BREAKING NEWS

Your Story According To....

AT A GLANCE:
The title of the Feast talk series is Breaking News— borrowed from the title of a feature on television news programs, Breaking News, which is about newly received information on an event that is currently occurring or developing.

The August talk series is about the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John which, as a whole, are referred to as the Good News— the life and times of our Lord Jesus and His message about our salvation — which is good news, indeed.

To this day, the Good News is still Breaking News because God's work on each of us remains currently occurring.

AFTER THE SERIES:
We should be able to have a macro-view of the four Gospels, understand our Catholic faith, and not feel guilty to ask questions about it, because doubts are part of our faith journey— Doubts are needed to deepen our faith.

Talk 5: "John"

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT:

In Talk 1, our one big message is, *"You're made for bigger things."*

In Talk 2, the message is similar: *"God has bigger plans."*

In Talk 3, the big message is, *"God is doing something new!"*

In Talk 4, the big message is *"God is chasing you."*

In Talk 5, which is about the Gospel of John, the message is *"He's into you.*

The three preparatory lessons are:
1. *Be different.* John wrote his Gospel in his unique way. In the same way, follow your mentors but you need to be you. God has given you a unique gift that only you can give the world.

2. *Make disciples.* Your greatest legacy is not your achievements but the achievements of your disciples. So love people and inspire each of them to live a great life.

3. *Knowing God isn't about comprehension but connection; not about intelligence but intimacy.*

I. REVIEW THE KEY BIBLE VERSES:

Jesus defines eternal life as "knowing God":
And eternal life means to know you, the only true God, and to know Jesus Christ, whom you sent.— John 17:3 GNT

We love Him because He first loved us.—1 John 4:19 NKJV).

II. ASK FOR REACTIONS AND REFLECTIONS

Ask for sharing about these truths:

Truth 1: God Always Makes the First Move
The story of the Samaritan woman (see John 4:4–42); The story of the woman caught in adultery (see John 8:2-12); the story of

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Talk 1: *Success*

Talk 2: *Mark*

Talk 3: *Matthew*

Talk 4: *Luke*

Talk 5: *John*

Notes:

Jesus washing the disciples' feet (see John 13:1-20), He did so without anyone asking for it. He made the first move. (Note that for John, this selfless act was the meaning of the Eucharist.)

Truth 2: Only You Can Make the Second Move
God makes the first move. And He waits for your response. Without your response, there can be no vibrant relationship between you and Him.

Truth 3: God Wants a Fantastic Friendship with You
In John, Jesus explains what kind of relationship He wants with you: *I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.* (John 15:15, NIV, emphasis mine)

God wants to be more than a snuggly Teddy Bear or gift-giving Santa. God wants to be a real Friend. Jesus defines what kind of friendship He wants with you. Warning: You won't like it.

He said *Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends* (John 15:13 NIV).

III. PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

Pray that everyone will be able to really know one's ***Most Important Label:*** the title that the Gospel of John gives to us: *The disciple whom Jesus loved.*

It's the only thing that will remain.

"He's into you."

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