

BREAKTHROUGH CONFERENCE – MESSAGE 1

INTRODUCTION

Each one of us, at some stage of our lives will require a breakthrough. Even in the secular world, breakthrough is a well-known term or concept. We hear of breakthroughs in medical science and technology on a regular basis. We hear of breakthroughs in negotiations between opposing factions. In our own country, we experienced a major breakthrough in 1994 when instead of civil war, we had a peaceful election and this has continued now for 23 years.

What do we do when a circumstance in our life is so hard, so big, so overwhelming that it truly becomes impossible? We need a divine, supernatural intervention; we need a breakthrough.

We serve Jehovah Baal Perez, the God of the Breakthrough and as His children, I believe it is His will and plan for our lives that we too will experience breakthrough.

This weekend we will find out and learn how to release this great spiritual reality: **God wants to unleash His supernatural power into our impossible situation in order to give us the breakthrough that we need.**

MESSAGE

WHAT IS BREAKTHROUGH

Is breakthrough just a fancy word? What does it mean? It carries a far deeper significance than what we realise.

In the dictionary breakthrough is defined as:

1. An act of **overcoming or penetrating an obstacle or restriction.**
2. **A military offensive that penetrates an enemy's lines of defense.**
3. **A major achievement or success that permits further progress,** as in technology.

In researching the word breakthrough, I came across another word of similar strong meaning: the word quantum leap:

A quantum leap is a **sudden large change**, development, or improvement.

I believe this is what we should be trusting for- not just something small, but a **sudden quantum leap size breakthrough** that will propel us forward to a new level of faith, overcoming and victory in our lives.

THE BATTLE WILL BRING THE BREAKTHROUGH

Breakthroughs are not something you sit around and wait for. God gives breakthrough's, but we first have to take an offensive step forward to ACT on what we I believe is true and then we need to TRUST that God is going to supernaturally do the impossible.

When we look at the definition of breakthrough, we see **expressions of force** with words like:

- Overcoming.
- Penetrating.
- Military offensive.

These are words of war!

In Genesis 1, we find the first Biblical example of breakthrough:

Genesis 1:1-4(NKJV) In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and darkness was on the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters. 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light, that it was good; and God divided the light from the darkness.

- Everything was chaotic, darkness reigned, but God broke through the darkness by speaking light into being and it was Good.
- This was a forceful act!
- When darkness, chaos and hopelessness wants to rule and reign in our circumstances, we need to **SPEAK OUT** just like God did and ask God to bring His light into our circumstances – we will step back, take a look and see that it is good!

There are numerous other Biblical examples of breakthrough where force was required:

- Before the Israelites could leave Egypt, God had to send many plagues and finally kill the firstborn – only then was there breakthrough and Pharaoh relented and let the Israelites go.
- When the Israelites reached the Red Sea, the Egyptians followed them in onto the dry sea bed, but when Moses raised his staff once the Israelites were safely across, the sea broke through the barrier of God's restraining hand and destroyed the Egyptian army and the Israelites had breakthrough against their Egyptian oppressors.
- When Joshua and the Israelites went into the promised land, they faced many battles before they could occupy the land of promise.
- When King Saul and the Israelite army stood fearfully facing the Philistines with a giant champion, it took a forceful act of young David to knock Goliath with a stone from his sling and then behead him. Only after that was the Israelite army filled with faith and a great battle was won against the Philistines that day.
- Then just over 2000 years ago, Jesus faced the greatest battle of all as He said in the garden of Gethsemane, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this

cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will.” He then went on to the cross and paid it all for us in His own blood, setting in place the greatest spiritual breakthrough since the beginning of time, our salvation.

Modern day examples of breakthrough are still to be found:

- Speak about the Bible Society printing press in China.
- People are still healed, delivered and set free.
- God’s people find employment even when the economy is down.
- Feuding families still find reconciliation.

God still loves to bring breakthrough! **But we need to be willing to face and endure the battle.**

James 1:2-4(NKJV) My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience. 4 But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing.

- Trials and testing produce a result - breakthrough in faith!

James 1:12(NKJV) Blessed is the man who endures temptation; for when he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.

- Enduring temptation, not temptation itself, will result in the breakthrough – the crown of life!

If we feel like we are in the middle of a mighty battle right now, then it’s time to be expectant, our breakthrough is at hand!

POSITION YOURSELF FOR BREAKTHROUGH

If we’re in the battle, then we need to position ourselves for victory!

2 Samuel 23:11-12 (NKJV) And after him was Shammah the son of Agee the Hararite. The Philistines had gathered together into a troop where there was a piece of ground full of lentils. So the people fled from the Philistines. 12 But he stationed himself in the middle of the field, defended it, and killed the Philistines. So the Lord brought about a great victory.

Shammah stationed Himself, He positioned himself for breakthrough.

Jehoshaphat and his people, under God’s instructions, went out, positioned themselves and started to praise God. They positioned themselves for victory, and God gave it – they didn’t even have to fight the battle, but they carried away spoils for three days!

Today God is telling us to position ourselves for victory!

Ephesians 6:10 (NKJV) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power.

BREAKTHROUGH DOESN'T ALWAYS COME AS WE EXPECT IT!

John 5:5-6(NKJV) Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. 6 When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, "Do you want to be made well?"

This lame man had been waiting for someone to put him in the healing waters of the pool of Bethesda when the water was stirred. He saw it as the only way he would be healed. Even when Jesus the Messiah stood before him, he said, "sir, I have no man to put me in the water".

John 5:7-8(NKJV) The sick man answered Him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; but while I am coming, another steps down before me." 8 Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your bed and walk."

Instead of putting him in the water, Jesus said, "rise, take up your bed and walk". Not what the man expected, but he was gloriously healed. How have you been expecting God to move in your life? Today it's time to say, "Lord, please move in my life any way you choose".

CONCLUSION

We need to get ready! Because Pharaoh and his Egyptians are not just going to let you go. They are going to load you up with all their silver and gold ... When the Israelites left Egypt, they took all their cattle & possessions, all their families and little ones and they plundered the Egyptian people. They may have been poor slaves, but when God gave them the breakthrough, they left as wealthy children of the Most High.

Jehoshaphat and his people also carried away great spoils after God gave them the breakthrough.

There might be a BATTLE FIRST, but it's a cry of victory – not defeat because after that comes the Resurrection.

As the Body of Christ, we have been chosen for complete victory and restoration!!!!

- If we will persevere through the heat of the battle,
- If we will position ourselves for victory,
- We will come out on the other side both victorious and with a bountiful reward.

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Let us start asking God for the breakthrough right now!