BREAKAWAY

Part 1: "A Way Out"

Breaking out of the Sameness of the Crowd Pastor Vernie Fletcher Sunday, August 31st, 2008

The Process: Renovating our Thinking

Romans 12:2a (NIV) "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..."

The Myth: The only way to break away is to run away

A. There is a way to break away without breaking hearts

BELIEF → DECISION → OUTCOME

What we believe (what we think) ultimately determines our decisions (what we do). Our decisions ultimately determine the outcome of our lives.

- The Temptation: To change the outcome of my life I need to redecide some things (new marriage, change jobs).
- The reality: If re-deciding doesn't involve changing what you believe, you will always get the same outcome.
- Transformed outcomes are a result of transformed thinking.

B. If you want a breakaway life (to be different from the crowd) it begins with breakaway thinking (transforming your mind).

C. Getting your life in sync with your Creator.

Romans 12:2b "Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will ishis good, pleasing and perfect will."

Proverbs 3:6 "In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

As you begin to think differently, through the filter of God's Word:

- God's principles will make sense to you
- You will recognize and give approval to the will of God in your life, and
- The outcomes of your life will begin to change