

Gal 6:10 ESV - So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

Be God's promise to someone else and don't make 2008 about you.

2. Get Creative

Try something new that will stretch you and refresh your old relationships and provide opportunity to meet new people.

Try something that will put you in a community setting and release creativity in you.

"Don't ask yourself what the world needs. Ask yourself what makes you come alive, and go do that, because what the world needs is people who have come alive." (Gil Bailie)

*Let's go and celebrate
Let's find someone out there
To come with us, to sing along
All day long, here we go
Let's find someone out there
To sing with us
Let's find someone out there
To praise with us
Let's find someone out there
To have joy and fun with us
Let's find someone out there
To laugh along
Let's find someone out there
To love with us
And find someone else out there...
(Elissa Hibbert – 7 years old ~ January 20, 2008)*

BREAKING OUT IN 2008

Part 2&3~ Breaking Out & Going Forth

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REVIEW

Micah 2:13 AMP – The Breaker (the Messiah) will go up before them. They will break through, pass in through the gate and go out through it, and their King will pass on before them, the Lord at their head.

I. THE BREAKER-THROUGH – GOD'S PART

1. Breaker-Through of Barriers
2. Breaker-Through of Bondages
3. Breaker-Through of Prison Doors
4. Breaker-Through of Death

II. BREAKING OUT – OUR PART

1. Breaking Out of Our Comfort Zones

God is challenging us to step out of our comfort; to step out of what is familiar; to step out of what we think is safe and predictable.

*"Many believers prefer secure slavery to scary freedom. Israel – when they were finally delivered had to provide their own food and go to war. Freedom results in scars and wounds that we might not be able to control."
(Steven Crosby)*

Exodus 14:12 AMP – Did we not tell you in Egypt, Let us alone; let us serve the Egyptians? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.

2. Breaking Out of Our Self-Centeredness

God is challenging us to have an outward focus and that means we must break out of our self-centeredness.

Matthew 16:24 AMP – Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone desires to be My disciple, let him deny himself (disregard, lose sight of, and forget himself and his own interests) and take up his cross and follow Me (cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying, also).

We need to walk out of self-centeredness and become Christ-aware and Christ-conscious.

Acts 17:28 ASV – For in Him we live and move and have our being.

Colossians 1:27 ASV - Christ in you, the hope of glory.

3. Breaking Out of Our Captivity

God is calling us to break out from our bondages, oppression, habits and addictions.

Isaiah 49:9a AMP – Saying to those who are bound, Come forth, and to those who are in spiritual darkness, Show yourselves (come into the light of the Sun of righteousness).

I John 3:8 AMP – The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to undo, destroy, loosen, and dissolve the works the devil has done.

Colossians 2:15 AMP – God disarmed the principalities and powers that were ranged against us and made a bold display and public example of them, in triumphing over them in Him and in it, the cross.

Isaiah 42:16 AMP - And I will bring up the blind by a way that they know not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known. I will make darkness into light before them and make uneven places into a plain.

We must accept His finished work on our behalf and begin to understand the power of grace.

III. GOING OUT – PARTNERSHIP WITH GOD

We keep “coming in” while Jesus kept “going out.”

Acts 1:8 ESV - But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Mat 28:19-20 ESV – (19) Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (20) teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

I Corinthians 3:9 AMP – For we are fellow workmen, joint promoters, laborers together with and for God.

1. Get Involved

All too often we don't “go out” because we are so focused on ourselves, our problems, our needs, our wants and desires.

Volunteer in an organization that helps others who are less fortunate.

Choose to put the needs of others before yourself.