

Introduction: God wants to unleash power into your impossible situation.

Five questions about breakthrough:

1. What is a breakthrough?

Three key definitions:

1) "An offensive thrust that penetrates and carries beyond a defensive line in warfare."

- Breakthroughs are not something you sit around and wait for.
- God does it, but I have to take an offensive step forward to _____ on what I believe is true and then _____ God is going to supernaturally do the impossible.

2) "An act or instance of breaking through a barrier."

- We get "stuck" –

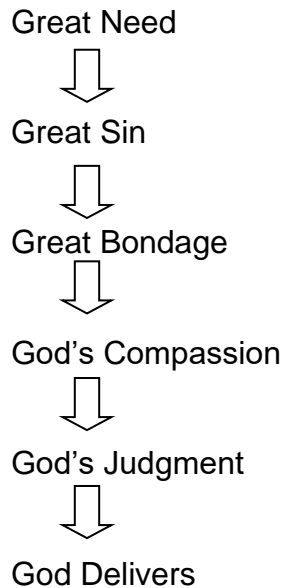
Relationships	False beliefs
Addictions	Personal history
Lies	Environment
- Jesus promised: "I will be with you always," and "All power is given unto Me." In other words, "You _____, you _____, and you'll have _____."

3) "A sudden advance."

"Faith doesn't operate in the realm of the possible. There is no glory for God in that which man can do. Faith begins where man's power ends."

George Mueller

2. Is there a biblical pattern for breakthrough?



3. How did Jesus teach His disciples to experience and be agents of breakthrough?

- 1) Announce the "Good News!" Mark 1

This is what God has ALREADY done for you. Receive it; believe it; let it fill you up and then, out of thanksgiving and love, express that same kind of love to others - THAT'S the Good News.

- _____ – have a genuine change of mind about God and about yourself.
- _____ the Good News – that God loves you and is FOR you.

- 2) Defeat evil

- 3) Bring healing:

Jesus used His miraculous power for the benefit and good of the people.

4) Lead by example:

- When we draw near to the goodness of God, by faith, supernatural things happen.

_____ the goodness of God.

Jesus said: "Don't be afraid, just believe."

Mark 5:36

- Jesus _____ you to do impossible things.

Jesus asked: "What do you HAVE? Bring it to Me. Trust Me.

- God _____ to do impossible things in you and through you.

God wants to show up in ways that declare and reveal His glory and His goodness to people who have no idea that He loves them – THAT'S what breakthrough is about.

4. Is there historical precedent that breakthrough can happen in our day?

- The entire book of Acts –

God, through very ordinary people who believed what He said, transformed the entire world.

- List of Church-Age believers:

These are regular, _____ people to whom God becomes so real and so _____ that they live out of what He's already done for them and they believe it to the point that they begin to look at other people as objects of God's love and mercy, and they begin to think, and act that way, and live with a joy because they know, by their righteousness in Christ, that they already measure up – THAT'S the gospel.

5. How do you experience the first step of breakthrough?

- 1) _____ that God is good.
- 2) _____ that it's God's will to do the impossible in you and through you.

Jesus said: " _____ feed them."
_____ reach your neighborhood.
_____ be the breakthrough at work.
_____ take the first step in the reconciliation.
_____ break that addiction and bring other people with you.

All the power is already available, through Christ, to do it.

Assignment:

Read over Psalm 23, inserting your name in the blanks, at least once each day this week.

God's Goodness to Me – Psalm 23

The Lord is _____ Shepherd, _____ lacks nothing. He makes _____ lie down in green pastures, He leads _____ beside quiet waters, He refreshes _____ soul. He guides _____ along the right paths for His name's sake. Even though _____ walks through the darkest valley, _____ will fear no evil, for You are with _____; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort _____. You prepare a table before _____ in the presence of _____ enemies. You anoint _____ head with oil; _____ cup overflows. Surely Your goodness and love will follow _____ all the days of _____ life, and _____ will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.