

- There needs to be something that drives you
- When everything comes against you, you need to have something that drives you and keeps you going
- God did not give us a spirit of fear but a spirit of love – love is passion, a desire, an excitement that drives us
- He gave us a spirit of power – power is a dynamic force
- He gave us a spirit of self-discipline – to control and push ourselves to the next level
- In nature you get different cats, there is the normal house cat and then you get a lion, the same with birds, there are chickens and small birds and then there are eagles
- What breed of Christian are you?
- We need to desire to be extraordinary

### **How do you know if you carry a breakthrough spirit?**

- It starts at home – the type of relationship that you have with God as well as the relationship that you have with your family
  - Is your home a place of peace and strength
- When others think in fear, you think in faith. You see opportunities and not problems
- Your response to situations are positive
  - You cannot be familiar with negativity
- When others are procrastinating, you are pushing and taking action
- What looks like a burden to others become a joy to you
  - Nothing is too much to do for you
- Hunger for the Word of God and a renewed hunger for the things of God
- Sin no longer has the dominion over your life that it used to have
- You have a closer connection with God and that leads to a closer connection with the body of Christ
- Abounding joy – you see things differently, you are thankful
  - When Paul was persecuted, stoned and imprisoned he remained thankful and praised the Lord
- You burst with energy
  - It's as if you cannot contain yourself
  - You are expectant for something is about to happen
  - You are moved by the Spirit and not by time
- Your thoughts, talk and walk are the same
- Your life remains fruitful and continues to go forward
- Fight maintenance and laziness. You do not allow negativity
- You think big while others are thinking small
- You have good patterns of discipline and consistency – a life that is stable and sure
  - Grow from one level to the next level
- You are expectant for God to move and do miracles
  - God still wants to do many things before the end of the year
  - God still wants to heal and restore people
  - Do not be moved by circumstances
  - He wants to give you breakthroughs
  - Do not shut the door for the Lord to move in your life
  - We need to have an open heart for the Lord
  - We need to trust in the Lord and have faith that it will happen
  - We need to think higher and up not down
  - It is God's desire for you to soar

- Do not be moved and intimidated by time and dates
- God remains good and He wants to do something in you
- Do not be moved by circumstances but be moved by Him

### **How do you make sure that you have and operate with a breakthrough spirit?**

- Call on the name of Jesus Christ
  - His name is higher than every other name
  - Call on His name in your every situation

#### **Romans 10:13-15**

*for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*

#### 1. Pray

- Stop looking to people for a breakthrough and storm the gates of heaven through prayer

#### **Ephesians 6:12-18**

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

- You cannot have a breakthrough spirit without prayer
- You are only as strong as your prayer life

#### 2. Persistent prayer

#### **Luke 18:1-8**

*Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. He said: "In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, 'Grant me justice against my adversary.' "For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or care what people think, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won't eventually come and attack me!'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?"*

- Come before the Lord persistently

#### 3. Fasting

- Withholding yourself from food and depend on the Lord
- There are certain strongholds and breakthroughs that can only happen through fasting

4. Faith

- Faith is a very important ingredient

**Hebrews 11:6**

*And 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.*

- **It is not enough to pray about something, we have to pray with faith and confidence**

**Mark 11:24**

*Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it and it will be yours.*

**Matthew 7:7-8**

*“Ask and it will be given to you, seek and you will find, knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, the one who seeks finds and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.*

- Believe in God, trust God. When you put your trust in the Lord many things happen

5. Bring your life in alignment to Gods will

**1 John 5:14**

*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.*

6. Patience

**Hebrews 6:12**

*We do not want you to become lazy but to imitate those who through faith and patience inherit what has been promised.*

7. Forgive

- Walk in forgiveness

**Matthew 6:14-15**

*For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

**Ephesians 4:22-27**

*You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires, to be made new in the attitude of your minds and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body. “In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry and do not give the devil a foothold.*

- When you forgive you become aware of the presence of God
- Unforgiveness causes a blockage

8. Repent

**Colossians 2:6-7**

*So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught and overflowing with thankfulness.*

- God did not save our souls in order for us to keep on sinning and remain in darkness
- He did not call us to run the other way but to follow Him

9. Keep running

**Hebrews 12:1(b)**

*let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us,*

- Keep running away from things that hinders you and run towards the Lord
- Surrender your life to the Lord and give Him access to be Lord over your life

10. Stand still and watch God work

**2 Corinthians 20:17**

*You will not have to fight this battle. Take up your positions, stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you, Judah and Jerusalem. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged. Go out to face them tomorrow and the Lord will be with you.”*

- When we do our part and when we push, He will work mightily on our behalf