

**Title: Breaking Through The LIDS In Our Lives**

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I wanna talk to you guys today about  
lids and the lids that are put on us and that we  
we have in our lives  
so I think it was about 15 years ago or so  
my wife and I were looking for some friends  
we were feeling pretty alone um  
we had moved back from Oklahoma  
we had moved to Oklahoma for a couple of years um  
in a to be part of a ministry  
and we'd moved back and we were looking for some um  
friends that were similar to us  
in their thinking and their seriousness in their faith  
and we were attending a church that was super fun  
was a mega church  
great worship  
super fun lots of lights big budget  
but there weren't a lot of serious people there  
that were just really  
super serious about their faith  
and we found some  
we found another  
family that was super serious about their faith  
and we really latched on to them  
and they was like refreshing  
and we became really good friends with them and it was  
it was wonderful actually  
so time progressed and um  
they were entrepreneurial  
we were entrepreneurial and we had  
had run businesses and they had run businesses and  
and we ended up actually starting uh  
business with them

and that business  
you know had UPS and downs and  
turns and left and rights and  
different things like you'd imagine  
and uh it went  
well for a while  
but then there was this point  
where the Lord was really asking us to take a turn  
he's really asking us to actually move away  
from them and  
and actually  
the relationship became a crutch and uh  
we didn't wanna do that  
we had grown used to the crutch  
we had grown used to the relationship  
we've grown used to the  
the feeling in fact  
the Lord had asked us to do certain things like  
especially with business  
and you know  
as I thought back about this over the last couple days  
I really feel like he was asking us to step  
out and do some of these things on our own  
but we didn't we  
I mean at the time  
it seemed like it made sense  
but looking back at for sure  
didn't we we  
we went with them  
we we took them with us  
and what happened over  
a period of five or six years was  
a really horrific  
breakup of that friendship  
a destruction of some businesses  
and some pretty  
difficult and powerful lessons  
lessons that have taken years  
deliverance prayer  
a lot of a lot of time to  
to really take to heart and to fully learn  
and I believe that um

if we would have kind of listen to the Lord better  
we wouldn't have had to go through so much of that  
but sometimes we do right  
sometimes you do  
so I wanna talk to you guys about three lids today  
so before we do that though  
I wanna set something up in a way so that  
you understand why this is so important  
so I believe that God created every single person  
on purpose and for a purpose  
by a design that he came up with  
so I think this is pretty  
it's pretty  
I don't know simple  
but it's easy to overlook  
it really super easy to overlook so first  
let me let me  
let me read Ephesians Ephesians 2:10  
see if you have your Bible turn  
Ephesians 2:10  
this is very common  
everybody's familiar with this  
for we are in his workmanship  
created in Christ Jesus for good works  
which god prepared beforehand  
that we should walk in them  
so I propose that God created us before the world began  
in his mind  
he knew what we were gonna be  
he created us for a specific purpose  
and that purpose is always gonna be tied  
I believe to a couple of things  
first of all  
I believe that he's called the church to a purpose  
a very high level purpose  
we find that in what's commonly called  
the Great Commission  
I'm gonna read that  
about that in just a second  
but that's to go into all the world  
and then the church is made up of families  
and individuals

so he gives each of those groups a purpose as well  
and then all the way down to the individual level  
and I believe that this is very  
very foundational for understanding  
so we're all  
designed to be part of this great  
story that he's knitting together  
let's go ahead and turn the Mark 16:15  
real quick 16 fifteen  
now some some  
some of your bibles may say  
that this passage isn't included in all the manuscripts  
so I'm gonna read from Matthew as well  
but I love this one for a couple reasons  
so I'm gonna read that Mark 16:15  
and he said to them  
go into all the world  
and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation  
the whole creation  
whoever believes in his baptized will be saved  
but whoever does not believe will be condemned  
and these signs will accompany  
those who believe in my name  
they will cast out demons  
they will speak in new tongues  
they will pick up serpents with their hands  
and they will drink deadly poison  
it will not hurt them  
they will lay their hands on the sick  
and they will recover  
so that's pretty rad  
let's look at the Matthew Version 2 just  
just because some people be bothered by that  
manuscript thing  
Matthew 28:19 by the way  
these two Great Commission passages were actually given  
at separate times  
so one was right before the Ascension  
one was actually  
um uh just before  
while they were in the upper room  
so Matthew 28:19

go therefore  
make disciples of all nations  
baptizing them in the name of the father  
the son of the Holy Spirit  
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you  
and behold I am with you always to the end of the age  
go therefore and make disciples of all nations  
not go make disciples in all nations  
go make disciples of all nations  
that's a grand call  
that is a big call  
that call takes preparation  
that call takes equipping  
that call takes perseverance  
call takes faith and collaboration again  
so assignment of the church  
go make disciples of nations  
so you got to go make disciples in the nation  
and then you'll reach a tipping point and then  
you can actually have the nation become a disciple  
so underneath that assignment of the church is  
the assignment of the family and couples and  
and then below that is the assignment of the individual  
so all of these are tied together  
for God's purpose right  
god made us for a purpose  
on purpose by a special design  
so  
if that's true right  
then we probably should take that seriously  
okay um now  
what I grew up believing was that what that meant was  
if you were really holy and righteous  
then you were supposed to be a missionary  
so you could go into all the world  
which is totally cool to be a missionary goal  
that's absolutely critically important  
evangelism is  
is is very important  
but actually  
as I've Learned and step back  
it's it's actually much more broad than that

it actually is  
a design that god has created for every single person  
put on to their life  
he's made them each with a special  
super secret  
amazing recipe that only they can have  
to fulfill their part  
so he's actually created a scenario  
where he actually needs us  
but god doesn't need us  
theologically right  
he doesn't need us  
but he created  
a situation where he needs us to do our part  
so that's exciting  
I mean right  
I mean could be a little scary  
but could be exciting so okay  
so if that's true  
um then let's talk about the enemy for a second  
now I don't wanna give the enemy  
more airtime than he's worth  
but I do believe it's super important to uh  
pay attention and understand the strategy of the  
one that's gonna try and corrupt what God is trying to  
ask us to partner with him in  
so if god created a plan in an assignment  
he asked us to do it  
it was to go into all the world  
make disciples of nations  
and we each have a part to play in that  
that is amazing and unique to us  
then the enemy wants to come in and corrupt that right  
super simple  
like military strategy  
his goal stop what God's doing  
our goal not let him stop what God's doing right  
so I believe the primary way  
one of the primary ways that the  
enemy does this in our lives  
is he creates these things that I call lids that are  
you can call them thinking

you could call them belief  
systems you could call them lies  
he creates these lids  
and then he he weaves a story for us  
so that we then make agreement with these lids  
so has anybody read the book from John Maxwell  
21 Irrefutable Laws of leadership  
oh my goodness  
you guys need to read it  
Maggie read it um  
it is a it's a business book  
he's a he was a Christian pastor  
it's one of the top leadership books in the world  
millions of copies have been sold  
it's amazing  
one of the laws of leadership that he says is  
the law of the lid  
and that's largely what I'm talking about here  
and that is  
wherever your organization at  
what John Max will say was  
wherever your organization is  
that if it's a five  
you you no matter what you do  
if you as the leader  
if you're at a 5  
the organization can never get through that lid  
you're gonna always run up against the lid every time  
you're gonna hit the lid  
so that's what John Maxwell calls the law of the lid  
it's it's a powerful concept  
super powerful concept  
when I read that book 10  
12 years ago  
it really changed my life  
because I started to see this in every area of my life  
not just in business  
so there's lots of lids that the enemy can create  
but when there's a lid  
whatever it is  
let's say that you  
god would have you be a 10

and the lid that you've made agreement with  
with the enemy has you at a 5 or a 4 or a three  
and God's next for you is a 7  
you're not getting there through the lid  
that's not gonna happen  
it can't happen till the lid is removed  
it it can only happen once the lid is removed  
so there's tons of different ways you can do this  
I'm gonna talk about just three this morning identity  
relationship and faith  
so first one  
let's dig into identity  
did any of you guys attend the first  
Ed Rush God Talks event okay  
that was super awesome  
Ed Rush is amazing  
I loved the event  
he did an exercise that has really stuck with me a lot  
I'll tell you in a second  
so this exercise he did  
he was doing these things where  
he was teaching people how to hear from the Lord  
very basic very powerful  
and he would do a little exercise  
and then he'd say  
listen to the Lord  
the Lord would then tell you something and um  
tell you a lie that you were believing  
and then he would  
take everybody through activation to break that lie off  
right so listen to the Lord Father  
what is the lie  
on believing about such and such okay  
I got my lie  
write it down  
and then an exercise to break off the lie super cool  
so what was powerful is he did this exercise  
and it was a lie  
and this was a business focused event  
so the lie about the business people in the room  
what was holding them back  
from taking their business to the next level



so he does a little thing  
and everybody writes down their lies  
and then he says  
okay person they were sitting right there in that chair  
he said okay  
you go first  
raise your hand if you can tell you lie  
this person raise their hand  
raise their hand  
he hands up the microphone  
they say and they read their little paper  
my the lie I'm believing is that I am not equipped  
to do the business god called me to do  
and it's all wait wait wait  
stop right there  
raise your hand in the room  
if you also wrote down that lie  
and 80% of the room raise your hand  
it freaked me out  
they wrote down the same lie  
the lie was I'm not equipped to do this thing  
I think God's called me to do  
I was like what  
they all raise their hand it was crazy  
eight out of 10 people wrote the same lie down  
so what does that mean  
that means that it's super powerful  
and it means the devil's not that creative  
let's go to Jeremiah 1 4  
Jeremiah 1 4 now the word of the Lord came to me  
is Jeremiah speaking came to me saying  
before I formed you in the womb  
I knew you and before you were born  
I consecrated you  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations  
that's a big  
that's a big call  
then I said  
this is Jeremiah  
oh Lord God  
behold I do not know how to speak from only a youth  
and the Lord God said

do not say I'm only a youth  
okay so let me read  
this is good you guys  
let me read that again  
so the Lord said  
I appointed you  
consecrated you before you're born  
prophet to the nation's big call  
Jeremiah says Lord  
I am just a youth  
I don't know how to speak  
and the Lord said to me  
do not say I am only a youth  
for to all whom I send you  
you shall go  
and whatever I command you  
you shall speak  
do not be afraid of them  
for I am with you to deliver you  
declares the Lord  
then Lord put his hand and touched my mouth  
this is Jeremiah talking  
and the Lord said  
behold I have put my words in your mouth  
see I have for you this day over the nations  
over kingdoms  
to pluck up and to break down to destroy  
to overthrow  
to build and to plant okay  
there's a lot in there you guys  
there is a ton in there um  
I think sometimes we need to simply accept  
the identity the lord's given us  
what if we just accepted the identity  
the Lord has given us  
instead of the Lord saying  
hey I have something super big for you or like  
what is it no  
it's gonna be amazing  
it's really big  
it's important what is it  
I want you to be a profit to the nation's

I'm just a youth  
I don't know even what to stop saying  
I'm just a youth  
I am going to empower you  
so a couple of things that are amazing about this one  
he was like  
it doesn't matter  
cause I'm going to enable you  
doesn't matter that you're young  
doesn't matter  
I'm gonna enable you  
and if you make partnership with me in this  
the nations will succumb to the message sort of speak  
I mean it's cross six verses  
but that is what he's really saying here  
is if we are bold enough to say yes  
then he's gonna  
he's gonna pave the way  
doesn't mean it's gonna be easy  
but it means it'll happen  
if we as a church made up of individuals right  
if we as a church  
but made up as of individuals  
actually are gonna step into the next season  
we're going to have to be okay  
with the identity that God gave us  
I love love  
love the way Bill Johnson says this one little thing  
he's said it lots of times  
people come to him  
this is what Bill says  
people come to me and ask me to pray for them  
that they would discover  
or that I would share with them  
God's will for their life and I say  
I already know what God's will for your life is  
heal the sick  
raise the dead  
cast out devils  
heel leppers  
and they're like  
whoa I'm saying

should I be married or not  
he's like I don't know  
pick then heal the sick  
raise the dead  
cast out devils  
and and cleanse lepers no no no  
I'm not sure  
should I take this new job  
I'm gonna have to move my whole family to  
the east coast  
I'm not sure  
just once you decide  
heal the sick  
raise the dead  
cast out devils  
and cleanse lepers  
I think we get confused sometimes about our assignment  
and the tactical parts of it and living it out  
so I guess the question is  
for all of us right now about identity  
the lid of identity is what  
what are the parts of the identity  
that the Lord has been whispering  
speaking screaming  
skywriting megaphones  
Goodyear blimp  
this is your identity  
and you're like  
uh well I don't know  
I'm just a kid  
Lord or Moses  
I don't speak very well  
like what would happen if we actually just said okay  
you know what  
you said this is who I am  
this is who I am  
what would it look like  
how fast would we reach that tipping point that we were  
hearing about earlier  
if everybody in the church  
actually said yes to their assignment  
cause God's gonna get this done right

like he's gonna get this done  
but it's so like if we aren't willing to do our part  
he he's gonna find someone else  
right but man  
wouldn't it be more efficient  
and just easier if we just said yes  
okay  
so think about together what it would look like if we  
stepped in unison into our identities fully  
completely 100%  
we broke through the lid  
the lid that says I'm not good enough  
I'm not equipped  
I know you asked me to do this  
but I don't think I can have someone else  
call someone else Lord  
I don't speak well  
ask someone else to do I profit of the nation  
sounds like a big deal  
sounds like I don't wanna screw it up  
I'm really afraid I'm gonna screw it up  
in the Lord says stop saying you're a youth  
you've got me  
okay wanna go into another one  
and this one I'm just gonna pre warn  
you can be offensive if you if you don't take it right  
so um possibly Bobby can clean it up next week  
but let's talk about the lid of relationships  
this is so difficult  
let me set this up  
let's go to Genesis 12 1 we'll start a Genesis 12 1  
now the Lord said to Abram  
go from your country  
and your Kindred and your father's house  
to the land that I will show you  
go from your Kindred and your father's house  
go from your country  
your Kindred and your father's house to the land that  
I will show you and I will make you a great nation  
I will bless you and make your name great  
so that you will be a blessing  
I will bless those who bless you

and him who dishonours you  
I will curse and in you  
all the families of the earth shall be blessed  
so Abram went  
as the Lord told him  
and lot went with him  
so I I propose that it was pretty clear  
pretty clean  
the command  
go from your country  
and your Kindred and your father's house  
go from your country  
your Kindred your father that's like go take your wife  
I'm assuming one flesh thing  
and go not take lot  
not take lot why did he take lot  
I don't know I'm not sure maybe he like lot  
listen to this one guy talk about this similar concept  
and he said lot was a lot of trouble  
so let's skip down to Genesis 13 5  
and lot who went with Abram  
also had flocks and herds intense  
so the lure  
so the land could not support both of them  
dwelling together  
for their possessions were so great  
that they could not dwell together  
and there was strife between the herdsman's of Abrams  
livestock and the herdsman's of Life's lots livestock  
then Abram said a lot  
let there be no strife between you and me  
and between my herdsman and your herdsman  
for work Kinsman  
it is not the whole land  
before you separate yourself from me  
if you take the left  
I'll go to the right  
if you take the right  
I'll go to the left  
and lot lift it up his eyes  
and saw that the Jordan Valley was well  
watered everywhere

like a garden of the Lord  
like the land of Egypt  
so lot chose for himself all the Jordan Valley  
and lot journeyed east  
thus they separated from each other  
Abram settled in the  
settled in the land of Canaan  
while lot settled among the cities of the valley  
and moved his tent as far as Sodom  
so let's skip to 13:14  
the Lord said to Abram after lot had separated from him  
the Lord said to Abram  
I don't know why Siri is interrupting this message  
she says she says  
I'm sorry I'm still not sure about that um  
so the Lord said Abram  
after lot had separated from him  
lift up your eyes and look from the place where you are  
northward and southward and eastward and westward  
for all the land you see  
I will give you and your offspring forever  
I will make your offspring the dust of the earth  
which means a lot um so that  
if one can count the dust of the year through offspring  
offspring can also be counted  
lot was I would propose that lot was  
had to go before the  
so the Lord said to Abram  
after lot had separated from him  
lift up your eyes and look  
the trouble didn't end there  
the lot moved by Sodom and Gomorrah  
these other kings did not like those guys  
they came in  
they took over the cities  
they captured lot  
Abram had to send a private  
army of 300 dudes to go in there and rescue  
like he was just never ending trouble with this guy  
and it just really caused me to reflect on  
a time in my life when  
I was holding on to some relationships that were a lid

so here's where it can get a little bit  
sensitive um  
I'm not saying that relationships  
are the same thing as caring for people  
so you have to be careful how we decide relate  
assign the word relationship  
the definition we give it  
because it gets very genericized  
so Jesus set this example of  
of loving everyone  
and he told us to especially care for certain groups  
widows orphans  
like he set this pattern  
so you got to be really careful when you say  
the word relationship  
but he also had a different pattern that is  
very often overlooked  
he spent his very short ministry of three years  
with a really small group of people  
super small  
and even more time with a really  
really small group of 12  
and even more time with a really  
really small group of three  
he was really purposeful  
about the relationships that he had  
he was really very persible  
he purposeful about those relationships  
and I feel like in my own life  
and also what it looks like  
Abram did was I tried to drag a relationship  
into the place God was taking me  
and it didn't work  
so God told Abram go  
leave those guys go  
and he partially obeyed  
but partial obedience is actually disobedience  
it's not like  
well I you know like okay  
but like lots pretty cool  
he's a good road trip guy  
like they didn't work



it was it was a nightmare  
partial obedience isn't obedience  
it's disobedience  
so the relationships that we have in our lives matter  
there's this quote from this  
this really powerful speaker  
Jim Ron you guys ever heard of Jim Ron  
you are the average of the five people  
you spend the most time with  
oh oh hmm  
I'm definitely not saying cut people off  
unless God's asking you to  
I'm saying we need to be thinking a lot more  
about what God's asking us to do  
and who are the people that we need to have in  
our lives that we're pouring into  
and that are pouring into us  
cause if we don't  
we're gonna create a lid  
I can tell you from personal experience  
that this happens  
Abram could tell you from personal experience  
that there's a lid that can happen from relationships  
and sometimes it's the relationships you want  
sometimes it's not the person you need to leave  
sometimes it's the one you wish you had  
and you're constantly trying to  
cultivate a relationship  
and it's not time for that relationship  
oh if I could just get more time with you know  
such and such  
hmm  
it's counterintuitive but again  
if we look at Jesus's life  
you'll see that he spent  
the most of his time pouring into 12 people  
and even Oregon with a three  
and those 12 which then became 11 and then 12 again  
they literally  
they literally changed the course of humanity  
the whole world  
even if god doesn't exist and Christianity isn't true

that situation over three years changed the whole world  
like that's the impact they had of purposeful  
removing the lid relationships  
it's crazy okay  
it's counterintuitive  
so as we move into the next one  
I just want you to think about the people in your lives  
and I want you to think about the last  
you know years of your you know  
the last period of time that you've come through  
and think about the people  
that were close relationships in the past  
and think about where god has you now  
and think about  
you know maybe  
what it would look like if you didn't move beyond those  
and then I want you to think about  
you know where  
where in your life right now are you like  
are there people that you need to move away from  
or move towards  
or people that you need to change the dynamic  
maybe it's not move away at all  
maybe it's just change the dynamic of the relationship  
so it's more healthy  
maybe there's some people  
that speak tons of negativity all the time  
and maybe the lord's not asking you to cut them off  
maybe he's asking for you to put your foot down  
about the negativity  
let's move to the lid of faith let's go to Mark 9  
and they brought the boy to him  
and when the spirit saw him  
spirit and the boy  
uh he immediately convolt  
immediately convulsed the boy  
and he fell on the ground and rolled about  
foaming at the mouth  
and Jesus asked the father that was with his son  
how long has this been happening to him  
and he said  
from childhood

and it's often  
cast him into the fire and water to destroy him  
but if you can do anything  
have compassion on us and help us  
and Jesus said to him if you can  
all things are possible for the for  
for one who believes  
immediately  
the father of the child cried out and said I believe  
help me with my unbelief  
and when Jesus saw that crowd uh when G  
and when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together  
he rebuke the unclean spirit  
saying to it  
you mutant deaf spirit  
I command you come out of him and never enter again  
after crying out and convulsing him terribly  
it came out and the boy was like a corpse  
so that most of them said he's dead  
but Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up  
and he arose  
I wanna briefly  
look at the  
the same account in Matthew real quick  
Matthew 17:18  
and Jesus rebuke the demons same story  
and it came out of him and the boy was healed instantly  
then the disciples came to Jesus privately afterwards  
and said why could we not cast it out  
and he said to them  
because of your little faith  
for truly I say to you  
if you had faith like the grain of a mustard seed  
you will say to this mountain  
move from here to there  
and it will move  
and nothing will be impossible for you  
so I wanna look at two critical parts of this story  
the first is that the father came to Jesus right  
he quickly made a decision to remove his own lid  
when he said  
I believe help me with my unbelief

that's him taking his lid off  
I believe that is him taking his lid off  
his lid of faith  
I believe oh  
my goodness  
there's no lid  
help me with my unbelief  
it's a lot safer with the lid by the way  
the second part comes from the Matthew account  
talking about the mustard seed  
um this is like a super common passage right  
constantly talk about the mustard seed  
um the phrase  
small as mustard seed was common in that time  
so like it seems weird to us  
we don't know size of mustard seeds and stuff like that  
but in that time  
it was common  
so the mustard seed is super  
super tiny um  
it's it's it's really tight like smaller than a BB  
about half the size of a BB if you know how big that is  
and so a lot of times what people say about this is  
oh it's the  
it's just that they had a tiny amount of faith  
but it back in this time  
they would have understood it mean  
it meant more than that  
it meant um  
the longevity as well  
because it took a lot of time and effort to cultivate  
the mustard plant into a full grown plant  
can you pull up the screen  
so this tiny  
tiny mustard seed  
when given what it's needed to  
the whole way actually becomes this enormous plant  
people say mustard tree  
there's no such thing as actually a plant in the US uh  
they never really get this big  
because the way we do our farming  
but this is

this is kind of what they would have been shooting for  
as farmers back then  
and in this  
it's not just that it produces a lot of these seeds  
which they make mustard out of in this  
it actually is a whole ecosystem for animals in there  
cause this is a desert  
so they would have  
understood this analogy better than we did  
it's first the size is important  
look it's just a little bit  
the second part is the purity of it  
like a mustard seed is a good example  
because of the fact that this was a spice that was  
that was important  
the third is the longevity of it the perseverance  
the time it takes to cultivate to do the hard work  
to create the situation where  
you actually have something like this  
so Jesus actually saying all these things are important  
you need to have it  
you need to water it  
you need to cultivate it  
you need to press into it  
you need to believe that it can  
and you need to actually create the scenario  
that allows it to come to growth  
to become a mature plant  
and sometimes I feel like we kill our seed size faith  
because we haven't done the work to let it grow in  
the first place  
what would happen if we stop doing that  
what would happen if we actually  
took the time and effort to water the faith long enough  
with enough perseverance  
but the thing is  
the enemy knows us better than ourselves  
and he knows exactly what to whisper into our ear  
hey  
remember that promise  
that you were gonna have this or this was gonna happen  
or this person would be reconciled or whatever

didn't happen  
so uh guess it's not real  
is a lot of times we create  
we get a promise  
we get a word  
we get we hear something from the Lord  
and then it's true okay  
but then we  
we don't get all the other details  
and we want them real bad  
who wants the details really bad  
raise your hand  
absolutely super bad  
this is gonna happen in your life  
God says okay  
I really wanna know the plan  
that sounds great  
but I really wanna know the plan  
God didn't give the plan  
so we naturally  
this is not a bad thing really  
we naturally make up the plan in our mind well  
if the Lord said this  
then what he's gonna do is he's gonna do this one  
and this one and this one and this one  
and then it's gonna be like this  
and then what happens is that doesn't happen  
the plan doesn't work the way we think  
and then all of a sudden  
we're like God  
your promise isn't real  
he's like what are you talking about  
he's looking down at the water bucket  
and it's still filling  
and he's like  
it's everything's going perfectly  
there's no leaks  
water buckets filling  
I'm about to dump it on my time  
and you're like  
oh this isn't working  
it's not working

God's looking down  
probably shaking his head not really  
I think that we create these lids we don't create them  
I believe the enemy sets them up  
they look real good to us and we agree with them  
we let things kind of control us in a way that is  
unreasonable  
they're not  
it's not really there  
there's no actual reason for it to control us  
so there's this story  
you guys probably heard it about the elephant and  
the guy that's traveling to this country  
and he sees these elephants  
tied with these little strings  
little tiny little rope  
and he says  
I don't that doesn't make sense  
that elephant is massive  
that tiny string couldn't hold the elephant  
you guys probably heard this super common right  
huge elephant  
that what what is the string gonna do  
so he asked the  
the caretaker of the elephant  
the caretaker says oh  
well no problem  
I'll tell you how this works  
when the elephants are babies  
we use this rope  
we tie them up  
they're only this big  
so the rope holds them just fine  
and we just keep using the same rope their whole life  
and then when they're full adults  
they just they don't know any better  
when they're young  
they pull on the rope  
they try to get rid of the rope and they can't  
they're not big enough  
they're not strong enough  
they try and they try and they try

and then they learn oh  
can't break the rope lid  
can't break the rope lid on your life  
grow up break the rope like this  
if you wanted  
just break the rope like this  
God takes you to a new place  
in your relationship with him  
and you could just it's nothing  
it is nothing  
but you're like oh  
I got the rope  
no there's no that's not a barrier that lid isn't there  
that it it is there  
I remember when I was a little elephant  
I couldn't break it  
it doesn't matter  
like that's nothing for you now  
you're massive  
sometimes these lids aren't even there you guys  
sometimes they're not even there  
I wanna share a video real quick  
and then I'll wrap this up  
this is a pretty common story  
it's Roger Banister  
but let's go ahead and play this video  
I actually sped  
it's a four minute video  
but actually sped parts of it up to make it a little  
bit quicker  
so it's it's about a guy running  
so when you see him running hyper fast  
that's not a supernatural thing  
it's just me speeding it up  
let's go ahead and play the video  
up for the start in this race  
between the three A's and Oxford University  
he knew that he had two colleagues with him  
who'd help him beat that time  
this is the story of the race  
in one continuous film sequence  
a sequence that runs just under four minutes



everything went to plan  
Chris Bracia  
with whom Banister had been training  
took the lead  
Banister lays second  
and Chataway was coming up into third place  
150 yards gone and it's Bracier first  
Bannister second Chataway third  
that was the way the three of them had planned it  
ratio to set the pace at first  
Chataway to take over later  
the end of the first quarter mile lap time 57.4 seconds  
they were ahead of the clock  
and still ratio set the pace  
Banister second Chat Away third  
the end of the second lap and half a mile gone  
time 1 minute 58.2 seconds still ahead of the clock  
but there was another half mile to go  
could they keep up the pace  
11 yards gone and Chataway starts to spurt ahead  
he overtakes Banister and then Braysha  
and the gallant Braysha  
having achieved his selfless pacemaking task  
drops behind  
now it's Chataway leading  
Banister second  
the three quarter mile Mark and the time  
three minutes  
not point five seconds  
then Esther  
still in second place  
would have to do his final lap almost as fast as  
his first one to beat the four minute mile  
250 yards to go and Bannister takes over  
watch his John Stry take him to the front as he races  
the last lung bursting furlong to the finishing post  
this was it  
the final effort against the seconds that have kept him  
and many others from the four minute mile  
the tape is broken and so is the record  
athletes of long been dreaming about  
but at first

Banister knows little about it  
he stumbles into the arms of his coach  
completely exhausted by his magnificent effort  
so if you guys ever seen that  
heard of that  
so Roger Banister was the first  
person in the world to break the four minute mile  
so here's why  
that was in 1954  
here's why that's important  
up to this point scientists  
health professionals coaches  
athletes had determined that it was impossible for a  
human to break the four minute barrier  
they just believed it wasn't possible  
didn't really have any evidence  
they just believed it wasn't possible  
that's what happens when you base your beliefs  
you base your theology on your experience  
not what God says  
so like they believed that cause no one had  
just no one had  
so there's a couple things that happened here  
I mean there was some teamwork at play  
there was a plan  
it was an incredible effort  
there was a lot happening in the world at the time  
there was a lot happening with athletics at the time  
there's a lot of factors okay  
there's been a lot of analysis like how this happened  
a lot of factors  
but at the end of the day  
it was a mental barrier  
you know why  
you know how I know that  
because just 46 days after Banister did this  
John Landy Australian runner not only broke the barrier  
but did three minutes and 58 seconds  
so just so you understand  
two seconds at this level is a massive  
a massive difference  
just a year later

three runners broke  
the four minute barrier in a single race  
today the world record is 3 minutes 43 seconds  
that is smoking fast  
that is crazy fast  
and 16 people  
have broken that four minute barrier since 1954  
that was a mental lid  
obviously there's  
there's advances of training and certain things  
so you know  
there's there's things that have  
that have helped these runners  
but the real limiter was the  
the belief that it was impossible to break the 4 minute  
mile 3:43 is the current it was just like  
I think last year the year before 3:43 folks  
that is so much faster than four  
it's like anybody that's a runner knows this  
like that is a massive  
massive difference  
16 people broken this record  
all because there was a lid that was removed  
by one person setting the example  
so you know  
as we kind of as we kind of wrap this up here  
I just want you to re think about these lids  
the lid of identity  
where in your life is God telling you you're something  
or to be something or you're good at something  
or you're gonna be good at something  
or you're gonna step into something  
and you're saying hmm  
I'm just a kid  
I don't know how to speak  
I'm not sure  
where are the places in your life that your identity  
you've made agreement with the devil  
and he's told you something that's not true  
and you said that sounds pretty good  
let's go with what you're saying  
it's a lot easier than the fear

I have about doing this big thing God's asked me to do  
so what are the areas of your identity  
that you need to have broken through  
the lids that need to be removed  
second one is the relationships again  
I wanna I can't stress enough  
I'm not saying  
cut everybody off in your life  
because they irritate you  
cut everybody off in your life because you don't  
agree with them  
a lot of times the people that irritate you  
and that you don't agree with  
are the exact people the Lord has put in your life  
so don't misunderstand what I'm saying  
I am not saying  
cut people off cause you don't agree with them  
I am saying to get with the Holy Spirit and ask him  
if I if is as Jim Ron says  
if I'm the average of  
the five people I spend the most time with  
who Lord are you asking me to invest in  
who Lord should be  
should I allow to be investing in me  
and what are the lids  
the relationship lids that maybe we need to take off  
and then the  
the third one is what are the lids of faith  
the belief the bad beliefs that we've got in our lives  
that we are making agreement with  
that are a four minute mile barrier  
it's not actually a lid guys  
there was no lid  
preventing mankind from breaking four minutes  
even though the experts said yes  
that's like the devil  
yes there is there's  
you can't do it  
it's not possible  
on pace to beat the four minute mile at the third lap  
quarter mile left to go  
remember it's not possible why don't you slow down

what lids that aren't even there of our faith  
are preventing us  
from actually stepping into the next season  
because if this thing is true about the tipping point  
and things are about to get crazy  
and are already getting crazy  
and if what Chris Read  
said in that word  
that we have come through this Psalm 22  
now we're stepping into the joy of Psalm 23  
is actually all happening  
that we need to get these lids off of our lives  
we need to break through these lids  
so I'm gonna pray and I just  
I just ask that you guys would think talk  
spend some time with the Holy Spirit as I'm praying  
and ask him to reveal to you to  
to show you the lids  
the identity lids  
the relationship lids  
the faith lids  
could be something else too  
there's a lot of different  
belief structures and lies that the enemy speaks  
that become lit  
it's not just these three  
these are just the three I decided to talk about today  
father thank you for what you're doing  
thank you that you created us right now  
that before the world was created  
before the earth began  
you already knew about right now  
you already knew about where we would be  
right this second  
you knew it  
you made it on purpose  
and you created us for it  
and you you made it a situation come to play  
where we are here right now  
with everything that you've put into place for us  
so thank you for doing that  
thank you for the opportunity you've given us right now

and thank you for the tipping point  
as you're spilling  
you're dumping this massive  
bucket of what's next for us  
of your blessing  
of your love  
of where you're taking us  
as that pours out  
we just say yes and amen to our part in it  
and I just pray for myself and everybody else  
that we would have the bravery to  
to break through and remove the lids  
that we would actually have the bravery to do that  
that we would have  
the I don't know  
it's just the  
the bravery  
like Jeremiah  
we would say oh Lord  
I don't know  
like I'm just a kid  
no don't say you're just a kid again  
that was a rebuke from the Lord no  
remember who I made you  
so we say yes to who you made us to be  
we say yes to  
the people that we're supposed to be pouring into  
that are supposed to pour into us  
we say yes to the faith  
and the removal of all these false lies  
false beliefs  
false thinking  
we just say that now is the time  
and we believe  
and we wanna step in and believe  
and say yes to what you have for us  
and even if it's like hmm  
I don't know  
even if it's the third lap and the devil's whispering  
it can't be broken  
you say no I'm breaking it right now today  
today is a day where that breaks off

and we fully step forward into what you have  
we break through the lids  
so thank you for all that you're doing  
thank you for all that you're gonna do  
we love you Jesus  
we say yes in amen  
in Jesus name amen