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Sermon Title: Encounters with Jesus: Blessed, Broken Given

Guest Speaker: Glenn Packiam, Lead Pastor, New Life Downtown (Colorado Springs, CO)

Scripture: Luke 9:10-17

When the apostles returned, they reported to Jesus what they had done. Then he took them with him and they withdrew by themselves to a town called Bethsaida, but the crowds learned about it and followed him. He welcomed them and spoke to them about the kingdom of God and healed those who needed healing.

Late in the afternoon the Twelve came to him and said, "Send the crowd away so they can go to the surrounding villages and countryside and find food and lodging, because we are in a remote place here."

He replied, "You give them something to eat."

They answered, "We have only five loaves of bread and two fish—unless we go and buy food for all this crowd." (About five thousand men were there.)

But he said to his disciples, "Have them sit down in groups of about fifty each." The disciples did so, and everyone sat down. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke them. Then he gave them to the disciples to distribute to the people. They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over.

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Sermon Outline:

- I. Bread is used in scripture for holiness, it is compared to the law, Jesus says he is the bread of heaven.
- II. In the hands of Jesus, **your life becomes blessed**.
- III. God blesses everything he creates, everything should be a sign pointing to God and a means to experience Him.
- IV. To be blessed is to be re-storied and re-named.
- V. In the hands of Jesus, **your life becomes broken**, the broken are to be opened up by the grace of God.
- VI. The power of the Gospel is Jesus does not fear our frailty, He doesn't ask us to come when we are better, He embraces us where we are at.
- VII. Only God can take our brokenness and fill it with grace and make us more valuable than when we started.
- VIII. In the hands of Jesus, **your life becomes given**.
- IX. Jesus welcomed, spoke to people, healed them, and left them with abundance, there were no preconditions, the people had just followed him.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday guest Speaker Pastor Glenn Packiam, from New Life Church of Colorado Springs, continues our series on Encounters with Jesus using the story of Jesus feeding the thousands

Sermon Questions:

- I. What words or phrases from this scripture passage resonated in you as you read them? Why?
 - How does this scripture connect for you the topic that was discussed today? How so?
 - In your family of origin, growing up, what did it mean to be blessed? What does it mean to you today? What does a blessed people/country look like?
 - When we turn our lives to Christ we will be both blessed and broken. Share a time in your life when you have been blessed and when you've been broken.
 - How have you experienced grace in your brokenness?
 - When we receive grace to heal our brokenness, it should be also something that is given. Who in your life can you share God's blessing of grace?