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Theme	Beyond Our Comfort Zone
Topic	Being A Breakthrough Church
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Message Summary

Spiritual Objective: How to Become A Breakthrough Church

We need to first understand what “breakthrough” is, then learn how to be a breakthrough person, before we can collectively become the breakthrough Church.

God has a plan, purpose and decree for us, and *that* is our destiny. It is not a far-off destination that we magically arrive at one day. Our destiny is progressive and it involves our daily walk which includes overcoming the barriers in front of us. God wants us to be in His plan, purpose and decree for us **today**. But we are free moral agents who can choose where we stand, and sometimes, we are not always where God intends for us to be at that moment.

This discrepancy between where we are and where we should be hinders us from fulfilling the destiny that God has for us. It is the discrepancy Joshua was in when God spoke to him outside the Promised Land after the death of Moses (Jos 1:1). He should have been inside the Promised Land, but he wasn't. Later on, David found himself in the same discrepancy inside the cave of Adullam (1 Chron 11:15, 2 Sam 23:13).

The harvest was meant to be a time of celebration, a rejoicing of God's blessings over Israel. Bethlehem, the Gate of Bread, full of the harvest and sweet well waters, ought to have been the centre of the celebrations. The newly crowned king should have been rejoicing at the fruition of the prophet Samuel's symbolic anointing many years earlier. On a day God intended for blessings and greatness, King David was holed up in the cave of Adullam with the Philistines encamped at the valley of Rephaim.

God has decreed good things for us, both as individuals and as the Church – He has great and precious promises for us (2 Pet 1:4), great and mighty things to tell us (Jer 33:3) and He is able to do more than we can ask or think (Eph 3:20). But the devil does not want this, and he tries his best to stop it.

So at the time of the harvest, the Philistines ‘heard and gathered’ in the valley of Rephaim, a place strategically chosen and named to incite fear in the Israelites, and they garrisoned their command post in Bethlehem, the Gate of Bread. They were there to stop the celebration of the harvest and the greatness. This is symbolic of the devil's schemes where he sets the battleground smack in the middle of the blessings God intends for us! (Eph 6:12)

To get David a drink of water from the well in Bethlehem, David's three mighty warriors broke through the Philistine lines, not just once, but six times! Their bravery empowered David to lead his army out to face the Philistines and regain the Promised Land. Two of these men were Abishai (meaning “*father of a gift*”) and Benaiah (“*to build and obtain from*”), whose names are representative of the breakthrough that had already been planned in advance by the LORD Almighty. God knows the devil's schemes. In the same way He provided for David, He enables us to breakthrough every barrier of the devil.



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God has decreed blessing and greatness for us, but there are crucial elements to get to that place of blessing:

1. Know your enemy: Your enemy is not the person you are struggling against, Satan is the enemy.
2. Understand yourself: Own your weaknesses and your strengths.
3. Know your God: He is your source of help and He is Almighty.
4. Be fearless
5. Have faith and confidence in God
6. Have tenacity
7. Know that God is in the business of changing us

When you have experienced breakthrough, the next step is to be someone who opens the way for others:

How to Bring Breakthrough

1. Make a breach: A blessing is a need that is met; that met need is the breakthrough.
2. Rip up: Remove old belief sets that stand in the way of the new covenant of the Messiah.
3. Win/Conquer: Win to the point of conquering – they are not the same thing!
4. Hatch: Create, innovate and inspire new ways and ideas of doing Kingdom work
5. Breakforth: New dimensions.
6. Open a way: New direction and methods.
7. Grow/Increase: Progress and expand.

As we apply this in our personal lives and actively bring breakthroughs for others, we become the people of breakthrough that God wants, and the church eventually becomes a breakthrough church.

Characteristics of the Breakthrough Person/Church

1. Continues to breakthrough to greater things
2. Leads others to breakthrough
3. A warrior/An army
4. High value on God's purposes: Subservience to the King. Too often, we value our plans more!
5. Willingness to experience great sacrifice: "*Sacrifice*" because we know God never shortchanges us.
6. Faith, fearlessness and tenacity: Be that kind of men that Abishai and Benaiah were.
7. A prevailing unselfishness: *Kiasu*-ism has no place in God's Kingdom.

There is nothing greater in the Kingdom than to be a person of breakthrough. God wants to bring about a shift in the spiritual realm of BBTC, a repositioning of hearts and of people. God is raising up an army for Himself that starts with personal breakthroughs and continued change in our individual lives. The question today is, are you willing to be a part of that change?

Questions

1.) How did the three mighty men in 2 Sam 23:13-17 bring breakthrough in David's life?

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2.) What are some blessings that that God has planned for you to be in your family, workplace and your community? Describe it to your group. What are some obstacles that may prevent these from taking place?

(Fill In Answer Here)

3.) What characteristic of a breakthrough person do you need to act upon today? If you are currently where God wants you to be, share with the group how you got there.

(Fill In Answer Here)
