

## TITLE: “BLOCKBUSTER - Unbroken”



**OPENING QUESTION:** Everyone faces trials—but not everyone responds the same way. What do you believe makes someone *unbreakable* in the face of life’s hardest challenges?

### BIG IDEA FROM UNBROKEN:

**We all know we will have trials in life. However, God offers us a lifetime of opportunities to help us walk through those trials.**

### **You need family to believe in YOU.**

**Ecclesiastes 4:9-12**— Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also, if two lie down together, they will keep warm. But how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.



**QUESTION:** Louis’ brother, Pete, believed in him. Can you name a time when someone’s belief in you gave you the strength to keep going? Ecclesiastes 4 says that together is better.



**QUESTION:** Have you ever been that to someone else? Especially other believers?

### **You need to see the PURPOSE IN YOUR PAIN.**

**2 Corinthians 4:7-9**— But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. 8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed;



**QUESTION:** What does Paul mean when he says we are “struck down but not destroyed”?



**QUESTION:** Have you ever had pain lead to spiritual purpose? Have you ever shared how God’s power brought you through?



**QUESTION:** Have you ever shared how pain revealed a purpose in your life? Go ahead and share a time when God brought purpose out of your struggle.

### **You need to see how the enemy will use COMFORT to lure you away from your CONVICTIONS and to COMPROMISE.**

**1 Timothy 6:9**— But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.

*“The truth is...convictions are not compromised.  
If you compromise, it really never was a conviction.”*



**QUESTION:** Why is comfort sometimes more dangerous than hardship when it comes to our spiritual health?



**QUESTION:** What “false comforts” do Christians most often find themselves tempted by the enemy to fall back towards?

**You need to know that while you are trying to stand through all the struggles in life, there are those who will want you to fail and fall.**

**1 Peter 5:8**– Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.



**QUESTION:** In Unbroken, “The Bird” wanted to crush Louis’s will. How is that similar to what Satan wants to do in our lives?



**QUESTION:** What are similar tactics in the spiritual realm that the enemy will use that “The Bird” used?



**QUESTION:** Why is spiritual alertness so important during trials?



**QUESTION:** How can we strengthen our defenses against a prowling enemy to be prepared for when dark times come?

**Instead of saying what you will die for, SHOW what you live for.**

**Philippians 1:20**– I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death.



**QUESTION:** Why is it easier to talk about dying for a cause than living daily with conviction?



**QUESTION:** Can you name your top spiritual convictions for your life?

*“It’s hard to say you will die for Jesus, if you won’t live for Him.”*

**James 1:12**– Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.



**QUESTION:** James 1:12 promises a “crown of life” to those who persevere. What keeps you persevering when your strength runs low?

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## **CLOSING QUESTIONS**



**QUESTION:** After everything you’ve reflected on today – family, purpose in pain, spiritual alertness, convictions – what is one change you feel challenged to make so that your life better reflects someone who is truly unbreakable in Christ?



**QUESTION:** Who in your life needs to see an example of perseverance and unshakable faith—and how can you intentionally show them what it means to live unbroken this week?

