

# How To Pray a Breakthrough Prayer

## SERIES: Seeking God for a Breakthrough – Part 3

*Jesus: “Anytime you ask for anything in prayer, believe that you HAVE received it, and you WILL receive it.” Mark 11:24*

**Thanking God AFTER he gives something is: GRATITUDE**

**Thanking God BEFORE he gives it is: FAITH**

*2 CHRONICLES 20:1-26*

*“After this, 3 enemy nations united to attack King Jehoshaphat. Spies told him, ‘A huge combined army is marching to Jerusalem right now to defeat you!’ Scared and worried, King Jehoshaphat RESOLVED TO SEEK THE LORD, and he announced a nationwide fast. So everyone came together to fast and pray and seek help from God. When they all got to the Temple in Jerusalem, the king stood up and prayed aloud.” 2 Chronicles 20:1-5*

## HOW TO PRAY FOR A BREAKTHROUGH

### 1. START BY FOCUSING ON GOD, NOT MY PROBLEM

*“Jehoshaphat was afraid, so he set his face to seek the Lord.” Vs.3*

- **REMINDE MYSELF OF GOD’S GREATNESS**

*“O Lord, ARE YOU NOT the God who is in heaven? You rule over every kingdom and nations. You are so powerful and mighty that nothing and no one can defeat you!” Vs.6*

- **REMINDE MYSELF OF HIS UNLIMITED POWER**

*“And God, DID YOU NOT drive out those who tried to keep us from living here when you brought us back home?” Vs 7a*

- **REMINDE GOD OF HIS PROMISES!**

*“And also, DID YOU NOT give this promised land to your friend Abraham’s descendants, to be theirs forever?” Vs.7b*

- **ASK GOD FOR A BREAKTHROUGH!**

*“Our enemies want to destroy us. WILL YOU NOT stop them from defeating us?” Vs.10 -12a*

## 2. TELL GOD: **I CAN'T DO THIS. I NEED YOU TO DO THIS**

*"Lord, we are powerless against this mighty army that is coming to attack us and we don't know what to do BUT we are looking to you for help." Vs.12*

*"Then all the men of Judah stood before the Lord, waiting with their wives and young children and even babies." Vs.13*

## 3. **LISTEN TO WHAT GOD SAYS (IN HIS WORD)**

*"This is what the Lord says to you: 'Do not be afraid or discouraged because of this vast army. For the battle is not yours, but God's!...You won't need to fight in this battle! Just take up your position and stand strong! Then just wait and watch, and you will see the Lord deliver you! Again, do not be afraid or get discouraged, because the Lord is with you! Then the King and everyone else all bowed down on the ground and worshiped God!" Vs.15-18*

### WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT YOUR BREAKTHROUGH:

- **RELAX!** Don't be afraid or discouraged!
- **IT'S MY BATTLE & I'LL HANDLE IT!**
- **KEEP SERVING IN YOUR POSITION**
- **WAIT & WATCH WHAT GOD DOES!**

## 4. THANK GOD **IN ADVANCE**

*"Then the king appointed musicians and singers in holy robes TO MARCH IN FRONT OF THE ARMY and loudly praise and thank the Lord! This is what they sang: "WE THANK GOD! His love never quits!" Vs.21*

*"AT THE MOMENT they began to sing and to praise, THE LORD caused the armies of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir to begin fighting among themselves, and they destroyed each other!" Vs.22-23*

## 5. EXPECT GOD TO TURN **BATTLES INTO BLESSINGS**

*"When the army of Judah finally arrived at the battleground, the valley was covered with dead bodies for as far as they could see. No one had survived. So they went out to gather the plunder and they found huge amounts of equipment, clothing, and other valuables—more than they could carry back! In fact, there was so much loot it took three days to collect it all! On the fourth day, they gathered for a worship service in that valley, which they named "The Valley of Beracah" because the people had thanked and praised God there." Vs. 24-26*