

BREAKAWAY MEN™ BREAKFAST

Winning the Battle—One “Out” at a Time. ™

Come as You Are. Leave Different.

A Breakaway Man is not a man who has won every battle. He is a man who has decided, through Jesus Christ, that he will no longer surrender his life to the things that have been defeating him.

Every Man Is Fighting a Battle

Every man in this room is fighting a battle. Some battles are visible. Others are deeply personal. Some are battles you've fought for years, and others are battles you haven't even told our closest friends about.

The question isn't whether we're fighting battles.

The question is whether we're making the decisions necessary to win them.

Scripture: Joel 3:14 (NKJV)

“Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! For the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision.”

*In this Biblical context, the Prophet, Joel, describes God's judgment of the nations. But the **imagery** of a “Valley of Decision” provides a compelling point of application for Men today in this meeting.*

Men cannot live indefinitely between what God is calling them to become and what they have grown comfortable being. Let that sink in for a moment. **This fact applies directly to all of us.**

Here are three questions for today's time together:

1. What battle are you fighting that nobody else knows about?
2. What decision have you been putting off that God has already made clear to you?
3. What would change in your life if you fully surrendered that battle to Jesus Christ?

"You don't become a Breakaway Man simply because you want your life to change. You become a Breakaway Man when you begin making the decisions that allow God to change your life."

What does it require to become a Breakaway Man?

****Awareness of your vulnerability. ****

Proverbs 18:1 (NKJV)

*18 A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire; **He rages against all wise judgment.***

Pillar 1: STEP OUT — The Battle of Decision

Stop standing in the Valley of Decision.

Until a man makes that decision, nothing changes—but when he does, everything can.

Step Out: The Battle of Decision:

Matthew 7:13-14 New King James Version

The Narrow Way

¹³“Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴^[a]Because narrow *is* the gate and ^[b]difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

Matthew 16:24 New King James Version

Take Up the Cross and Follow Him

²⁴ Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me

For Me: March 28, 1987 – Easter Sunday, Atlanta Falcon’s Training Camp in Suwanee, GA – The 50-Yard Line Surrender. I wrote a book about my conversion to Jesus Christ.

Teaching points

1. Every man reaches a point of decision.

Sooner or later, you desire to leave the “Valley of Decision” – God is prompting you to step out of the crowd / herd and pursue the Life that ONLY He can give you in Christ.

2. Isolation makes battles harder to win.

In order to stay the course, you need other men to walk along side you and do life with you.

3. Stepping out requires courage and humility.

You NEED both courage and humility to begin the Breakaway Man Journey.

Sometimes the most courageous thing a man can do is admit that he needs help.

"You cannot walk into the life God has prepared for you while refusing to step away from the things that are holding you captive."

Stepping out is the decision to move. Selling out determines who gets control of your life once you do.

Pillar 2: SELL OUT — The Battle of Surrender

Give Jesus everything. Hold nothing back.

Surrender is not weakness; it is the courageous decision to trust God's way above your own.

Sell Out: The Battle of Surrender:

Living for an Audience of One – Share My Story

Set-up the Rich Young Ruler Story...

Matthew 19:27-29 New International Version

²⁷ Peter answered him, "We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?"

²⁸ Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life.

Matthew 13:45-46 New International Version

⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls. ⁴⁶ When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it."

Teaching points

1. **Surrender is not partial obedience.**
2. **Surrender requires giving up control.**

Men often want to maintain control of their careers, finances, families, futures, and personal ambitions.

But surrender asks a different question:

"Lord, what do You want me to do with what You've entrusted to me?"

3. **Surrender is a daily decision.**

A moment of surrender can change the direction of a life, but living surrendered requires continuing obedience.

The kingdom of heaven is worth more than anything we could sacrifice to pursue it.

If stepping out is the decision to move.

And, selling out determines who gets control of your life once you do.

Then, Standing Out for Holiness is your offering to back to God and lights the path for others to follow in your footsteps.

Pillar 3: STAND OUT — The Battle of Influence

Live differently because you belong to Jesus.

Standing out is not about seeking attention; it is about reflecting the character of Christ through your words, decisions, relationships, and actions.

Jesus describes His followers as the salt of the earth and the light of the world.

Stand Out: The Battle of Influence:

Matthew 5:14-16 King James Version

¹⁴ Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.

¹⁵ Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Philippians 2:14-16 New International Version

¹⁴ Do everything without grumbling or arguing, ¹⁵ so that you may become blameless and pure, “children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation.” Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky ¹⁶ as you hold firmly to the word of life. And then I will be able to boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor in vain.

Teaching points

1. Salt makes a difference because of what it is.

A Breakaway Man should make a positive difference in his home, workplace, church, and community.

4. Light makes a difference because it can be seen.

Matthew 5:16 (NKJV):

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Standing out is not about drawing attention to ourselves. It is about living in such a way that people see Jesus through us.

3. Our attitudes reveal our influence.

Philippians 2:14–15 teaches believers to do all things without complaining and disputing, so they may shine as lights in the world.

"Gratitude is essential!"

A man can know Scripture, attend church, and speak about Jesus while allowing negativity, bitterness, and complaining to dominate his attitude.

Gratitude is not pretending life is easy. It is recognizing God's goodness even when life is difficult.

- Does my family see Jesus in how I treat them?
- Do my coworkers see Jesus in my attitude?
- Do my decisions reflect my faith when nobody is watching?

"A Breakaway Man doesn't stand out because he thinks he's better than other men. He stands out because Jesus is making him different."

But living differently for one day is not the goal. The challenge is to remain faithful when life becomes difficult.

Pillar 4: STAY OUT — The Battle of Perseverance

A Breakaway Man understands that lasting transformation is built through consistent choices, not temporary emotion.

Keep moving forward. Don't return to what God brought you out of.

Sell Out: The Battle of Perseverance:

Jude 20-25 King James Version

²⁰ But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

²¹ Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

²² And of some have compassion, making a difference:

²³ And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

²⁴ Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

²⁵ To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

Two Personal Stories:

Ravi Zacharias – A Fall from Grace – February 11, 2021 – A four-month investigation showed the late Ravi Zacharias leveraged his reputation as a world-famous Christian Apologist to abuse to abuse massage therapists in the United States and abroad over more than a decade while the ministry led by his family members and loyal allies failed to hold him accountable.

My wife asked me: How will you stay PURE and FAITHFUL if a man like that can fall so deeply? I said, “Let me think about it for a day.” – I came back with 1 Corinthians 15:31

1 Corinthians 15:31 King James Version

³¹ I protest by your rejoicing which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, **I die daily.**

Galatians 2:20 King James Version

²⁰ I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Caleb C. Flynn

October, 2015 – We attended a NEW Free Chapel campus in Spartanburg, SC where we lived at the time. From October 2015 thru May 2016, until we moved back to Atlanta, we were lead in Worship by a charismatic and authentic Worship Pastor. By all accounts, he loved Jesus Christ and was dedicated to the Lord in Service to Him as a integral part of the ministry of Free Chapel.

We moved backed to Georgia and life moved on for us, but I always remembered this “Man of God” who had an amazing voice and vocal ability. I just knew his name, at the time by Caleb. Today, you know him more fully as Caleb C. Flynn – He was just convicted recently of murdering his wife in cold blood.

Sin Is Crouching at YOUR Door.

Genesis 4:6-7 New International Version

⁶ Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷ If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at **your** door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.” – *Master It (NASB 1995)*

God gives you “Power” to Overcome all Temptation: We NEED His Power today

John 1:12-13 King James Version

¹² But as many as received him, to them gave he **power** to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

¹³ Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Be Holy for I am Holy:

1 Peter 1:13-16 New King James Version

Living Before God Our Father

¹³ Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, *as* in your ignorance; ¹⁵ but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, ¹⁶ because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.”

Try Me: King David – Put Yourself on Trial before God.

Psalms 139:23-24 New King James Version

²³ Search me, O God, and know my heart;
Try me, and know my anxieties;
²⁴ And see if *there is any* wicked way in me,
And lead me in the way everlasting.

Many Men's Conferences/Movements emphasize themes like: **Be the Man!** – Instead, We Need More Conferences/Movements, like from the one of Prophet Nathan: **David, You Are the Man!**

Create in Me a Clean Heart – David's Response

Psalm 51:10-13 New King James Version

¹⁰ Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
¹¹ Do not cast me away from Your presence,
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
¹² Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me *by Your* generous Spirit.
¹³ *Then* I will teach transgressors Your ways,
And sinners shall be converted to You.

Teaching points

1. The Christian life is a lifelong journey.

The battle does not end because we make one good decision.
There will be temptations, discouragement, disappointment, and spiritual opposition.

2. Perseverance requires daily dependence on God.

John 15:5 reminds us that apart from Christ, we can do nothing.

*We cannot sustain spiritual victory through determination alone.
We need prayer, Scripture, the Holy Spirit, and the encouragement of other believers.*

3. Staying out requires accountability to Others.

Proverbs 18:24 describes the value of a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

Proverbs 18:24 New King James Version

²⁴ A man *who has* friends ^[a] must himself be friendly,
But there is a friend *who* sticks closer than a brother.

A Breakaway Man needs other godly men who will challenge him, encourage him, pray for him, and speak truth when necessary.

"Who knows you well enough to challenge you when you're heading in the wrong direction?"

"Winning one battle is important. Becoming a man who faithfully follows Jesus for a lifetime is the greater victory."

THE FINAL CHARGE

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1. THE CHALLENGE — THE BATTLE FOR THE MAN WITHIN

2. Men, we've talked about four battles every man must face:

- **STEP OUT** — The Battle of Decision.
- **SELL OUT** — The Battle of Surrender.
- **STAND OUT** — The Battle of Influence.
- **STAY OUT** — The Battle of Perseverance.

You can hear the message, read the book, and agree with everything I've said. **But until you make a decision, nothing changes.**

The greatest battle isn't necessarily against the world around you. It's the battle over **who has authority over the man within you.**

Joshua 24:15 (NKJV): "But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

QUESTION: Who will you serve?

2. THE ALTAR CALL — YOUR MOMENT OF DECISION

Men, bow your heads. No pretending. No comparing. Just you and Jesus Christ.

Three groups of men:

1. **SALVATION:** You've never genuinely surrendered your life to Jesus Christ. Today can be your day of salvation.
2. **REPENTANCE:** You belong to Jesus, but you've allowed compromise, hidden sin, or disobedience back into your life. Today is your opportunity to return.
3. **RECOMMITMENT:** You're following Jesus, but you need renewed strength, accountability, and courage to remain faithful.

THE INVITATION:

I'm not asking for an emotional response. I'm asking you to respond to what the Holy Spirit is speaking to your heart.

If God is calling you to respond, **come forward.** Let us pray with you.

Come as you are. Determine to Leave Differently.

Pause. Allow men to respond. Lead in prayer for salvation, repentance, complete surrender, and lifelong faithfulness.

PRAYER EMPHASIS: "Give Jesus Christ: Everything. Everything. Everything. No holding back."

3. THE FINAL CHARGE — FOUR DECISIONS. ONE LIFE. One Amazing Savior.

Ask every man to stand.

Men, you're returning to the same world, the same pressures, and perhaps the same battles.

But you don't have to return with the same surrender to defeat.

- **STEP OUT:** Stop making excuses. Make the decision.
- **SELL OUT:** Give Jesus everything. Hold nothing back.
- **STAND OUT:** Let others see Jesus in how you live.
- **STAY OUT:** Remain faithful. Stay accountable. Finish well.

The goal isn't to become a man who never faces another battle. The goal is to become a man who never fights those battles apart from Jesus Christ.

Men,

The world needs men who are fully surrendered to Jesus Christ. Men of courage, conviction, integrity, and lifelong faithfulness. We NEED Breakaway Men in these FINAL Days.

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