



A Time for Breakthrough

INTRODUCTION

The word breakthrough is defined as an act of overcoming or penetrating an obstacle or restriction. Our God is the God of breakthrough. He wants to do something we have never seen before in your life and in our world. We need to have our faith up and get ready for the unusual, the uncommon and the unexplainable.

WORD

Mark 2:1-12 “And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house. 2 Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door. And He preached the word to them. 3 Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men. 4 And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So, when they had broken through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. 5 When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.” 6 And some of the scribes were sitting there and reasoning in their hearts, 7 “Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” 8 But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Arise, take up your bed and walk’? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has [b]power on earth to forgive sins”—He said to the paralytic, 11 “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.” 12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, “We never saw anything like this!” NKJV

1 Corinthians 2:9 “But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.” KJV

1 Samuel 3:11 “And the Lord said to Samuel: “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make the ears of everyone who hears about it tingle.” NIV

In the story there is Jesus, The Paralytic, The Four Friends, The Crowd

I. Jesus

- A. Preaching the Word
- B. Forgiving Sin
- C. Healing the Sick

II. The Paralytic

- A. Represents the disabled, dysfunctional systems
- B. Paralysis - the loss of muscle function in part of your body. It happens when something goes wrong with the way messages pass between your brain and muscles.
 1. When any part of the relay system – such as the brain, nerves, or spinal cord is damaged, the signals to move do not make it through to the muscles and paralysis results.
 2. Paralysis can be complete or partial. It can occur on one or both sides of your body.
 3. There is so much around us that is PARALYZED- Not Moving Forward, No progress
 4. Personal Paralysis- individual systems e.g., marriage, family, finances, health, faith, career, relationships
 5. Societal Paralysis e.g., education, health, government, business, religion, judicial
 6. Paralysis leaves us stuck individually and collectively

III. The Crowd

- A. They get in the way
- B. They reason and question what God is doing

IV. The Four Friends

- A. Represent those who carry breakthrough
- B. Breakthrough - defined as an act of overcoming or penetrating an obstacle or restriction.
 1. An act or instance of moving through or beyond an obstacle or barrier
 2. A sudden, dramatic, and important discovery or development
 3. It is a major success that permits further progress, as in technology.
 4. With each breakthrough provision is made for further progress.
- C. Breakthrough Believers
 1. They will break barriers that restrict most people.
 2. They are not limited by mindsets that hinder people from launching out and going into unfamiliar territory.
 3. They are believers that have broken the limitations of:
 - a. Culture- a way of life of a group of people--the behaviors, beliefs, values, and symbols that they accept, generally without thinking about them, and that are passed along by communication and imitation from one generation to the next. Our Society has behaviors and values that are

generally expected without thinking regarding: marriage, money, sex, parenting, lifestyle etc.

- b. Tradition- an inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought, action, or behavior (such as a religious practice or a social custom): a belief or story or a body of beliefs or stories relating to the past that are commonly accepted as historical though not verifiable. We have customary patterns of thought about people groups, ethnicities, gender, politics.
- c. Religion- a set of organized beliefs, practices, and systems that most often relate to belief and worship of a controlling force such as a personal God or another supernatural being

D. To be a Breakthrough Person you Must:

- 1. Have a visible faith
 - a. Put some action to your faith make it tangible
 - b. Possess an integrated faith not a compartmentalized faith
 - c. Gal. 2:20 The life that I live, I live by the faith of the son of God
- 2. Boldly Stand Out from the Crowd
 - a. Don't get caught in the crowd
 - b. When you feel like nobody because you don't have anybody don't fall into the trap of being with everybody just to feel like somebody
 - c. Mark 5 - The woman with the issue of blood
- 3. Be Willing to Carry Others
 - a. Selfishness leads to breakdown while compassion leads to breakthrough
 - b. Job 42 Job's captivity turned when he prayed for his friends!
- 4. Courageously Go After God
 - a. Refuse to be denied