

Breakout – Part 5: The Setback Was a Setup

Ephesians 4:7-10 NIV

⁷ But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. ⁸ This is why it says: “When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.” ⁹ (What does “he ascended” mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? ¹⁰ He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.)

I. The Setback Was a Setup

- A. The resurrection of Jesus Christ (Revelation 1:18)
 - 1. Preceded by Jesus’ birth and death, events that could have been perceived as setbacks
- B. His resurrection represents the beginning.

James 1:2-4

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Romans 5:3-5

³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

II. Roles in a Setup

- A. God’s role – to mold us and get us ready
- B. Our role – to be pliable and moldable

Isaiah 64:8

Yet you, LORD, are our Father. We are the clay, you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand.

III. Breakout Confession

- A. We are healthy, wealthy, and wise.
- B. We love God, He loves us and we have what it takes to succeed.
- C. The wind of God is at our back, and now is our time for a breakout.