

BREAKING BARRIERS

with Michael Devine

JESUS BROKE BARRIERS

John 5.19,20 // Philippians 3.10

John 5:19-20

¹⁹ Then answered Jesus and said unto them, Truly, truly, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, unless it is something he sees the Father doing for whatever the Father does, these things the son does in like manner. ²⁰ For the Father loves the Son, and shows him all things that himself doing; and greater works than these will he show Him, that you may marvel.

Barrier Defined: something that divides, separates, and comes in between.

1. A Barrier of Wrong Time: Mark 7.24-37

2. A Barrier of Fellowship: John 4.7-38

3. A Barrier of Sin: Luke 7.36-50

4. A Barrier of Being Disabled from Birth: John 9

THE CHURCH MUST BREAK BARRIERS

John 14:11-14 ^(ESV)

¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. ¹² "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.



About Michael and Aretta Devine

Michael serves at **Breath of Heaven Children's Village** in **Zambia, Africa**, as their Operations Director. With his wife, **Aretta**, they are the year-round, on-site missionaries and serve as the backbone of the Village, providing both practical, emotional, and spiritual care to the orphans in their care. All of this while also raising their two grandsons, Jared and Nathaniel!

They have served Africa since 1996, even before their time at **Breath of Heaven**.

NOTES:

Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

ARE YOU NEW HERE?

WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information.

Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. By giving your time and talent on Sundays, you're **an essential part** of helping others meet Jesus, and serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! Fill out a connection card or visit the **Connection Booth** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups**! You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

GIVING

Gospel-centered generosity is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at **lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give** or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Please visit **lifemissionchurch.com/blog/kids** to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum.

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and class for the rest of service.

Our **High School students** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. For questions on our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at **hbarnes5@yahoo.com**.

VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Read **John 5.19, 20 and 14.11-14**. What stuck out to you the most in these verses or was the most impactful from the message on Sunday? _____

When you read these two passages of Scripture, it's striking how big the claims are. **John 5.19, 20** is a particularly beautiful passage depicting the oneness and love and passion that the Son has for the Father. Read **Hebrews 1.3**. Above even "dying for our sins," what was the main mission of Jesus? _____

Now read **John 17.1, 2**. Another way to word the previous question is, "why did Jesus die for our sins?" Notice the "so that" statement in **verse 1**. Jesus came in order to reveal the glory of God His Father. He came because God the Father wanted us sinful people to know that He is a glorious and generous Father, and so Jesus came to us to reveal the character, nature, and desire of God, coming as the "exact imprint of His nature."

Now go back to **John 14.11-14**. We see the same language here. Jesus desires to glorify the Father, and He even desires to glorify the Father by doing what in particular? _____

As we've been seeing in the past few weeks of **Matthew**, Jesus' desire is not just to do the whole work of God by Himself, but He graciously and incredibly invites us to be a part of it! One of the most amazing ways God the Father could be glorified is not just that His perfect Son would obey Him and do His works, but that His perfect Son would die for imperfect enemies, save them, and then cause *them* to desire to obey and do His works! All of this, made possible through the Son, brings glory to the Father! Therefore, Jesus tells us to do what in this passage? _____

Jesus wants us to ask Him for the things that glorify Him and ultimately glorify His Father. He wants us to believe in Him so that we would be ambassadors for Him, therefore bringing incredible glory to God. He desires that we would break barriers and live lives of deep faith, living for His glory, not ours.

Now, skip forward to **John 15.1-11**. These verses are filled with so much amazing truth, especially pertaining to what we've been looking at. What is it we do that glorifies the Father, and what is it we are called to do in order to make that happen? What is the key that unlocks our ability to glorify the Father? _____

Close in prayer by **Preaching** the Gospel to each other, **Repenting** of not abiding in Christ, **Asking** for the things that would glorify the Father in and through your life, and **Yielding** to His desires and plans and call on your life.



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