

# **BREAKTHROUGH CONFERENCE – THE BIBLICAL PATTERN FOR BREAKTHROUGH**

## **INTRODUCTION**

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, 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?**

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.

Linked to "breakthrough" are another two words of similar strong meaning – "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.

To recap, last night we learned that:

- Breakthrough is not something we must sit down and wait for, we need to take action believing in faith that we can trust God to give it to us.
- Before the breakthrough, we need to face a battle.
- We need to position ourselves for victory.
- Breakthrough will not necessarily come the way we expect it to.
- We will come out on the other side both victorious and with a bountiful reward.

## **THE BIBLICAL PATTERN FOR BREAKTHROUGH**

Is there a biblical pattern for breakthrough?

**2 Chronicles 7:12-14** (NKJV) Then the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: "I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. 13 When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, 14 if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

1. Great problem - drought, locusts and pestilence.
2. Great humility - "if my people humble themselves".
3. Great prayer - "and pray".
4. Great returning to God - "and seek My face".
5. Great repentance - "and turn from their wicked ways".
6. Great compassion - "I will hear from heaven and forgive their sins".
7. Great Breakthrough - "and heal their land".

### **Let's test that against the Word:**

We read in 2 Chronicles 20 about when Jehoshaphat was king of Judah, he was told: "A great multitude is coming against you from beyond the sea". Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. So Judah gathered together to ask help from the Lord; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord.

**2 Chronicles 20:5-9** Then Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of the Lord, before the new court, 6 and said: "O Lord God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You? 7 Are You not our God, who drove out the inhabitants of this land before Your people Israel, and gave it to the descendants of Abraham Your friend forever? 8 And they dwell in it, and have built You a sanctuary in it for Your name, saying, 9 'If disaster comes upon us—sword, judgment, pestilence, or famine—we will stand before this temple and in Your presence (for Your name is in this temple), and cry out to You in our affliction, and You will hear and save.'

1. They had a great problem - a great multitude was coming against them.
2. Great humility - they didn't rush off to get ready for war... they knew they needed the Lord.
3. Great prayer - They both fasted and prayed.
4. Great returning to God - They sought God's face
5. Great repentance - They stood before the temple in God's presence.
6. Great compassion - in vs. 15 God responds: "Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's."
7. Great Breakthrough - God fought for them and they carried away the spoils for 3 days!

### **A new Testament example - The Parable of the Lost Son**

A father's youngest son said to him, 'Father, give me the portion of goods that falls to me.' So he divided to them his livelihood. And that son took his inheritance and moved far away, where he wasted his possessions with prodigal (wasteful) living. Soon, he had spent it all, and there a severe famine arose in that land, so he began to be in want. He landed up in a farmer's land feeding pigs.

He was so desperate; he would have eaten the pigs food. No-one was interested in helping him – he was in great need of a breakthrough and he got it!

### **Here we see the breakthrough pattern again:**

1. Great problem – He had no money, no food and no help.
2. Great humility – "I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants."
3. Great prayer – "I go to my father, and will say to him".
4. Great returning to God – "I will arise and go to my father".
5. Great repentance – "I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants".
6. Great compassion – But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.
7. Great Breakthrough – "But the father said to his servants, 'Bring out the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet. And bring the fatted calf here and kill it, and let us eat and be merry; for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' And they began to be merry.

### **HOW DO WE APPLY THIS IN OUR OWN LIVES?**

Even though the pattern for breakthrough normally starts with sin that needs to be dealt with, it's not always the case. Sometimes it's not personal sin, but representative sin, such as the sin of a country, an employer, a family and possibly even a church!

We simply come with humility, deal with pride, pray, draw near to God, repent and seek forgiveness (as we draw near to God, His light will illuminate our sins). Then we trust God who always deals with us in love and compassion and believe Him for the breakthrough.

### **CONCLUSION**

When we follow this pattern as we pray for breakthrough, God will be there for us. When the Holy Spirit rises up on our behalf, His anointing will make all the difference:

**Isaiah 10:27** It shall come to pass in that day That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder, And his yoke from your neck, And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.