

Lord, Lead Us to Breakthrough

Text: Micah 2:12-13; Isaiah 45:1-6; Psalm 102:12-22

Thesis: As we gather this morning, I believe that this is a significant time for us in the life of our church. May the Lord give us ears to hear what the Spirit is saying. And may we have courage to get in action around what the Lord is asking us to do together.

This morning, I hope to accomplish three purposes in this message:

1. To share what the Lord is saying
2. To equip us in how to do warfare
3. To call us to pray for breakthrough

Purpose 1: To share what the Lord is saying

1. **First, Pastor Steve shared a significant word with us last Sunday about expectation.**
 - a. "I want to breakthrough where we are and get on."
 - b. "I want to breakthrough enemy lines to take to the world what the Lord is doing."
 - c. "There are places in God where we have not gone. It is time. The Lord wants us to press in and to breakthrough."
2. **Second, I believe that we need to pray into what Pastor Steve shared.**
 - a. Many of us spent time this week in corporate intercession and personal prayer to pray into that word about breakthrough and expectation.
 - b. May we experience breakthrough in the promises of the Lord: not just praying for them; but experiencing breakthrough into the fulfillment of promises.
 - c. May we breakthrough into the place of intimacy with the Lord.
 - d. May we learn to yearn for the Holy Spirit. We must learn to yearn for the renewing presence and work of the Holy Spirit.
 - e. May we experience breakthrough in to the provision of the Lord. Please, Lord, release your provision. Open doors of provision and resources.
 - f. May we breakthrough into the power of God, in signs, wonders, and miracles; walking in greater and greater degrees of power ministry.
 - g. May we breakthrough in loving and demonstrating the love of God in our community, with our neighbors, and among our friends and neighbors.

3. **Third, on Thursday morning, after a time of asking the Lord to lead us to breakthrough and to the experience of what he has promised, Margaret shared a word.**
- a. Basically, Margaret felt the Lord tell her that our current condition and situation as a church are not just because of us, **but because the enemy wants to snuff out our influence and impact for the sake of God in this city.**
 - i. The Lord has given us significant influence in this city for his sake.
 - ii. According to other leaders in the city, our influence is way beyond our size as a congregation.
 - iii. The Lord has more for us to do in helping our city possess the plans, purposes, promises, and prophetic words for our region and beyond.
 - b. **I bore witness to what Margaret shared.**
 - i. What we have experienced in the past few years can't be explained by just our brokenness.
 - ii. There are enemies opposing us.

Purpose 2: To equip us in how to do warfare

Today, we want to pray into breakthrough for Calvary.

When we fight, we arise and lay hold of the Lord and remind him of his promises. When we fight, we join the Lord in what he is saying and doing.

Let us ask the Lord to release a breaker anointing.

"I will surely gather all of you, O Jacob; I will surely bring together the remnant of Israel. I will bring them together like sheep in a pen, like a flock in its pasture; the place will throng with people. 13 One who breaks open the way will go up before them; they will break through the gate and go out. Their king will pass through before them, the LORD at their head" (Micah 2:12-13).

"This is what the LORD says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armor, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: 2 I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. 3 I will give you the treasures of darkness, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the LORD, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. 4 For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honor, though you do not acknowledge me. 5 I am the LORD, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, 6 so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting men may know there is none besides me. I am the LORD, and there is no other" (Isaiah 45:1-6).

But you, O LORD, sit enthroned forever; your renown endures through all generations. 13 You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show favor to her; the appointed time has come. 14 For her stones are dear to your servants; her very dust moves them to pity. 15 The nations will fear the name of the LORD, all the kings of the earth will revere your glory. 16 For the LORD will rebuild Zion and appear in his glory. 17 He will respond to the prayer of the destitute; he will not despise their plea. 18 Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the LORD: 19 "The LORD looked down from his sanctuary on high, from heaven he viewed the earth, 20 to hear the groans of the prisoners and release those condemned to death." 21 So the name of the LORD will be declared in Zion and his praise in Jerusalem 22 when the peoples and the kingdoms assemble to worship the LORD (Psalm 102:12-22).

Purpose 3: To call us to pray for breakthrough

Here is what we are going to do for the rest of our time together this morning.

1. We are going to move into a time of worship and intercession (Revelation 5:8).
2. We are going to fix our eyes on the Lord.
3. We are going to pray and worship as a congregation.
 - a. I have asked some people to come voice our prayers for us.
 - b. The worship team will lead us in corporate singing and intercession.
4. Then, we are going to pray in small groups.
5. After that, we are going to have ministry time.