

I. Introduction

- A. Picture a wild stallion running free across the open range.
- B. He's not a postcard. He is five hundred pounds of twitching muscle, hooves fracturing the dry earth, a chest that breathes like thunder. When you look at him, you see power. Nobility. Strength.
- C. He is fast, alert, dangerous — exactly what he was made to be. Peaceful now, ready for anything.
- D. Now travel to a farm dotting the landscape across the range.
- E. Look at a work horse standing in the muddy paddock. He's standing in a deep, wet rut, staring at a wooden gate, waiting for a bucket of oats. He won't move much until a man with a halter tells him which way to turn. Tame. Docile. Domesticated.
- F. He's no longer wild; he's been broken.
- G. A creature built to run the plains has been reprogrammed to wait for orders and serve a master.
- H. I'm praying to bring God's Word into deep places in your soul today.

II. Scripture

- A. *"And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the Feast of Unleavened Bread to the LORD; seven days you must eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall have a holy convocation; you shall do no customary work on it."* (Leviticus 23:6-8)
- B. *"Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us."* (1 Corinthians 5:7-8)

III. Series

- A. My talk today is part 2 in our Fall series. The series is called: **Birthright: One Festival After Another**
- B. We are looking at the annual calendar of Festival days for ancient Israel. If you want to hear God, open your Bible; he speaks to you there.
 - 1. There were seven of them:
- C. **The Festivals**
 - 1. **The Feast of Passover (Leviticus 23:4-5)**
 - 2. **The Feast of Unleavened Bread (23:6-8)**
 - 3. **The Feast of Firstfruits (23:9-14)**
 - 4. **The Feast of Pentecost (23:15-21)**
 - 5. **The Feast of Trumpets (23:23-25)**
 - 6. **The Day of Atonement (23:26-32)**
 - 7. **The Feast of Tabernacles (23:33-44)**
- D. Each Festival has its own details. Together they form a year-round calendar of reminders that God's people are blessed — with powers, privileges, and an inheritance nobody else has.
 - 1. **What miracles would happen if you really believed you are who God says you are and you really embraced what God says you have?**
- E. In part 2 today, we look at the Feast of Unleavened Bread — the very next day after Passover.
- F. And the title of my talk is... to be revealed.

IV. Dominion

- A. When God created Adam and Eve, he set them in Paradise and gave them DOMINION.
- B. Dominion means the right to rule. True Nobility. True Freedom.
- C. God said, "Fill the earth and subdue it" (Genesis 1:28). Run the open plains. Cross the horizons, God said. Stretch your dominion from sea to sea.
- D. That was our original design. We were designed to rule. We were stallions on a limitless range, answering only to our God.
- E. But then came the fracture.
- F. In theology it's called The Fall. It's the day Adam and Eve opened the door to sin, and said, "Come on in."
- G. The Fall was a coup. It was an identity heist.
 - 1. The FALL was the moment the human sovereigns of earth stepped off their throne, handed the crown to a predator, and climbed into a cage.
- H. And that is when the Tamer in Chief went to work.
- I. You see, the devil—the arch-enemy of your soul—didn't just want you to do bad things.
- J. He wanted to crush your dominion — to take a human made for the open horizon and teach it to flinch. The Fall was his program to tame the human race.
- K. He uses fear, shame, and the hunger for approval. He drops in distractions and dysfunctions — anything that keeps a person content in a muddy paddock, docile and domesticated, no longer dangerous to the powers of darkness.
- L. The devil breaks the spirit with the bit and the bridle. When the Bible says that sin is your owner (Romans 7:14) and Satan is your oppressor (Acts 10:38), he is talking about a person who's been broken by the fall but not yet saved.
- M. Or... and this is for almost everybody here today... OR someone who is saved but you still carry with you the thinking, the feeling, and the believing of the horse that's been broken by a dark master.
 - 1. The title of my talk today is: **UNBROKEN**

V. The Feast of Unleavened Bread

- A. Why are we talking about wild, unbroken horses at a feast about bread?
- B. Because God's calendar is a strategic map.
- C. On the fourteenth day of the month, you have Passover. The lamb is slain. The blood is on the doorpost. The death angel passes over. Israel is rescued from Egypt by pure grace. They did not earn it, they did not qualify for it, they did not behave their way out of it.

- D. God qualified them. God broke their chains and said, YOU ARE FREE.
 - 1. That was Passover, part 1.
 - E. The very next day—the fifteenth day—begins the Feast of Unleavened Bread, part 2.
 - F. Why the immediate back-to-back? Because...
 - G. **Passover got Israel out of Egypt. Unleavened Bread was designed to get Egypt out of Israel.**
 - 1. The slave mind of Egypt. The docile mind of Egypt.
 - 2. The okay with being okay mind, the damaged emotions, the prisoner heart, the victim instinct, the self-pitying energy.
 - H. For seven days, God commanded His people to eat bread with absolutely no leaven—no yeast. To the ancient Hebrew mind, leaven was not just an ingredient; it was an active infestation.
 - I. They didn't buy packets of yeast. They used *seor* — a sourdough starter: a pinch of yesterday's sour, fermenting dough kneaded into today's fresh flour.
 - J. Yesterday's dough lived inside today's bread, and today's would ferment tomorrow's — an unbroken chain of fermentation passing down through generations.
 - K. God looks at a newly rescued, free people and says, "Destroy the starter. Break the chain. I do not want yesterday's sour, slave-minded fermentation puffing up the fresh life I am baking for you today."
 - L. And He told them they had to eat it because they left Egypt in a hurry. They were driven out so fast their dough didn't even have time to rise.
 - M. Do you see the genius of this?
 - 1. They were slaves, but now they were free. That was reality.
 - 2. But their minds, wills, and emotions hadn't caught up with that reality... their inner world was infested with slave programming.
 - N. **The Feast of Unleavened Bread is God's systematic search-and-destroy mission against the residual programming of your past.**
 - O. Because if you carry the old starter into the new land, instead of running free, you will build a paddock in Paradise and keep asking, "Where's my bucket of oats?"
- VI. The Search for Leaven
- A. On the night before the Passover, the head of the household would perform a ritual called *Bedikat Chametz*. Literally: the search for leaven.
 - B. They didn't do a quick visual check. The father waited for total darkness, lit a single beeswax candle, and took a wooden spoon in one hand and a goose feather in the other.
 - C. And by the flickering light of that candle, he would go to his knees.
 - D. He crawled across the floorboards, peering into every crack and seam. He swept the crumbs of leaven onto the spoon, and anything he found he carried outside and burned to ashes. Gone. Destroyed.
 - 1. "...Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump? Therefore purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, since you truly are unleavened. For indeed Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us." (1 Corinthians 5:6-7)
 - E. Why the candle? Why the feather? Why this obsessive, exhaustive sweep?
 - F. Because leaven hides.
 - G. It doesn't wave a flag. It crawls into the dark, forgotten places, into the seams where you think nobody is looking. Leave one crumb behind and the whole house is contaminated.
 - H. Let me explain the biological difference between a stain and leaven, because this is where we get the gospel completely wrong.
 - I. Spill red wine on a white tablecloth and you have a stain. A stain is dead. It doesn't grow. Wash it, bleach it, scrub it, and it's gone.
 - J. But leaven is not a stain. Leaven is alive.
 - K. It is an active, hungry parasite. It feeds on the dough you are trying to bake — it reproduces, expands, until it defines the whole lump.
 - 1. And this is the mistake we make every single week.
 - L. We look at our lives and think our problem is a few stains. 'I just need to wash off this one bad habit and look clean.'
 - M. No. Your problem isn't a stain. Your problem is an infestation.
 - 1. That lust? That is not a stain. That is a parasite.
 - 2. That need to control everyone around you? That is a parasite.
 - 3. That crippling anxiety, that relentless performance drive, that desperate need to have people think you have your life together? That is yesterday's sourdough starter living inside today's bread.
 - 4. It is feeding on your soul, and it is multiplying in the dark.
 - N. You cannot clean a live parasite with willpower. You have to hunt it down — take the candle of God's Word, drop to your knees, and crawl into the dark corners of your own identity.
 - O. And here is where the trap snaps shut on the religious person.
 - 1. When we find these infested places, our instinct is to try harder: I'll discipline myself. I won't lash out at my kids. I'll quit the snarky comments. I'll stop the drinking, the scrolling, the hiding, the self-pity — all the symptoms of a broken will."
 - P. And that's good. That discipline is good. But will power alone always fails and you know it.
 - Q. An occasional gallop around the paddock doesn't mean you're back to being a stallion on the open range.
 - R. Because the moment pressure hits, you go back to what you always do. That is why you must purge out every bit of old leaven — identify it, name it, sweep it up, and bring it to Jesus.
 - S. Your lifelong habits of thinking and feeling, your triggers and instincts — all of it comes to Jesus so He can install something new.
 - T. Grace isn't an app you add alongside the others. It won't run on the old system.

1. Grace is an operating system and I'm telling you you need a whole new operating system.
 - a) *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."* (2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - b) *"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."* (Romans 12:2)
2. **You are a new CREATION, living with old IDEATION, and what you need is TRANSFORMATION, by the renewing of your mind.**

U. Because that's what the Feast of Unleavened Bread is teaching.

V. And this is the only way to live UNBROKEN... which is what you are.

VII. Unbroken

- A. The devil longs for compliant worker bees — the quiet, domesticated Christian who sits in the paddock and keeps their mouth shut.
 1. **But there is a massive difference between being SUBMISSIVE and being SUBMITTED.**
- B. Jesus wasn't submissive. Neither was Moses, Elijah, David, Daniel, Mary, Esther, or Ruth. If it weren't for unbroken people who refused to bow, this world would be a thousand times more hellish.
 1. When the situation required, they bowed before King Jesus. Yes, of course. But they never slouched through life predisposed to get stepped on!
- C. The difference is between a shriveled, scrawny heart and a mentally-muscular, UNBROKEN heart in touch with its full range of free-will options under Christ.
- D. Look at Daniel 3. An entire nation — politicians, royalty, officials — bowing before Nebuchadnezzar's golden image.
 1. But three men stood tall. Three men looked the king in the eye and refused to bow.
 2. They weren't submissive. They were unbroken.
- E. There is an old, toxic stream of religious teaching that says God has to "break your will" before He can use you.
 1. What are we, work horses?
 2. God gave you free will! Why would He break it? He gave you dominion! Why would he take it back?
 3. He doesn't want you broken; He wants you unbroken, so you have the strength to stand when the rest of the world is on its knees.

VIII. Since You Truly Are Unleavened

- A. This is why the church in Corinth was such a spectacular trainwreck. They were behaving like slave-horses because they forgot their design.
- B. And Paul looks at this absolute dumpster fire of a church, and he doesn't pull out a whip. He writes four words that should shatter your paradigm:
 1. *"Since you truly are unleavened."* (1 Corinthians 5:7)
- C. He doesn't say, "Clean up your act so you can become unleavened." He says, "Clean up your act because you already are."
- D. He names their ugly, messy history—the thieves, the drunks, the abusers, the swindlers. And then he drops the hammer of grace:
 1. *"And such WERE some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified."* (1 Corinthians 6:11)
- E. Past tense! The old farm-horse version of you is gone. His death buried that old you; His resurrection raised a whole new you — an unbroken you. That's done. That's your reality. You truly are unleavened.
- F. The only thing that hasn't read the memo is your emotional and mental health.
- G. So God gave you his Word.
 1. His Spirit, using His Word, creates in you an unbroken mindset to match your unbroken new nature.

IX. The Unbroken Mindset

- A. The Feast of Unleavened Bread became a regular reminder to replace the broken mindset of slavery with an unbroken mindset of FREEBORN HEIRS of the living God.
- B. That is a matter of input. When you input God's truth about who you are and what you have, God's spirit sweeps out the lies your broken mindset keeps telling you.
 1. **I AM CLEAN**
 - a) BROKEN: I am dirty. I am damaged goods.
 - (1) UNBROKEN: I am spotless, perfect, and clean before my Lord (Isaiah 1:18)
 - b) BROKEN: I am defective.
 - (1) UNBROKEN: I am sanctified, perfected, and complete in Him (Hebrews 10:14; Colossians 2:10)
 - c) BROKEN: I never overcome my hurts, my habits, my hangups.
 - (1) UNBROKEN: I am free from bondage to sin. Sin is no longer the boss of me (Romans 6:18, 22)
 2. **I AM FREE**
 - a) BROKEN: The dark side — my flesh and the forces of evil — controls me.
 - (1) UNBROKEN: Christ in me is greater than the devil against me. My flesh is crucified with Christ (Galatians 2:20; 1 John 4:4)
 - b) BROKEN: My past losses, mistakes, and pains own me.
 - (1) UNBROKEN: I am a new creation. All things have become new (2 Corinthians 5:17)
 - c) BROKEN: I'm a nobody. I'm a mess.
 - (1) UNBROKEN: I am God's workmanship, filled with His power, glory, and beauty (Ephesians 2:10; Philippians 1:6)
 3. **I AM ALIVE**
 - a) BROKEN: I'm stuck. Every time I try to change, I fail.

- (1) UNBROKEN: I can always choose and always change. I reign in life through Christ (Romans 5:17; Philippians 4:13)
- b) BROKEN: I'll never live up to God's expectations of me.
- (1) UNBROKEN: I am free from the Law. Christ's perfection counts for me (Romans 6:14; 7:2-6)
- c) BROKEN: I am fragile. My life is overwhelming.
- (1) UNBROKEN: I am the Temple of the Holy Spirit. I carry sacred majesty everywhere I go (1 Corinthians 3:16)

4. I AM UNBROKEN

- a) BROKEN: I'm okay with just being okay.
- (1) UNBROKEN: I press toward the prize of the high calling of God in Christ (Philippians 3:14)
- b) BROKEN: Keep a low profile. Never make waves.
- (1) UNBROKEN: I have a purpose that makes hell sit up and take notice — and I am not afraid to live it (2 Timothy 1:7; Proverbs 28:1)

X. The Ultimate Unbroken One

- A. But how do we know this is possible? How do we know this isn't just motivational hype?
- B. Because we follow the Ultimate Unbroken One—Jesus Christ.**
- C. From the moment He stepped onto the scene, the darkness and the religious establishment tried to force a bit in His mouth and reins on His neck.
 - 1. They tried to quiet Him down. They tried to tame Him.
- D. But He remained completely, majestically unbroken.
- E. Look at Him before Annas and Caiaphas — the corrupt religious frauds. A midnight court. They punched Him, spat on Him, demanded He answer to their authority.
 - 1. And He stood there in the flickering torchlight, silent, sovereign, and bloodied but unbowed.
- F. They dragged Him to Pilate—the governor of the greatest empire on earth. Pilate looked at this bloody, battered Galilean and tried to pull the bit and the bridle. He said, “Do you refuse to speak to me? Don't you know I have the power to release you or to crucify you?”
 - 1. And Jesus—with His back shredded to ribbons, wearing a crown of thorns—looked the Roman Empire in the eye and said:
 - 2. “Don't you know you have zero power over Me except what was given to you from above.”
 - a) Even there, my Savior stood unbroken.
- G. They nailed Him to a cross. They thought the wooden beams of Calvary would finally contain Him. They thought the nails would break His will. But even on the tree, He did not whine, He did not beg, and He did not comply with their insults.
- H. He actually forgave them.
- I. In the end, he did not let them take His life—He chose the exact second to lay it down. He dismissed His own spirit! Still Unbroken.
- J. They put Him in a tomb. They rolled a stone. They set a Roman guard. They sealed the grave. They said, “He is broken now. He is tamed now. He is quiet now.”
- K. But on the third day, the ground began to shake! The stone was blown off the tomb like thunder! And Jesus Christ walked out into the early morning light—risen, reigning, and forever UNBROKEN!
- L. This is our King! This is our Savior! This is our Jesus!
 - 1. He took our shattering on that tree so we would never have to be broken again!

XI. The Ultimate Defiance

- A. So many Christians have the backwards idea that church is supposed to tame them into submission. Far from it!
- B. Every time you come to church, you are meant to experience a greater release into your undamaged, sovereign state. We are not taming you into submission today. We are releasing you into your UNBROKEN heritage!**
 - a) Because if the Spirit of the Unbroken King lives inside of you, how dare you see yourself as a beaten, docile, domesticated nobody?
- C. What this world needs now is a rising generation of non-compliant women and men who will find their courage, reject fearful submissiveness from their hearts, and nobly, peacefully, courageously tell the devil and his minions:
 - 1. “Go ahead. Cancel me. Fire me. Punish me. Label me. I won't bow to your idols.”
 - a) They say, “Shut up and obey.” I say, I must obey God rather than men.
 - b) They say, “Sit still and keep your mouth shut.” I say, I must tell the wonderful works of God.
 - c) They say, “You're just a broken beast.” I say, I am an honored member of the Royal family of God... I've got angels watching over me, and you have no idea who you're dealing with.”
- D. Rise up to your full potential. Explore every square inch of the horizons opened before you.
- E. Declare yourself Unbroken. Do it for yourself. Do it for your family. Do it for your teammates and friends and the people who love you. Do it for grandchildren not yet born.
- F. And do it for your Savior and your God... who set you in a place of exaltation and glory and who is, right now, sitting on the edge of his heavenly throne to watch you begin to live like it.

XII. Closing Prayer

- A. Father, thank You that You did not leave us to clean ourselves up. You swept the leaven out of the house Yourself. Thank You that You did not come to break our wills, but to set us free and restore our dominion. Break the power of the old, submissive, slave mindset in us this week. Shatter every invisible boundary we have allowed the enemy to draw around our lives. Teach us to live as sovereign, submitted, unbroken sons and daughters of the King. Restore what the enemy broke. Unbreak us, Lord. And give us the courage to run free. In the matchless, mighty, unbroken name of Jesus we pray. And all God's people said... Amen.