



Sermon Notes

The Way of Agape Part 43 – Positioned for Breakthrough 2
October 24, 2021

Jeremiah 31:3

³ ... "I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

When you love your children, you want the best for them.

Isolation is the opposite of connection.

Shame is a lousy motivator.

Shame drives us inward - Love draws us outward

There is healing when we rise out of shame.

Isolation is self-sabotage

The payoff of isolation is loneliness.

Our brokenness has caused losses:

Loss of innocence, loss of optimism, loss of self.

Matthew 11:28 The Message Version

Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest.

Jeremiah 31:3 The Message Version

GOD told them, "I've never quit loving you and never will.

Expect love, love, and more love!

And so now I'll start over with you and build you up again

God promises breakthrough, then gives time for us to position ourselves for the breakthrough.

Belief and Obedience.

Matthew 14:22-33

²² Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. ²³ After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, ²⁴ and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it.

²⁵ Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. ²⁶ When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. "It's a ghost," they said, and cried out in fear.

²⁷ But Jesus immediately said to them: "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid."

²⁸ "Lord, if it's you," Peter replied, "tell me to come to you on the water."



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²⁹ "Come," he said.

Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

³¹ Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"

³² And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. ³³ Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

Jesus' presence immediately made the ordinary extraordinary.

Matthew 4:23

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

A key part to positioning ourselves for breakthrough is being in God's presence.

Peter's position for breakthrough was not on the boat.

Peter had to call out to the Lord.

Jeremiah 33:3

³ 'Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'

Isaiah 55:1-2

¹ "Come, all you who are thirsty,
come to the waters;

and you who have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without cost.

² Why spend money on what is not bread,
and your labor on what does not satisfy?

Listen, listen to me, and eat what is good,
and you will delight in the richest of fare.

Being positioned for breakthrough means calling out, then stepping out.

