

WRAP UP TALK

10:15-10:30 am

I am glad we have spent this time together (my 2 blessing)

- **SLIDE 43** Are we willing to be the **Broken Door** through which others can enter to encounter Christ?
- We acknowledged that we keep our purple paper a well-guarded secret, like the world groaning in darkness before the birth of our Lord.
- We discovered we live in a **sea of purple** paper
- We discovered that we are called to be Eucharist for others
- Pope Francis: **REPEATING** *“The more conscious we are of our wretchedness and our sins, the more we experience the love and infinite mercy of God among us, and the more capable we are of looking upon the many “wounded” we meet along the way with acceptance and mercy.”*
- Fr. Nick...Unbound. “Brian You cannot be effective in ministry unless you know everyone is broken and I am too

- GK Chesterton told us when asked what is wrong with the world: "I am".
 - What should be on your yellow paper?
- I am encouraging you to seek out a small group of Christian friends and meet with weekly to improve your faith.
- Mission Statement and our Purpose with you now.
- **SLIDE 44 Mission statement:**
 - I'm broken, you're broken, HE's not, let's talk!
 - REPEAT IT WITH ME
- **SLIDE 45** Before we wrap up
 - Sign up for 4thdayletters
 - Ask your friends in other locations to invite us into their parishes
- **SLIDE 46** www.brokendoorministries.com/retreats
- **SLIDE 47** If anyone wants to talk or needs prayer, I'll be here!
- **TO WRAP UP, I HAVE THREE STORIES**
- **SLIDE 48** FIRST John's Gospel 6:1-15 Loaves and Fishes
- There is something unique about John's version
- The Little Boy
- Haunted by the story of little boy
- Others could lose out on miracle
- Imagine you were the parents

- Did God need little boy?
- I want to be like the little boy
- We must act
- BY ADMITTING OUR BROKENNESS WE MIGHT GIVE COURAGE TO OTHERS TO DO THE SAME AND A MIRACLE MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN THEIR LIFE BECAUSE OF YOU.
- Be Honest and tell others how much you need Jesus!
- God called me on that weekend to open up about my brokenness....one year later I had not fully...not until Bob called me. If I didn't when God told me to, why will you just because I am telling you to?

CAN YOU BE THE LITTLE BOY FOR SOMEONE?

- **SLIDE 49 SECOND** Pope Francis says it this way:
 - “A hurting person is in a storm. They are cold, wet, shivering, and scared. Preaching, platitudes, and advice will not get them out of the storm. Don’t tell a person in a storm that it’s a sunny day. There will likely come a day when the clouds part, but it is not today. It’s not your job to pull them out of the storm. It’s your job to get wet with them.”
- **SLIDE 50 THIRD:** Mary was from Nazareth. **No prophet had ever come out of Nazareth.** and in John 1:46 the people wonder if anything good **could come from this town.**
 - When you look at your brokenness, do you wonder if anything good can come from you?
 - Do you wonder why God would be calling you, someone who is broken to go forth and share his good news? God brought forth His son from Mary of Nazareth. We should not question what He can do with us.
- **SLIDE 51** When Angel Gabriel greeted Mary with these words, ***“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you.”*** We are told she was greatly troubled. But God

had prepared Mary to be the Holy Temple for the Christ Child, and she fully cooperated with that plan.

- **We too are called to be Temples of the Holy Spirit.** This most likely frightens us too.
- We must **decide if we will cooperate with God's plan.** The angel offered Mary the assurance that she would not face these challenges alone.
- Jesus has offered us that same assurance. Matthew 28:20, ***“And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”***
- **SLIDE 52** Jesus remains with us in the Eucharist. **His real presence is in the Eucharist.**
 - **Now we are called to be Eucharist.** We are called to become what we have eaten. We are sent out to the ends of the earth with the assurance he is with us. **Will we go?**
- **SLIDE 53** Remember Luke's words from Luke 1:30, ***“Do not be afraid Mary you have found favor with God.” God has found favor in us too.***
- **SLIDE 54** Mary's response was, ***“Behold, I am the handmade of the Lord; let it be done unto me according to your word.”*** Luke 1:38

- **SLIDE 56** Even Mary's own pregnancy did not keep her from going to help her cousin Elizabeth.
 - **What excuses are we using to not answer our call?**
 - Does our brokenness our sense of unworthiness stop us from responding to our call to help others?
 - Are we telling ourselves...nothing good comes from Nazareth?
- **SLIDE 57 Mary is the new Ark of the Covenant**
 - David went to Baale-judah (the hill country of Judea) to bring back the Ark of the covenant. 2 Samuel 6:2
 - On the way there David, in awe, said "How can the Ark of the Lord come to me." 2 Samuel 6:9
 - The Ark remained in the house of Obededom for 3 months. 2 Samuel 6:10-11
 - Then the Ark was brought to Jerusalem in a grand procession with King David leaping and dancing. 2 Samuel 6:16
 - Just like the Ark, Mary traveled to the hill country of Judah Luke 1:39
 - Mary remain there for 3 months Luke 1:56

- Elizabeth “exclaimed with a loud cry” when she greeted Mary just like the people greeted the Ark Luke 1:42
- And John leapt in Elizabeth’s womb just like King David Luke 1:41
- And just like David said, “How can the ark of the Lord come to me,” Elizabeth said, “And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? Luke 1:43
- Finally in Luke 1:42 when it says “Elizabeth exclaimed when she greeted Mary, Luke uses the Greek verb (anaphonein) which is used almost everywhere else in the Bible to depict the shouting of the Levitical priests before the ark of the covenant.
- Just as the ark carried manna, Mary will carry the **“The Bread of Life”** John 6:48-51, the bread come down from heaven. The ark contained the 10 commandments and Mary carries the One who is the fulfillment of the Law, and just as the ark carried the staff of the High Priest Aaron, Mary carries the True High Priest who will offer his life on the cross for all sins Hebrews 8:1-7

- You and I are certainly not called as Mary was to be the Ark of the New Covenant, **but nonetheless we are called**
 - **We carry within us “the bread come down from Heaven.”**
 - **We Have been given the commandments**
 - **At our Baptism we were anointed priest, prophet and king.**
- **God had the power to choose any place and time for His Son’s arrival.** He chose to have him born in the conditions of extreme poverty. Catechism of the Catholic Church (525) states **“In this poverty heaven’s glory was made manifest”**
 - **When we peer inside do we see a poverty of soul, a poverty of decay, a condition perhaps not unlike a manger in a dirty animal stall?**
- **SLIDE 58** Jesus was born in Bethlehem the city where David was born.
 - There was no room in the inn for Jesus’ birth.
 - **Is there room in our life to allow Him to be born again?**

- **SLIDE 59** Matthew 1:23 “Behold, a virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel” (which means God with us).
 - For Jesus to fulfill His destiny, Mary first had to give birth to him.
- **SLIDE 60** Jesus Christ is in us! **2 Corinthians 13:5**
 - In order for us to answer our calling to bring Christ to others we must be willing to give birth to him in our life. We must allow the Christ in us to come out. He must be shared.
- **NO SLIDE** God is still with us....in the form of bread and wine, and we are called to be Eucharist for the world.
- **SLIDE 61**
 - The world was **groaning**
 - A **Savior** was needed
 - We are blessed by **mercy** and **forgiveness** of the Christ Child
 - Everyone is **broken** and wounded
 - We are **scared** and hide behind masks
 - We must be vulnerable and **shared**

- Christian community is **essential**
- **Everyone** has a purple paper

- **SLIDE 62**
 - Let's be the **little boy**
 - Let's **BE THE DOOR**
 - Let's all **get wet!**
 - Let's give new **birth** to Christ in our lives.
 - Let's go **be Eucharist** for a starving world
 - Let's make this a great **Advent** and keep our focus on **Christ**

- **SLIDE 63** It has been a real blessing to be with you these past few days. I hope you found an idea or two that will make this a special advent. Thank you and may God Bless you.

- **SLIDE 64** I will be around for a little while if anyone wants to talk.