



The Mystery of Breakthrough

MOSES: "LORD, TEACH ME YOUR WAYS THAT I MAY KNOW YOU."

HOW DO WE WALK IN THE WAYS OF GOD THAT CAN FACILITATE WHAT HE WANTS TO BRING ABOUT IN OUR LIVES?

BREAKTHROUGH IN TIMES OF BREAKDOWN

PROSPERITY

Ps 37:18, 19

*The Lord knows the ways of the blameless,
and their heritage will remain forever;
They are not put to shame in evil times;
In the days of famine they have abundance.*

- If we are in Christ, blameless because of what Jesus did, God sees us as His children.
- But He knows what is going on in our lives. His name is El Elyon—Most High God.

THE RIGHTEOUS WILL PROSPER; BUT WE NEED TO BIBLICALLY DEFINE WHAT PROSPERITY IS.

- Riches: An accumulation of material possessions
- Wealth: The means to help and serve others
- Deuteronomy 8:18—God gives us the ability to create wealth.
- There is sometimes a false dichotomy of what is "spiritual" and what is "in the natural."
- In the beginning, God said the world that He created was good—including man.
- Not just man His creation, but man created in His image with the ability to create.
- Art, technology, invention can be of course used for evil, but also for a great deal of good.
- The same is true of wealth—God is God over everything.

WHAT ARE WE TO DO WITH THE WEALTH GOD GAVE US—THE ABILITY TO CREATE?

- If it is just for ourselves, it is selfish and self-centered and we call it riches. But wealth is the ability to serve others.

2 Corinthians 9:8

*And God is able to bless you abundantly,
So that in all in all things at all times, having all
That you need, you will abound in every good work.*

JESUS CAME THAT WE MAY HAVE LIFE ABUNDANTLY.

SO MUCH OF KINGDOM LIVING IS COUNTER-INTUITIVE.

- In the ways of the world, if we are going to be talking about being blessed, people would think about getting all you can and if you have a little bit left over, giving that away.
- Jesus said it's better to give than to receive. Love is not a noun, it's a verb. God the Father so loved that He gave His only begotten Son (John 3:16). God's love was manifested in the act of giving.
- Jesus said, "They will know you are my disciples by your love for one another."
- Wealth is not just money, but can be energy, gifting, talents, wisdom, as well as resources.
- When we understand the biblical meaning of wealth, that love is an action, and that God desires to give us the ability to create wealth, then we can understand that it is not for us, but that it is better to give than to receive.
- Kingdom living is in the giving.

WHAT IF YOU WERE TO COME TO A CRISES SITUATION?

- US economy around 2008 tanked. Many manufacturers closed their business. Many people lost their jobs. But many of the righteous prospered.
- Maybe your crisis is relational, or maybe you need wisdom or something else. How do you breakthrough in times of breakdown?

THE FISH AND LOAVES PRINCIPAL MATTHEW 14: 13-21

- There were 5000 men and women there and they had no food or anyplace to get some.

- The disciples wanted to meet the need in a horizontal way, by sending the people away so that they could buy some food.
- Jesus was always vertical thinking—His first thought was “Father, what are you doing?”
- Jesus told them to get them some food themselves. This had to have come across as absurd.
- They only had five loaves of bread and two fish, but Jesus was saying to feed the multitudes with it.
 - Marc is not saying you have to stop and pray about everything, but about being Kingdom minded.

JOHN THE BAPTIST’S MESSAGE WAS REPENT FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS AT HAND.

- Some people think that if they just get a touch or a word from the Lord then everything will be brand new. But usually when God speaks to you, it is so that you will bring your thinking up to His thinking—in other words, a renewed mindset.
- Lean not on your own understanding but trust the Lord with all of your heart (Proverbs 3:5).
- The word “repent” has come to mean over the years to stop sinning, stop bad behavior with showing grief. That can be part of the repentance process, but the word “pent” in the original language is the same word we use for penthouse apartment or hotel room—to be the high place, looking down. So it actually means to bring our thinking into the will of God.

What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human has conceived (1 Corinthians 2:9). This is about the things God has prepared for those who love Him.

JESUS TOOK THE BREAD AND BLESSED IT. “THE TONGUE HAS THE POWER OF LIFE AND DEATH” (PROVERBS 18:21).

- In the midst of chaos, God blessed the creation and called it all good.
- *“Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky” (Philippians 2:14–15).*
- Whatever our circumstances are, if we grumble and complain, we are actually swearing.
- Jacob lied and cheated his brother out of his inheritance. But his father

blessed him, and he ends up having a meeting with God that would set him on the road to healing and wholeness because of the prophetic words that were spoken over him.

- Christians should take extra time to speak blessings over their co-workers and even their boss, no matter what the circumstances may be.
- Jesus blessed the food and told the disciples to start to give it away.
- Bless and intercede for the leaders in our nation even if you don't agree with them. Be an agent of change.
- The first picture we have of God in all the Bible is of Him speaking words of life—and life came forth.
- To a degree (though we are not God) as we speak words of blessing, it imparts hope, faith, and changes things.

AFTER JESUS BLESSED THE FOOD, HE INSTRUCTED THE DISCIPLES TO HAVE THE PEOPLE TO SIT DOWN TO RECEIVE THEIR MEAL.

- It is important when we receive from the Lord to not be striving.
- Relaxing is of paramount importance.
- To relax means that you trust the Father.
- The name of God, El Elyon means Most High God, but He's God over every detail of our lives. He knows our needs even before we ask.
- Our striving can hinder the work of God in our lives.
- David said that he was in a pit—but he waited patiently upon the Lord and the Lord lifted him up and set his feet upon a rock.
- Our whole life is to be an evangelistic statement of God's goodness, grace and mercy.

THEY ALL ATE AND WERE SATISFIED.

- Sometimes what gets Christians in trouble is we take things in our own hands and try to fix things ourselves. We do eat and partake, but we don't have the satisfaction of knowing what the Father's greater purposes are or what his greater provision is.

"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called Children of God! Therefore, the world does not know us, because it did not know Him" (1 John 3).

If we are willing to trust God, Kingdom living is in the giving. God so loved that He gave us His best— Jesus. The orphan spirit causes us to hold on to what we have, but the spirit of Sonship gives it all away because we freely receive from our Father.

So if we put it all in the hands of Jesus and bless others and pray, we then begin to serve Him, we begin to give even what little we have, we will find that this is one of the great keys to breakthrough living even in the time of breakdown. Never forget that the Word of God says that the righteous will prosper even in the time of famine.