

THE BREAKTHROUGH MINDSET

Philippians 3: 1 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is indeed not grievous to me, but for you it is safe. 2 Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision party. 3 For we are the circumcision who worship God in the spirit and rejoice in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh; 4 though I might also have confidence in the flesh. If any other thinks that he has reason to trust in the flesh, I more. 5 I was circumcised the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the Hebrews. As regards the Law, I was a Pharisee; 6 concerning zeal, persecuting the church; regarding the righteousness in the Law, blameless. 7 But whatever things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ.

8 But no, rather, I also count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them to be dung, so that I may win Christ 9 and be found in Him; not having my own righteousness, which is of the Law, but through the faith of Christ, the righteousness of God by faith, 10 that I may know Him and the power of His resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable to His death; 11 if by any means I might attain to the resurrection of the dead.

12 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect, but I am pressing on, if I may lay hold of that for which I also was taken hold of by Christ Jesus. 13 My brothers, I do not count myself to have taken possession, but one thing I do, forgetting the things behind and reaching forward to the things before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

15 Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, be of this mind. And if in anything you are otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this to you. 16 Yet, as to what we have already attained, let us walk in the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

May the Lord bless the reading of His word – that was quite a mouthful but yet very necessary for where we are going for the coming weeks.

We need to move away from being microwave believers, who are ok with scratching the surface for a quick revelation. We have to get deeper into the word in order for the word to get deeper into us. I needed to give context for what we are going to be teaching today and the coming weeks.

For the coming weeks, we are going to unpack a series titled **THE BREAKTHROUGH MINDSET**. Don't miss any of the teachings because they are going to be key for this season of enlargement.

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- Last week, we learnt that the Lord is about to enlarge our place of dwelling and that this is a season of enlargement.
- Did you know that enlargement is a mindset and you need to adopt that mindset in order to walk in it?
- You can have everything you need for enlargement but if your mindset is not wired for enlargement, it will be impossible to experience enlargement at any level.
- Let me start with the last portion of the verses we read:

Philippians 3: 15 Therefore, let all of us who are mature think this way. And if you think differently about anything, God will reveal this also to you. 16 In any case, we should live up to whatever truth we have attained.

- Paul was onto something here as he started concluding his address to the church at Philippi.
- In order for the Philippi congregation to experience breakthrough and to benefit from everything that they had been taught, they needed to adopt a certain thinking pattern.
- This is the Paul that spoke about the importance of being renewed in your mind in order to experience transformation.

- Moments of breakthrough

- You manage to go beyond the enemy's resistance

- You succeed to remove or punch through an obstruction or restriction.

- You experience a sudden increase in knowledge and understanding of what you need to do in a particular season.

- For this to happen, you need to adopt a certain mindset and we are calling it a breakthrough mindset.
- What is a mindset? –

Your mindset is a set of beliefs that shape how you make sense of the world and yourself. It influences how you think, feel, and behave in any given situation.

- Your beliefs shape your feelings and your feelings are expressed by your external behavior. Your mindset can be seen without a word being said.
- The truth is that your spirit man got born again but your mindset was not and that is where many believers lose their spiritual battles.
- Many believers go around with a worldly mindset, resulting in them being worldly Christians. A Christian with a worldly mindset may not experience kingdom breakthroughs.
- In the portion of scriptures we read, Paul unpacks a breakthrough mindset for the church.

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- A breakthrough mindset is a biblical thinking process that enables you to attain all that God has prepared for you.
- Right from the beginning, God always wanted man to have a breakthrough mindset. **The breakthrough mindset focuses on God's ability on behalf of man, instead of man's ability on behalf of God.**

Genesis 12:1 And Jehovah said to Abram, Go out of your country, and from your kindred, and from your father's house into a land that I will show you. 2 And I will make you a great nation. And I will bless you and make your name great. And you shall be a blessing. 3 And I will bless those that bless you and curse the one who curses you. And in you shall all families of the earth be blessed.

- Abram was going to be great and honorable and through him, the nations of the earth were going to be blessed.
- But the key was that Abram was not going to do it but God was going to do it through him – take note of how many times God emphasized His involvement; 4 times to be exact! **Abraham was too old; his body was as good as dead and his wife was barren.**
- Whenever a believer adopts the breakthrough mindset, that believer taps into the potential of the kingdom – you take on a growth mindset that says nothing is impossible.
- **Here me good, I am not even advocating for positive thinking and the new thought phenomenon, no, I am talking about transferring your obsession and attention from self to your maker.**
- Let's look at another example of when God called Moses to deliver the children of Israel from the hands of the Egyptians.

Exodus 3:7 And Jehovah said, I have surely seen the affliction of My people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry because of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows. 8 And I am coming down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians... 10 And now go, and I will send you to Pharaoh, that you may bring forth My people, the sons of Israel, out of Egypt.

- It was God who saw the afflictions, it was God who heard their cry, it was God who knew about their sorrows and it was God who decided to come to deliver.
- But Moses was the man who stood before Pharaoh. His breakthrough before Pharaoh was going to be determined by how well he was connected with God.
- The appropriate mindset is necessary in order to be a useful instrument in the hands of God. **A person that has been called by God needs a mindset that connects him with the source.**

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- Your level of breakthrough is determined by how well your mindset is aligned with kingdom mindset.
- In other words your mindset determines you level of capacity to achieve kingdom agendas.