

THE BREAKTHROUGH MINDSET PRT 6 - LIVING IN THE EXTRA ORDINARY

Philippians 3:10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable to His death;

Welcome to our victory Sunday – on this particular Sunday, we take some time to minister to each other as the Lord allows us to.

We are starting from where we left off last week in the book of Philippians where Paul has been addressing us on the idea of a breakthrough mindset.

This morning, I briefly want to talk to you on the subject matter **LIVING IN THE EXTRA ORDINARY**.

Let me say from the onset; you were destined to live an exciting life, a life that is attractive and full of passion.

In other words, God never designed you to live an ordinary life – He designed you to live in a space called extra ordinary.

The difference between ordinary and extra ordinary is a small word called extra. When you buy a car, you have what we call extras or when you buy food, you also have what they call extras.

These extras will differentiate one car from another (chrome rims, performance enhancements, comfort etc.).

When it comes to your walk with the Lord, there are extras that when you add to your journey, your life will be changed completely.

Khaya Mthethwa sang a song titled “Settle for less” – In that song he challenges believers to go for more in God because there is more in God.

Let’s look at a few extras you need to add if you are to transform your walk and experience with God.

1. Pursue intimacy with Christ

- In a relationship, there are levels of closeness – someone can be your colleague, another can just be an acquaintance, another can be a friend, another can be your best friend and further still another can be a spouse.
- Each type of relationship determines the degree to which you know someone and the degree to which you know someone determines what demands you can place on the relationship.
- Now where we have read, Paul tells us that he will do everything necessary so that he may know Christ.

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- But Paul, you have done well so far, why are you fixated with wanting to know Christ more.
- Paul will answer and say “I know that there is more in Christ and I want it” – again this is a mindset that Paul had.
- Paul knew Christ, he had knowledge of Christ’s desires but though he had attained a high dimension of knowing Christ, he was aware that his knowledge of his creator and Lord was imperfect and limited.
- He had passionate desires to search out Christ in order to develop deeper levels of intimacy with Him.
- The more I have grown in my knowledge of my wife, the more intimate we have become – the same is true with knowing our Lord.
- Let it be your heart’s cry to pursue his unfathomable grace, His outrageous love for you and the depth of His mercy towards you.

Jeremiah 29:13 And you shall seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.

Daniel 11:32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he pervert by flatteries; but the people that know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

Jeremiah 9:24 But let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, who exercises loving devotion, justice and righteousness on the earth— for I delight in these things,” declares the LORD.

2 Peter 3:17 Therefore, beloved, since you already know these things, be on your guard so that you will not be carried away by the error of the lawless and fall from your secure standing. 18But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

2. Desire to experience resurrection power

- It is beyond men’s comprehension the influence that the resurrection of Christ has on humanity.
- What the resurrection of Christ made available for us must be desired and pursued after.
- Someone must be aware of the benefits of Christ’s resurrection in order to walk in them.

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- Paul calls it the power of His resurrection – Christ died because of our sins that were upon Him. By rising from dead, Christ procured our justification – in other words without His resurrection, we would still be carrying our own sins.
- The resurrection of Christ gives us access to the mercy of God and to the very presence of God.

Hebrews 4: 15 For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who was tempted in every way that we are, yet was without sin. 16 Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

- Though Paul knew about all this power, yet he wanted to feel more of it, to be reminded of it and to be stirred up to walk in them.
- This is an extra that will cause you to set your face on things above and not beneath, it was encourage you to keep going during difficult seasons of your life.

3. Be willing to suffer alongside Christ

- Many are ok to follow Christ as long as there is no suffering attached to it. Many believers abandon their walk with God in the presence of persecution.
- Paul says, he only does not want the good that comes with being with Christ, he wants the full package that comes with being in Christ. He wants fellowship with Christ in His suffering.
- This is when he would say things like “

Acts 20:22 And now, behold, I am going bound by the Spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall happen to me there, 23 except that the Holy Spirit witnesses in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions await me. 24 But none of these things move me, neither do I count my life dear to myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus Christ, to testify fully the gospel of the grace of God.

- Jesus actually says when you suffer with me, you will also enjoy the glory in my Father’s kingdom.
- Paul was saying, he wanted to partake in the Lord’s suffering as well.
- This is an extra that will change your walk with the Lord. When you are prepared to suffer for Christ, in turn Christ will entrust you with expanding His kingdom.

2 Corinthians 4:10 We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body.