

2011 The Year OF Breakthrough

BREAKTHROUGH

- *** An act of overcoming or penetrating an obstacle or restriction.
- *** A major achievement or success that permits further progress,
- *** A military offensive that penetrates an enemy's lines of defense.

In Isaiah 58:6 the Lord describes a fast that pleases Him... 6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?

These all sound like Breakthroughs!!!!

As a Church, I want to encourage each of us to target our prayers during this 21 day fast, in three areas of much needed Breakthrough!

Those areas of Breakthrough are going to be:

1.) Our Faith.

What is Faith... Faith is Belief & Complete trust in God! Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see. So if we have Faith we MUST have Deeds to back up our Faith because James 2:26b ...faith without deeds is dead. So today we will find ourselves in one of three categories...

- 1.) Those who have heard the word of God and have applied it.
- 2.) Those who have heard the word of God and have not applied it.
- 3.) Those who are now just hearing the word of God for the first time! And have a decision to make!

We have folks that need the FAITH TO:

- 1.) Trust God When It Comes To... Their Finances!
- 2.) Trust God When It Comes To... Their Families!
- 3.) Trust God When It Comes To... Their Occupation!
- 4.) Trust God When It Comes To... Their Health/Emotions!
- 5.) Trust God When It Comes To... Their Relationships!
- 6.) Trust God When It Comes To... Their Tomorrows!
- 7.) Trust God When It Comes To... Their Callings/Giftings!
- 8.) Trust God When It Comes To... Partaking In His Kingdom!

Romans 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Hebrews 11:6 Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

2.) Our Leadership

That we who are many form one body! Speaks of the miracle of unity! The church is like herding cats! A miracle is demonstrated by all of us going in one direction, with expectation in our hearts. Accomplishing the Purposes of GOD!

Acts 2:1 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place.

John 13:35 By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

1 Corinthians 15: 58 Therefore, my dear brothers, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

The GIFT's Of The Church ARISE! There are over 20 listed in the new testament!

I have said this before but maybe I haven't said it enough... God has placed in this Body EVERYONE that He Needs to accomplish His Will for this Time! You are a great people with great strengths and gifting. So it is now time to use them in their fullness, for the purposes of God's Kingdom.

Ephesians 4:11-13 & 16 It was he who gave some to be **apostles**, some to be **prophets**, some to be **evangelists**, and some to be **pastors** and **teachers**, 12 to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. 16 *From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.*

1 Corinthians 12:4, 7-11 There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.... (7) Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. To one there is given through the Spirit the message of **wisdom**, to another the message of **knowledge** by means of the same Spirit, to another **faith** by the same Spirit, to another gifts of **healing** by that one Spirit, to another **miraculous powers**, to another **prophecy**, to another **distinguishing between spirits**, to another **speaking in different kinds of tongues**, and to still another the **interpretation of tongues**. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he gives them to each one, just as he determines.

3.) Our Communities.

We who are Followers of the Way, Disciples of Jesus, are marked by certain characteristics...

Mark 16:17-18, 20 And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well." 20 Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.

Our Church being filled with the anointing and the Holy Spirit of God will Breakthrough into our Communities, and we will be known by the power and the presence of the Most High God!

1 Thessalonians 1:8 The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia — your faith in God has become known everywhere.

Acts 1:8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

One of the greatest characteristics of Christ's earthly pilgrimage was His willingness, passion, commitment to serve, at all cost. Whatever it took, even thou it meant His life!

Mark 10:45 The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve , and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Matthew 25:35-36 For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, 36 I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'

John 12:32-33 But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself."

These are the three areas of breakthrough that we as a church are going to focus on. I believe there some specifics in your life that God want to show Himself real in. So add them to the list.

So there is great power afforded to is in the discipline of Fasting! Breakthrough is here!

For those of you who are serious about wanting Breakthrough, I'm excited to, journey with you in taking the next step in our spiritual walk through the life-changing principal of fasting.

Seek the Lord in prayer and let your decisions about your fast come from Him.

Ask the Lord to show you areas to target during your time of fasting and prayer.

Start with a clear goal and make a commitment to stick to your fast. Be ready to grow in your walk like never before as you seek the Lord through the Biblical principles of prayer and fasting.

Remember, "He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him!" (Hebrews 11:6)

REMEMBER THE GOD YOU SERVE IS THE GOD OF THE BREAKTHROUGH!

1 Chronicles. 14:11 And he went up to Baal-perazim, and David struck them down there. And David said, "God has broken through^[1] my enemies by my hand, like a bursting flood." Therefore the name of that place is called Baal-perazim.

[1]Baal-perazim means Lord of breaking through

Baal-Perazim ~ The God Of The Breakthrough!