

Today's Message: “Breakthrough”

Breakthrough - instance of moving through or beyond an obstacle; sudden advancement; often an answer to a problem or improvement of a situation.

¹⁹ Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. (Isaiah 43:19)

²⁴ So when the crowd saw that Jesus was not there, nor his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum, seeking Jesus. ²⁵ When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷ Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." (John 6:24-27)

It's one thing to seek a breakthrough. It's a better thing to seek the God of the breakthrough.

³⁰ So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform?" ³¹ Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³² Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³ For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴ They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." ³⁵ Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. (John 6:30-35)

I am statements in John's gospel: (build)

- Bread of life (6:35) – physical & spiritual needs
- Light of the world (8:12)– guidance & direction
- Door of the sheep (10:7) – protection from harm
- Good shepherd (10:11) – heart/identity issues
- Resurrection & life (11:25) – overcomes worst possible evil we face
- Way, Truth, Life (14:6) – answers to deepest longings
- True vine (15:1) – fruit and purpose

We don't always know what we *most* need.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20,21)