

# Made For This

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**CONVERSATION NOTES  
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**R**OSES *and* **T**HORNS

# MADE FOR THIS Now What ?



## Matthew 14:15-21

15 And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals.

16 But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give ye them to eat.

17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes.

18 He said, Bring them hither to me.

19 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.

20 And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full.

21 And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children.

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## REFLECTION

When have you experienced a "Now what?" experience?



When things seem to be falling apart, is it natural for you to run to community or isolation?

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## ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES



**John 6:35** And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst.

**Matthew 26:15** 15 And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver

### Ezekiel 37:1-7

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones,

2 And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.

3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord God, thou knowest.

4 Again he said unto me, Prophesy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.

5 Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live:

6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

## OBSERVATION

How has Jesus been bread for you?

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## Now What?

### VALUE THE DESERT PLACE



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Deserts have value. Here are three facts about deserts:

1. Desert plants have adapted special properties to help them survive in harsh desert climates.
2. Dry conditions are ideal for preserving human artifacts and remains.
3. The dry condition of deserts helps promote the formation and concentration of resources.

God can restore the dry places of your life. You can be in a dry place, it will happen; just don't move in. Trust that God knows where you are. He can deliver you in and out of the desert places in your life.

### DON'T ISOLATE - CHOOSE COMMUNITY



02

God established community from the beginning. The triune Godhead (God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit) examples for us the importance of community.

When God made creatures, he made them in pairs: Genesis 1:22; 25,27.

The enemy wants us to be isolated because it is in isolation that we are vulnerable but it is in community that we have strength.

### SERVANT LEADER

When has God used you bless someone else?

When have you been blessed by someone?

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## You Fight Like A Girl

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### TAKE INVENTORY



I remember a song we sang when I was in the children's choir. The words are:

Faith, Faith, Faith just a lil' bit'a Faith  
Faith, Faith, Faith just a lil' bit'a Faith  
It don't take a whole lot - just use the little you got.  
Faith, Faith, Faith just a lil' bit'a Faith

Little in the Master's hand mean much. Use the gifts that you have laid aside.

### 2 Timothy 1:6

6 Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

Whatever you "used to do" for God - DO IT NOW!

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### BLESS AND BRAKE

Maybe you were a well-behaved child that didn't require reprimand... that isn't my story. My dad had to shape me with a whipping here or there. But each time he spanked me or executed a punishment, he wouldn't allow me to sulk or have a pity party. He would require me to hug him and not isolate so that I understood that discipline wasn't about rejection but correction. I was so strong willed! I was stubborn and on occasion disobedient so he had to brake that in me.

Before the blessing, there will be a braking. Our breaking may be to release the strongholds that are in our lives that are preventing us from realizing the fullness of God. What does God have to brake in you?

Hebrews 12:6

Proverbs 3:2

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## EAT UNTIL YOU ARE FULL

Have you ever organized an event where food was to be served? What does the caterer want to know? That's right, a head count. How many will be dining so that they can order the proper amount of food and not waste or run out. If a caterer can be precise what about our God.

He knows our capacity and he will provide our daily bread. He doesn't just give us enough to ward off the "hangry" in us...He prepares a table for us and provides until we are full. But like the Widow of Zarephath, He will provide our daily bread.

### 1 Kings 17:10-14

14 For thus saith the Lord God of Israel, The barrel of meal shall not waste, neither shall the cruse of oil fail, until the day that the Lord sendeth rain upon the earth.



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## GOD WILL GIVE YOU ABUNDANCE

### John 10:10

10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

We serve a good, good Father. He is a provider of all of our needs. Our only responsibility is release our will to Him. We need to be able to say daily; not my will but Your will be done in my life. We make surrendering hard. It's like a child fighting sleep. Just give in!

## EAT

What have you been spiritually dining on?



# MADE FOR THIS *Now What?*

## MY NOW WHAT ACTION PLAN

### MY RELATIONSHIPS

### MY HEALTH

### MY WEALTH

### MY PURPOSE

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