



Series: Self-Reliance

Sermon: Part 4: Seeking Breakthrough With Prayer

Date: Sunday, November 13th, 2022

Breakthroughs happen when we _____ ourselves enough to _____ the God who makes breakthroughs possible.

Seeking Breakthrough With Prayer:

1. _____ to God: allowing God to speak to me first before I speak to Him

In the first year of his (Darius son of Xerxes) reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the Word of the Lord given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. (Daniel 9:2)

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing.” (John 15:5)

“I have hidden Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against You.” (Psalm 119:11)

2. _____ God: it is turning my full attention to God

So I turned to the Lord God... (Daniel 9:3)

“You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all of your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:13)

3. _____ to God: letting God know my desires with honest and transparent emotions

So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with Him in prayer and petition... (Daniel 9:3)

4. _____ in action: letting God know how important this situation is to us and we are serious about seeking Him for help

So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with Him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes. (Daniel 9:3)

A _____ is where people abstain from food for a certain period of time and it is done in conjunction with prayer for a breakthrough.

“But this kind of demon won’t leave unless you have prayed and gone without food.” (Matthew 17:21 TLB)



Even if God doesn't change your circumstance, He will change _____ and your perspective of the circumstance through your prayer and fasting.

5. Show praise and _____: thanking God for His love and promises

I prayed to the Lord my God and confessed: "Lord, the great and awesome God, Who keeps His covenant of love with those who love Him and keep His commandments... Lord, You are righteous... The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving..." (Daniel 9:4,7,9)

6. Humbly _____: letting God know how we have fallen short of His best

"...we have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from Your commands and laws. We have not listened... we are covered with shame... because of our unfaithfulness to You. We have not obeyed the Lord our God or kept the laws He gave us...All Israel has transgressed Your law and turned away, refusing to obey You." (Daniel 9:5-7,10,11)

"Now, our God, hear the prayers and petitions of Your servant. For Your sake, Lord, look with favor on Your desolate sanctuary. Give ear, our God, and hear; open Your eyes and see the desolation of the city that bears Your Name. We do not make requests of You because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy. Lord, listen! Lord, forgive! Lord, hear and act!" (Daniel 9:17-19)

Daniel frequently sought God for breakthrough about this specific predicament and God answered that his breakthrough would come, and it would come in a way that no one could ever have thought of or imagined.

Bottom Line: *Breakthroughs happen when we humble ourselves enough to seek the God who makes breakthroughs possible.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

1. How does humility contribute to praying for a breakthrough?
2. What situation do you need a breakthrough with? What steps can you take this week to begin to pray and fast for a breakthrough in this situation?

Songs used in service: Lord, I Need You (Matt Maher), Graves into Gardens (Elevation Worship), Too Good To Not Believe (Cody Carnes & Brandon Lake), Battle Belongs (Phil Wickham)

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Any prayer requests?

Name: _____ **Email (so we can follow up):** _____

What can we be praying for you about?