



Lord of the Breakthrough

CONFESSION: "In 2021 I am moving forward. My future is bright, and my tomorrow is great. I refuse to let my past behind me, people around me, or problems that face me, keep me from moving forward. My pathway ahead is filled with potential and possibility. New doors are opening, new relationships are forming. I'm getting wiser and stronger every day. This year by the grace of God I am moving forward."

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

2 Samuel 5:17-25

- I. **David is a breakthrough man!** He was anointed three times in his life:
 - A. Anointed privately by Samuel - 1 Samuel 16
 - B. Anointed king over the tribe of Judah - 2 Samuel 2
 - C. Anointed king over all Israel - 2 Samuel 5
 - D. Introductory Points:
 - There is another anointing and you have to have it for your next level!
 - It was David that said he anoints my head with oil - Psalm 23
 - David is about to be promoted and the enemy shows up at the time of promotion.
 - Attacks are indications that breakthrough is on the horizon.
 - Your greatest problems proceed your greatest breakthroughs.
 - Opposition is not about the past, it's about your future.

II. David Teaches Us About Battles and Breakthroughs

A. How he did it - David's Example

1. Ask God if you should fight or not - Humility
 - Every fight is not your fight!
2. Follow God's instructions carefully - Obedience
 - There is strategy for every battle
3. Give God all the glory - Thankfulness
 - Praise is the appropriate response to Victory

B. How we often do it

1. Do what we want to do without considering God's will - Pride
2. Do things our way and ignore godly advice - Disobedience
3. Take all the glory to ourselves without acknowledging God - Ungrateful

III. There is Breakthrough in You

A. Breakthrough is an act or instance of moving through or beyond an obstacle (Merriam-Webster)

1. Ephesians 3:20 "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us," NKJV
2. Ephesians 3:20 "Now to Him who is able to [carry out His purpose and] do superabundantly more than all that we dare ask or think [infinitely beyond our greatest prayers, hopes, or dreams], according to His power that is at work within us," AMP
3. Ephesians 3:20 "God can do anything, you know—far more than you could ever imagine or guess or request in your wildest dreams! He does it not by pushing us around but by working within us, his Spirit deeply and gently within us" MSG
4. Oftentimes, the biggest hindrance to seeing breakthrough is not God or the Devil, but self.
5. The key to breakthrough is not victory over the enemy, it's victory over self.
6. You must realize, the Lord of Breakthrough and His Power is in You!

IV. Why We Don't See Breakthrough

- A. We spend more time focusing on our problems than we do focusing on our God
1. David & Goliath – David's focus was on God not the giant
 2. Oh, magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt his name together – Focus on God
- B. We spend more time working for God than being with God
1. Martha & Mary - Martha was very busy and distracted with all of her serving responsibilities, but Mary chose to sit at the feet of Jesus. Luke 10:38-41 AMP.
 2. In His presence there is fullness of joy.
- C. We are more committed to routine than relationship
1. David did not use a routine approach when the enemy showed up again.
- D. We think too small

V. What Are You Asking God?

- B. **Promise** - Matthew 7:7 "Ask and keep on asking and it will be given to you; seek and keep on seeking and you will find; knock and keep on knocking and the door will be opened to you." AMP
1. **The enemy has robbed you of the audacity to ask!**
- C. **Motives** - James 4:2-3 "You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures." NIV

1. **Blessing and favor are a byproduct of staying in sync with God**

C. Scope - Psalms 2:8 “Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.” *NIV*

VI. What Are You Thinking About God?

A. Imagination is what enables you to receive from God what others have not received from God.

B. Breakthrough Steps

1. No small expectations – expect on the level of your God.
2. No more excuses – breakthrough begins where excuses end.

C. **Psalms 78:41-42** “Yes, again and again they tempted God, and limited the Holy One of Israel. They did not remember His power: The day when He redeemed them from the enemy,” *NKJV*