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BREAKING THROUGH THE BLESSING

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God desires to bless you.

You decide the size of your breakthrough.

Or you can stop breakthrough altogether.

1. GET OUT OF GOD’S WAY

“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:36-38

“In prayer there is a connection between what God does and what you do. You can’t get forgiveness from God, for instance, without also forgiving others. If you refuse to do your part, you cut yourself off from God’s part.” Matthew 6:15

How do I forgive?

“Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written: “Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,” says the Lord.” Romans 12:19

Leave room for the wrath of God. Make space. Move out of the way.

Forgiveness is trusting God enough to get out of His way.

Standing in the place of God stops breakthrough.

2. REMEMBER WE LEAVE THIS LIFE THE SAME WAY WE ARRIVED

“We all come to the end of our lives as naked and empty-handed as on the day we were born. We can’t take our riches with us.” Ecclesiastes 5:15

“Jesus then gave them this illustration: “A wealthy land owner had a farm that produced bumper crops. In fact, it filled his barns to overflowing! He thought, ‘What should I do now that every barn is full and I have nowhere else to store more? I know what I’ll do! I’ll tear down the barns and build one massive barn that will hold all my grain and goods. Then I can just sit back, surrounded with comfort and ease. I’ll enjoy life with no worries at all.’

“God said to him, ‘What a fool you are to trust in your riches and not in me. This very night the messengers of death^[a] are demanding to take your life. Then who will get all the wealth you have stored up for yourself?’²¹ This is what will happen to all those who fill up their lives with everything but God.” Luke 12:16-21

This isn’t a parable about the dangers of being rich and successful.

This is a parable about the dangers of confusing what lasts and what doesn’t.

Hold Lightly What God Has Given You.

Recognize Hidden Treasure.

“The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure hidden in the field, which a man found and hid *again*; and from joy *over it* he goes and sells everything that he has, and buys that field.” Matthew 13:44

Jesus taught that life in His Kingdom will be characterized by radical, extravagant generosity.

“If you are given much, much will be required of you. If much is entrusted to you, much will be expected of you.” Luke 12:48