or changes in your life are you considering based on our discussion today?
3. How can we support each other in pursuing Breakthroughs in these areas?
4. Close with a prayer, asking God to help us on our journey toward Breakthrough.