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FROM BROKEN TO BREAKTHROUGH

SERMON NOTES:

Life and death are in the power of the tongue.

- Proverbs 18:21 (BSB)

When we put Jesus and the word of God at the center, we position ourselves to receive a miracle.

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy...

- John 10:10 (NIV)

...I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

- John 10:10 (ESV)

I have told you all this so that you may have peace in me. Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. But take heart, because I have overcome the world.

- John 16:33 (NLT)

Trust in and rely confidently on the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight or understanding.

- Proverbs 3:5 (AMP)

God will never give you a life where He's not necessary.

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Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for Him:

Psalms 37:7 (KJV)

But the ship struck a sandbar and ran aground. The bow stuck fast and would not move, and the stern was broken to pieces by the pounding of the surf. The soldiers planned to kill the prisoners to prevent any of them from swimming away and escaping. But the centurion wanted to spare Paul's life and kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and get to land. The rest were to get there on planks or on other pieces of the ship. In this way everyone reached land safely.

- Acts 27:41-44 (NIV)

But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.

- 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NIV)

God will still get you to your destination on broken pieces.

Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. The islanders showed us unusual kindness. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold. Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. When the islanders saw the snake hanging from his hand, they said to each other, "This man must be a murderer; for though he escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live." But Paul shook the snake off into the fire and suffered no ill effects. The people expected him to swell up or suddenly fall dead; but after waiting a long time and seeing nothing unusual happen to him, they changed their minds and said he was a god. There was an estate nearby that belonged to Publius, the chief official of the island. He welcomed us to his home and showed us generous hospitality for three days. His father was sick in bed, suffering from fever. Paul went in to see him and, after prayer, placed his hands on him and healed him. When this had happened, the rest of the sick on the island came and were cured. They honored us in many ways; and when we were ready to sail, they furnished us with the supplies we needed.

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- Acts 28:1-10 (NIV)

God will pull purpose out of you where the enemy has tried to stop you.

Hell can't stop what heaven has started in us.

And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 5:7 (NIV)

Casting the whole of your care all your anxieties, all your worries, all your concerns, once and for all on Him, for He cares for you affectionately and cares about you watchfully.

- 1 Peter 5:7 (AMPC)

Stop monitoring things you already left in God's hands.

If we are going to go through it then we are going to grow through it.

DISCUSSION GUIDE:

- 1. What area of your life do you feel is broken?
- 2. What breakthrough are you believing God for?
- 3. We often say, "God will never give you a life that makes Him unnecessary." What areas of your life are you needing God the most in right now?
- 4. 2 Corinthians 12:9 talks about God's grace being sufficient for your weakness... How has God's grace sustained you?
- 5. Are you still monitoring things that you've placed in God's hands? How can you work on completely releasing that to Him?
- 6. We believe that we don't just want to go through things but we want to grow through them. How are you growing in this season?