

Are You Ready For A Breakthrough?

2 Samuel 5: 20

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The word **BREAKTHROUGH** means – “To burst asunder, a sudden burst, to force open as with a blasting forth.”

- Literally translated, Baal Perazim = “The place of Breakthrough or the place of burst.”
- God burst on the scene or a breaking forth of His presence to break all resistance in order to enter a new level. Everything changed because the presence of the Lord came on the scene when I was fighting a battle for my life.
- One translation says: David called it “The Lord Mastered my breakthrough in this place.”
- Webster says a Breakthrough is: **“A sudden, dramatic, important advance.”**
- Today: Some of you need-
 - A HEALTH breakthrough
 - A FINANCIAL breakthrough
 - A RELATIONSHIP breakthrough

You’re stuck where you are but God really wants to give you a breakthrough.

God is saying to your today: “If people will seek Me and need them, I am going to give them breakthrough ideas.

- God can give you 1 breakthrough idea and it can change your whole world.

There are things that don’t happen until we fast and pray according to:

Mark 9:29 “So He said to them, this kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting.”

On this fast of 2018 – **can you believe God to give you breakthrough ideas?**

- Breakthrough ideas with your children.
- Breakthroughs with God for those areas where you are stuck and stagnant.

**BREAKTHROUGHS NEVER HAPPEN TO ANYONE IN THE BIBLE
WHO DID NOT SEEK THEM.**

- You'll never find anyone in the Bible who received a breakthrough without seeking for it.

Psa. 77:2 "In the day of my trouble **I sought the Lord; My hand was stretched out in the night without ceasing; My soul refused to be comforted.**"

- Fasting with your prayers is a sign to God that you are serious about not staying in the condition you are currently in.

Do you really think you or things are going to change without you doing something different than what you are currently doing?

- No one in the Bible got a breakthrough in a relationship – finances – health – marriage or any other kind of miracle until they started to "Seek the Lord."
- When you really "Seek the Lord, you get God's attention and heaven bends its ear toward your cries/prayers."

In today's message, there are two kings who needed Breakthrough:

1. David – who had just been chosen King of Israel, the Philistines came to attack him.
 - That's how life goes: a mountain top experience and then comes an attack – a valley.
 - You get a victory and then a test. **The enemy comes at you – so what do you do?**

David moved to his fortified place and asked God:

- God, should I fight this battle? Always God what to do before you react to something.
- Do I need to get into that financial battle, do I need to get into that legal battle?
- Should I get into that relationship battle, should I make an issue at work?

Get Gods answer, not friends or, physic lady, or horoscope predictions.

When David sought the Lord first as a priority:

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- This is what can happen for you on the 21 days of prayer with fasting!
- You can point back to this season and mark that it was the beginning of your breakthrough.
- Rarely do we see the breakthrough during the fast; it usually after the fast.

- The valley of trouble became the valley of blessing because he sought the Lord in fasting and prayer. God will burst open the resistance that's been working against you.
2. King Jehoshaphat- 2Chron. 20
- There were enemies against him: The Moabites, the Ammonites, & others.
- v. 3 “And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.”
- That's exactly what we are doing this 21 days of prayer with fasting - we are setting ourselves to seek the Lord because we need:
 - Breakthroughs in our **family**,
 - Breakthroughs in our **health**,
 - Breakthrough in our **marriages**,
 - Breakthroughs in our **relationships** with the Lord and with others,
 - Breakthroughs in our **careers**,
 - Breakthroughs in **ideas** of what to do next,
 - Breakthroughs in **creativity** as to what His will and direction are for our lives.

What happened?

- v. 14 God sent a prophet with a word from the Lord that said because they humbled themselves and sought the Lord with Prayer and Fasting, He told them, “Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, the battle is not yours, but God's.”
- v. 17 “You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, who is with you. Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the Lord is with you.”
- v. 21 “When he had consulted with the people, he appointed those who should sing to the Lord, and who should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army and were saying: Praise the Lord, for His mercy endures forever.”

- You are a praiser, all of us are.

PRAISE NEEDS TO COME ALIVE IN YOUR LIFE DURING THIS FAST!

The church was born in the fire of the Holy Spirit and we must have that fire.

- We need to drop the H-bomb of the Holy Spirit on the enemies of God, bringing the Holy Spirit into our situations and he will fight the battles, and you will experience Breakthroughs.

Phil 4:6 “Be **anxious** for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;”

- **Anxious** means WORRY – some translations say “Don’t worry about anything.”

DON’T WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING!

- That’s easy to say, but how do you not worry about:
 - Your children that aren’t doing well in life.
 - Your marriage
 - Your job – finances
 - Your health – the bad doctors report!

Is that even possible not to worry about these things and more.

This is why fasting with prayer is so powerful.

- **What fasting does is takes your mind off of worry and refocuses on God and His promises.**
- **That is how you don’t worry – you refocus on God.**
- **There is nothing like fasting that will cause your faith to focus and bring fervency back in your prayer life.**

Worry is worthless – Worry is stewing without DOING

- Runs your blood pressure into the red.

Right in the middle of talking about fasting, Jesus said in Matt 6:34

“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things...”

- Don’t worry about tomorrow’s challenges or yesterday’s failures.
- Don’t worry about 2018 – I am your Provider; I am your God.
- **“If you will refocus on Me, says the Lord & **remember** – I’m the One who gave you everything you’ve ever had and I will be the One to provide for you everything you will ever need!**”

The enemy wants you to die on three crosses:

1. **The cross of the **past**** – all the things you messed up and can’t change.
 - He tries to get you to live in the past; if he can’t get you to live on that cross, then he says:
2. **Live on the cross of the **future**** – what might happen or what could happen?
 - He will try to kill you on that cross.

- He tries to get you to focus on what has happened in the past and what could happen in the future and he brings the third cross into your life of:

3. **The third cross kills today** – worry is worthless!

“Be anxious for nothing, but **in everything by prayer** and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;”

1. **DON'T WORRY ABOUT ANYTHING!**

- How do I do that – by refocusing on God and His promises.
- When the enemy attacks you – go back to God, praise, sing, worship, fast and pray.
- Suddenly your focus will change back to the Lord.

2. **PRAY ABOUT EVERYTHING!**

- Nothing is too small or insignificant – if it matters to you; it matters to God.
- **If it's big enough to worry about – it's big enough to pray about!**

The Lord gives you and me the same invitation He gives to every generation:

Joel 2:12 “Now, therefore, says the Lord, “Turn to Me with all your heart, with fasting and with weeping...
v. 25 I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust-enemy has eaten/stolen...”

Our God is a healer of broken dreams and He is a restorer of stolen years!

Are you ready to receive a Breakthrough?
Will you choose to believe God for your Breakthrough?