

- > **Great Day**.... We are so glad that you have joined us here, to take-in what the Lord is speaking to us about today – which happens to be how: “**God really Needs to BE, our life-Energy & Momentum**”.
- This message segment, is brought to you by: **Discovery Crossroads Ministries**... *a ministry that strongly believes that: “**Dead-ends, can become alive again!**”* Truly, we KNOW that God is “**Life**”, and He gives Life to what is dead!
- > **Today’s message** title is: “**System-Breakdown**”....
- **OK**, let me define what I mean by a, “**System-Breakdown**”.
- **First**, I’m using the word “**System**” to mean, anything that we “**Endeavor to accomplish**” - *like*: Marriage, Business, Financial-stability, Health, Interpersonal-relationships, Personal growth, Seeking a sense of purpose, Keeping Faith, Ministries, Attaining happiness, Maintaining joy, Keeping peace, Being Faithful to God, and on & on & on.
- **Secondly**, I’m using the word “**Breakdown**” to mean, when any of our Endeavors “**Fail**” - *low*: when they: Lose steam, Wither, Fade away or Dissolve!...(for example: *when a marriage loses love & energy, and then dissolves/divorces.*)

> This song says it all.... [Tenth Avenue North](#) (2012) - "***I'm tired - I'm worn. My heart is heavy from the work it takes, to keep on breathing. I know I need to lift my eyes up, but I'm too weak. Life just won't let up, and I know that You can give me rest - so I cry out, with all that I have left. I want to know a song can rise, from the ashes of a broken life. And all that's dead inside, can be reborn – Yes, all that's dead inside, will be reborn – even though I'm worn!***"

> So, here's a good time to talk "***Energy & Momentum***":

1) **Energy** (**Vitality**)... the definition is: "***The state of BEING strong and active***". (*Being/Feeling strong, is energy*)

2) **Momentum**.... the definition here is: "***strength or force, GAINED BY motion, or GAINED BY a series of events.***"

....Listen, by the burning of coal or wood, a steam locomotive gains Energy to climb a hill. Once over the hill, the train picks up more energy (**momentum**), to get it over the next hill.

But, if the locomotive cannot get enough energy to get over the first hill, it will stop and roll backwards, downhill.

Likewise, our lives will roll-back, if we cannot Maintain High Energy in & for our lives!

-- **So**, **Energy** has to happen first, for **Momentum** to even be a thing!... Apart from having Energy, we could NEVER get going, or Stay going! Isaac Newton was right, "**An object in motion, STAYS in motion!**"....(in, opposition, "An object at rest, STAYS at rest!").

...Energy & Momentum have a shared relationship to each other!
So imagine having NO Energy... Well then, forget having any Momentum, to ACCOMPLISH anything - or forget having any Momentum, to KEEP accomplishing anything!

...So, **Point 1)** today:

> Human systems **WILL** Breakdown, and CAUSE us Loss of energy & momentum.

- **Ex:** In 1984, **Bryan Adams** penned the words to his song (**The Summer of 69**), "**Me and some guys from school had a band, and we tried real hard. Jimmy quit, Jody got married - should have known, we'd never get far!**"

- Do those lyrics, represent some parts of your life (or, maybe the whole story of your life)?....(Jimmy QUIT... Jody opted to get married, verses STAYING in the band.)

- Do you know what it is, to Experience the "loss of Momentum" in your life....(loss of Life & Enthusiasm for: Work, Marriage, Faith, Business, and on & on)?

...So many things can come along, and **thwart** the best laid plans of our human existence – *some things "in" our control, and many things "out" of our control.*

- **Truth is**: Because of many factors: we (*human beings*) **QUIT** on things, that we once thought to be important – *and often, it doesn't even make sense to us, to QUIT on them - and yet, we still will QUIT on them, and walk away!*

....**I'm making the case that**: Human beings **struggle** to **MAINTAIN** a "**high level**" of momentum... *and frankly, it is because: after a while, we tend to "get bored & distracted" easily.....(Our focus Shifts to the next thing, and on & on.)*

....**I call these "Shifts"**, "**Energy swings**".... People have a "propensity" for putting their energy in a place, and then Swinging it over to another place, fast... We put all our energy into whatever we are after (*or, whatever sounds & feels good*) – *then*, we move our energy over to the next thing, or the next person, that our heart desires!

- If we cannot take our endeavors to the "**next level**", then our endeavors will just "**stagnate**" at their old level - causing us to Grow tired & bored with them...(*nothing New happens*) - *at that point*, our endeavor(s) just die!.... **Listen to me**, if you "**unplug**" the freezer, everything inside WILL thaw out and rot! Even freezers take Energy, to Keep them running!

- **So**, We live in a “**Society of Change**”...(a “**Realm**”, **Saturated in Change!**). People are like: “**Give me something New, or I will get bored and check out on you!**”

Ex: **Restaurants** are always changing their menus, with a new look & new meals - **just to accommodate** “**human boredom**”, and our “**loss of attention**”. / **Cruise ships** just keep getting bigger – to improve people’s entertainment. It is almost as if: “**Boredom drives society!**”

-- **Ok**, Maybe I’m telling you something, that you already know. Maybe even about how: when we fail, in any of our endeavors - we get **Down** on ourselves, and **Beat** ourselves up, for failing! **Folks**, this will happen, because we are: broken, powerless, human beings. **BUT**, let me tell you something that you might NOT know about, and WHY we need God...
...with God, as our Momentum (**Savior & Lord**), HIS Energy **Sticks** right where He places it for us, and it will **Never** Shift, or Fade away – we can Keep on moving in His Strength.

> When I think of Momentum, I think of “**sustaining energy**”.
An energy that **Stays** with you, and **Keeps** on going, day after day, week after week, year after year.

...**So**, that brings us to **Point 2)** today:

> God and His Systems, **NEVER** Breakdown!

-- God NEVER CHANGES, like human beings do. [James 1:17-18](#),

*"17 Whatever is good and perfect is a gift coming down to us from God our Father, who created all the lights in the heavens. **He never changes, or casts a shifting shadow.** 18 He chose to **give birth** to us, **by giving** us his true word. And we, out of all creation, became his prized possession."* NLT

....Capture the end of verse 17: "**God NEVER Changes**".

I just spoke about: how human beings fail at so many things that they try – **Yet**, these failures make it possible for God to emerge as: **our Victor!** I say "Victor" because: hard as I try, I can only be a **true Victor** - **thru** God, and **The Power (Energy)**, that He brings to my life! I can say this, because He has Proved it to me, time and time again! Scripture says, "**When I am weak, then, I am strong**". [2 Cor. 12:10](#)

- Paul even said, in [verse 9](#), "*Therefore, I will boast all the more gladly **about my weaknesses**, so that **Christ's power may rest on me.***" If we will ever just STOP trying to be so **Strong**, and **Able** to fix everything on our own, God might just have a chance to Help us!...(We need to **let** God Help us!)

-- The passage confirms that we are like the "**Shifting shadows**", of this world. In the natural world – "*Shifting shadows*" occur: second by second, as the sun moves across the face of

the earth. People change/shift their energies around, just as quickly as those daily shadow changes do - **BUT**, God NEVER shifts like that → **He is a Constant & Steady Light!**

...He is Dependable Beyond any kind of Dependable thing, or person, that we know of! God is always so **Faithful**, and He is always there for us - in & thru everything that we experience of this world. He is Able to see us thru anything, and move us ahead in life, with life-sustaining energy!

...The Cambridge dictionary describes "**Momentum**" as: "**the force that Keeps an object moving.**" This definition, describes God perfectly. He is "The Force" that "**Keeps**" us moving (*Striving*) ahead. God is The One, Who "*continuously increases*" our forward motion (*Keeping our Good endeavor's from withering away*). He IS our "**Staying-power!**"

> **Seriously**, for God to be God, we would expect Him to be Able to do what we cannot! He would need to be Able to do things, that defy "*the natural*" - or to do the things that we believe are Impossible to be done! **And so it is**: God does indeed have "**Supernatural-power**". He not only has it, He "**imparts**" it to us to do His Will & Good Works! You've heard of **GE** (*General Electric*)... hear about **DE** (*Divine Energy*).

-- **God IS our Divine-Momentum**.... a Momentum that we all need, to Maintain a "**Desire & Strength**", to get His Purposes

done on earth! [Philippians 2:13](#), "For God is working **in you, giving you** the **desire** and the **power**, to do what pleases him." NLT **Point:** God "**Guides** us & **Empowers** us, to **KEEP US MOVING AHEAD** in our: Living, Faith, Work, Relationships, Marriages, and pretty much in everything that you do, as part of this life."

....**Please....** **Apart from God:** we would fall limp - lack Energy - and eventually, drop to our deaths. Our luster (*our glow, or sparkle*) for life, would fail us - *like the shifting shadows do, when the sun goes down, and the shadows no longer remain!*

....God has to be the "**Power-socket**", that we **plug into**, to **Power** (**Energize**), everything in our lives - *just like having to plug in your "cellphone", to KEEP it charged!* Imagine if you Never plugged your cellphone in - it would only be an "**expensive**", "**lifeless**", toy. **Likewise**, we MUST "**plug in**", to the Mightiest "Power-Source" available to man, to see our lives Thrive - **that's God!** **Look**, if you don't **Keep** throwing logs on a fire, the fire will eventually go out! The fire uses "**the Energy**", found **inside** the wood. Human beings simply see **a log of wood**, but the fire sees **potential Energy**. **God is the same** - **there IS Life & Energy, "IN" Him....**

-- **So** [Phil 2:13](#) also said: God gives us the Desire & Power "**to do WHAT PLEASES HIM**". **That means:** We will have Desire &

Power (*Momentum*), to do **What Pleases Him** – **BUT**, if we are doing **What Pleases Us**, we will typically **run out of gas** (*run out of a Desire & Power*), to finish anything! You want to find "Unending" Desire & Power, to accomplish mighty things?.... *Then, it will only happen thru: 1) having a good Connection (relationship) with God, and by 2) doing what pleases Him, not yourself!*

* Really KNOWING that **our "life-strength" WILL fail**, we need to adhere to the Truth of The Psalmist, who said, "**God is our Strength**" **Psalm 28:7**, "**The Lord is my strength and my shield - my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.** *My heart leaps for joy - and with my song, I praise him.*" NLT

...When the power goes out, DON'T trust your **Generac**...(*I'm talking about: the power that moves your life*). For depleted life-power, TRUST the "***Greatest Generator***" ever to be - **God Himself!** — God can send forth His **Holy Spirit into you**, and **give your life New Life (New Vitality)** - for New Momentum! God IS Power, people.... He IS Life, itself!

- We need to Quit playing around/fumbling, with our own "**limited**" power – and Turn to God, so that we can live out of His "**Unlimited**" Power. God is dying to give you His "**Abundant-life**". **It comes down** to YOU: Asking Him for His Strength – and asking in Faith! **Seek** God's Strength,

as the apostle Paul did.... [Philippians 3:10](#), "**I want to Know Christ, and Experience the mighty power** (Energy) *that raised him from the dead.*" NLT

- One of my favorite tunes, to sing to the Lord, is this: "**Jesus be Jesus, in me. No longer me, but thee. Resurrection Power, fill me this hour. Jesus be Jesus, in me.**"

- Do you want to "Know" Life – Real Life – that IS Jesus Christ?.... Do you really want to "Experience" God's Eternal Life - that you can have, after you die out of this world?.... Folks, God can Restore your power-outage, quicker than the power company can!
Do you Trust Him to Power YOUR life? Tell Him so!

....Look, I know that I cannot **Prove** any of this to you, with just my mere words. **YOU** will have to **Prove** these words to yourself, thru DECIDING to **Trust God**, and **Call on Him** - to give your life, "**His**" Never-ending: **Energy & Momentum!**
...Give all your important "*life-endavors*" to God, and watch Him make them "flourish & succeed", every new day!

* If you've never "plugged" your life INTO God, I pray that you do it today! Tell God, "Lord I am tired & worn; Help me..."

* If you've somehow gotten "unplugged" WITH God, then make it your choice to reconnect with Him now!

Discovery questions:

- 1)** Have you experienced the sensation of being “energy-less”?
Was it a good experience, or one you hope not to repeat?
- 2)** Can you say that you have wandered aimlessly, not having a clue as to where you are supposed to be, or what you are supposed to do? (*I am talking about: Having a total lack of energy or enthusiasm to do anything?*)
- 3)** I wonder if you know the deep pain of having something, or someone, special in your life, just fade or wither away, until they were no more – like the evening shadows do, when the sun goes down? Maybe it was the breakup of your: marriage, business, children, life-purpose, finances, or even Faith in God, that slow-faded away and was/is dissolved forever?
- 4)** If you answered “yes”, to the first three questions (*esp. to question 3*) – Did you feel “*helpless*” over the matter, and that it was beyond YOUR strength & control to stop it?
What was that experience/feeling like?
- 5)** What does having Energy mean or look like to you? Is it having JUST a “*physical*” energy – or JUST a “*spiritual*” energy – or having a COMBINATION of “*both*”?
- 6)** Have you come to find, that human energy is really just “*limited*” – it does not have “*staying-power*” by itself?

(I'm saying that: human energy typically runs short, and doesn't always see us thru our important endeavors?)

- 7)** Would you go as far, as to admitting that: **YOU** have Failed some very important life-endeavors? Did you run out of steam (*out of love & enthusiasm*) for something, or someone, and then Quit on them (*or that you may be Quitting on one now*)? Are your "life-endeavors", "*stagnating*" on you now?
- 8)** Jesus said, "*In this world, you WILL HAVE troubles*" – and He might have intended for us to understand, that our troubles would make us tired & quit. (*for an example, see: 1 Kings 19; esp. verse 4*). OK so, if "human, physical, strength" is Not enough – What/Who is the solution?
- 9)** In your heart & mind, Is God really "**Able**" to lift your spirit - thru the giving of His Strength to you? Explain!
- 10)** Read [James 1:2-18](#); esp. [verse 17](#), and give your thoughts on what the apostle James is speaking too. (*a hint can be found in the section title*).
- 11)** What does the apostle James mean, when he wrote, "*God NEVER changes, or casts a shifting shadow*"?
- 12)** In [2 Corinthians 12:10](#), the apostle wrote, "*When I am weak, THEN I am strong*" – So, just what was it that Paul hoping to get across to his readers?

- 13)** The apostle Paul said in [verse 3](#), that: "*When he is weak, Christ's Power **RESTS** on him*" – So this is big... What was Paul telling us here, that he wants us to do, as he was doing?
- 14)** What does [Philippians 2:13](#) mean to you – that, "*God is working **IN** you*"?
- 15)** Do YOU personally believe, that: God does indeed **HAVE** "*Divine-Energy*", and that He can **IMPART** it into you?
- 16)** In Faith, Will you ASK God to give you His daily strength, to do His Good Will/Purposes – just like the Psalmist did, in [Psalm 28:7](#)?
- 17)** May YOUR prayer be, just as Paul's was, in [Philippians 3:10](#), that you, "**WANT** to **KNOW** Jesus, and **EXPERIENCE** the *"Mighty Power" that raised Him from the dead*"!