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Where Should We Be Winning?

- _____

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- _____

Matthew 6:33 (NIV)

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Why Aren't We Winning?

- Because real and lasting change isn't _____ modification; it's _____ transformation.
- We do what we do because of what we _____ of ourselves.

How to Win in Life:

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2

_____ with my whole heart to achieve specific results.

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3

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2 Realities about Trying and Training:

- When I'm _____ – I'm _____ to become something I'm not.
- When I'm _____ – I'm _____ better at what I already am.

Success ⇨ Train and _____ God today.

Colossians 3:23-24 (TPT)

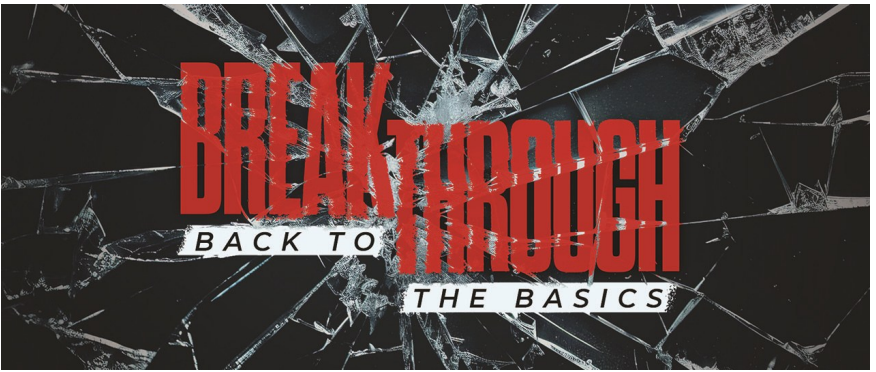
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