

BREAKTHROUGH CONFERENCE – MAKING ROOM 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; we need a breakthrough.

We serve Jehovah Baal-Perez, the God of the Breakthrough and as His children, we are children of breakthrough.

This weekend we have been finding out and 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.

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, on Friday 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.
- We need to realise that breakthrough won't necessarily come in the way we expect it.

On Saturday morning we learned the pattern for breakthrough: 2 Chron. 7:14.

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".

Overarching each aspect of breakthrough, we need to have a sound understanding in our hearts and not only in our heads, that God loves us, He has compassion and mercy for us and He wants to give us supernatural breakthrough!

Today we will learn – how to make room for breakthrough.

WE NEED TO PLAN FOR BREAKTHROUGH

Proverbs 24:27 (NLT) Do your planning and prepare your fields before building your house.

Isaiah 54:2-3 (NLT) "Enlarge your house; build an addition. Spread out your home, and spare no expense! 3 For you will soon be bursting at the seams. Your descendants will occupy other nations and resettle the ruined cities.

I believe this is a promise from God for Christian Heritage and that is why we have put a lot of effort into restoring and fixing our church building – so that we are ready for our anticipated breakthrough in growth.

God is a Master Planner:

- Often we read about His plan for our salvation since before the beginning of time.
- He has plans for our lives and He has plans for our breakthrough (Jer. 29:11).

As God's children, we reflect His character. If He is a Master Planner, then we need to learn to be planners too. If we want breakthrough, then we must also prepare ourselves for it

Some of this preparation for breakthrough, we pick up from yesterday's teaching on the pattern for breakthrough. **There are some additional specific action steps that we need to take:**

ACTION STEP 1 - BELIEVE WE CAN HAVE A BREAKTHROUGH.

We need to **believe** that God is Good and that He wants to bless us with breakthrough.

Mark 5:35-36 (NKJV) While He was still speaking, some came from the ruler of the synagogue's house who said, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the Teacher any further?" 36 As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, He said to the ruler of the synagogue, "**Do not be afraid; only believe.**"

Psalms 84:11(NLT) For the Lord God is our sun and our shield. He gives us grace and glory. The Lord will withhold no good thing from those who do what is right.

God wants to bless us in all we do!

ACTION STEP 2 – PREPARE OUR HEART FOR BREAKTHROUGH.

James 4:7-10 (NKJV) Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

We prepare our hearts by:

- **Submitting to God.** James 4:7a
- **Resisting the devil.** James 4:7b
- **Drawing near to God** - so that He can draw near to us. James 4:8a
- **Dealing with sin** in our lives washed hands and cleansed hearts. James 4:8b
- **Repenting** – grieving, mourning and weeping over sin. James 4:9
- **Humbling ourselves before God** so that He can lift us up. James 4:10

This is very similar to 2 Chronicles 7:14!

ACTION STEP 3 – WE BUILD OUR FAITH.

We build our faith by spending time in God's word, personalizing it and discovering its promises and praying it over our lives.

- For example, personalize Psalm 23 (**handout**).

We also look back and consider the blessings and breakthroughs that we have already had:

- **Psalm 77:11** (NKJV) I will remember the works of the Lord; Surely I will remember Your wonders of old.
- **Psalm 143:5** (NKJV) I remember the days of old; I meditate on all Your works; I muse on the work of Your hands

This is a great opportunity to praise God in the midst of our circumstances.

ACTION STEP 4 – WE PRAY AND THEN STEP OUT IN OBEDIENCE AND COURAGE.

2 Samuel 5:17-25 Now when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. And David heard of it and went down to the stronghold. 18 The Philistines also went and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. 19 So David inquired

of the Lord, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?"

And the Lord said to David, "Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand."

20 So David went to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there; and he said, "The Lord has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim.

22 Then the Philistines went up once again and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim. 23 Therefore David inquired of the Lord, and He said, "You shall not go up; circle around behind them, and come upon them in front of the mulberry trees. 24 And it shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, then you shall advance quickly. For then the Lord will go out before you to strike the camp of the Philistines." 25 And David did so, as the Lord commanded him; and he drove back the Philistines from Geba as far as Gezer.

- David prayed when he faced this crisis.
- He asked God what he should do.
- Then He obeyed God and did what God told him.
- He stepped out in courage.
- And God gave Him the breakthrough - "The Lord has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water."

But David didn't stop there – the next time he faced the Philistines he didn't just assume that he could do the same again. He prayed again. God gave him different instructions, he was obedient again and He was victorious again!

CONCLUSION

Our God is a good God. He wants to bless us and give us breakthrough. We however also have a part to play. Today the Lord has reminded us that we need to make way for breakthrough. We do it by:

- Planning for breakthrough.
- Believing we can have breakthrough.
- Preparing our hearts heart for breakthrough.
- Building our faith.
- Praying and then stepping out in obedience and courage.