

# Preparing for Breakthrough

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We all are waiting for something or are expectant about something from the Lord in some or other area of our life. In this devotion, I will be discussing about some of the key points that can help us in preparing for our breakthrough and act as catalyst.

Before I discuss about the preparation of breakthrough, let us read what breakthrough means and how it looks like.

*According to Merriam Webster dictionary; Breakthrough means an offensive military assault that penetrates and carries beyond a defensive line. It can also be defined as an act or instance of moving through or beyond an obstacle.*

**For me breakthrough looks like a seed that has started germinating after a long process of surrender in the soil, branch that has now started bearing fruit, a waste land blooming, streams of water flowing in the desert, breaking of walls that stand in middle or dividing of red sea.**

We all are familiar with the story in the Bible and are amazed about the fact that one man prayed and there was no rain for years in the land and again he prayed, there was rain in the land. Yes, I am talking about Elijah. We read in Bible how God always fulfilled all that he promised. From the story found in the book of 1 Kings 18, we can learn the keys that can accelerate the process to receive your breakthrough.

This chapter starts with the word of Lord that came to Elijah. This word came with the command from the Lord (*1 Kings 18:1,2*). Elijah obey the word of Lord and by the end of the chapter we read that the word that came to Elijah from the Lord was manifested with release of greater glory and strength over Elijah (*1 Kings 18:46*). From the moment of receiving the word to its fulfillment, we read the process that took place. This process contains the keys to prepare for the breakthrough.

## 1. Obedience

The moment Elijah receives the word from the Lord, God commanded him to go and present himself to Ahab. Without contending with the Lord or making any delays, Elijah obeys the voice of the Lord. If we read previous chapters, we can know how Jezebel was after Lord's prophets and only Elijah was left there. Elijah had many reasons for contending and to disobey but he obeys Lord at one command instead of delaying the obedience.

While walking our daily life, sometimes it is really difficult to obey the voice of Lord at every step because of several reasons and our little understanding according to what our natural eyes see. Sometimes we delay the command of Lord because of excuses or fear. Delayed obedience is disobedience. May be today you are reading this and you have the vision from the Lord, a promise that God might be reminding you.

Let us ponder on these questions as we read this:

Was there anything that Lord commanded and you disobeyed because there was a fear or many other excuses?

Is there anything that God wants you to do about your promise?

Even as you read this and you have a conviction about it, say this prayer:

***Dear Lord, I am sorry for all the excuses that I have made and for my disobedience. I repent Lord and help me Lord. Lord, put your word back in my heart and give me the strength to do what you want me to do. I don't want to follow my own ways as my delight is found in doing your will. I ask for your grace and strength daddy. In Jesus Name, Amen***

As we read further scriptures, it is mentioned that Elijah met Obadiah and asks him to tell to his master that Elijah has come to meet him. We read the conversation between both of them. There was a chance here for Elijah to escape but he did not allow anything to turn him back from obeying the Lord's command.

***Be persistent in obedience:*** There are days in life when we do not feel like moving according to the will of God. May be we are having too much conversations with Obadiah's and allowing their perspective to change our mind. Do not allow your physical circumstances to change your mind about obeying God. Be intentional and persistent in obedience.

*Obedience is the catalyst to breakthrough. Obedience requires surrender and surrender requires humility. So, it is humble heart that can obey the word of God.*

Even as you read this, I pray that God will give you the strength to obey him irrespective of your circumstances.

## **2. Destroy the altar of Baal**

As we read the further scriptures, we see that first thing that Elijah did was to destroy the altar of Baal and make people realize that there is no other God except Lord Almighty and he is calling their hearts back to him. ***1 Kings 18:22-29***

An altar is a place of worship. It is just not a church platform where we see the movement of spirit and surrender on Sunday and as we go out we are still the same. May be you are thinking that I just worship Lord almighty as I did not built an altar for carved images. We many times confuse idolatry as worship to carved image but idols are anything that replaces Lord in our life. Anything that has taken the place of God in our life is an idol.

Did you build any altar of Baal in the area you need breakthrough?

It can be anything like your own imagination, perspective, idea, plan, relationship, people, money, ministry, desires, passions or anything else.

As you are reading this, may be Lord has convicted you of something that is acting as altar of Baal then read this prayer and ask Lord to forgive you.

*Prayer: Dear father in heaven, I cry out to you to have mercy on me. I have sinned against you. You hate idols and I kept many things at the place where you were supposed to be there. I am sorry Lord, I repent Lord and I promise to never turn to these things, I turn my back towards these things and ask you to come in my heart and reign once again as my Lord. I withhold nothing from you Lord. You are my Lord and my king Jesus. Come and take your place. I worship you alone. In Jesus name, Amen.*

### **3. Restore the altar of God**

Elijah restored the altar that was torn in the land for so long (*1 Kings 18:30*). Worship the Lord in every area of life. Worship is just not about singing songs but it is a lifestyle. It is our response to who God is. In every area of our life, we need to respond to God to who he is. We need to trust him and his word. Worship is not about always singing happy songs even in trouble. We all are humans and God understand our framework. It just means that you are not allowing anything (own ideas, perspective, plans, own passions and desires, relationships, people money etc.) to take the place of God even during the worst circumstances. Worship releases the eternal joy in our heart. In all that we go through, we can be joyful as Nehemiah says that “Joy of the Lord is my strength.” (*Nehemiah 8:10*) In the areas where we see nothing in physical circumstances, we can be joyful knowing who our God is. King David worshipped God through his life, constantly seeking God in good and back and pouring the position of his heart in front of God.

### **4. Seize**

Elijah seized the prophets of Baal and slaughtered them (*1 Kings 18:40*). Is there anything that is acting as prophet of Baal in your life? SEIZE IT. Remove those things and people that Lord never wanted in your life at first place. Get rid of those conversations and evil things that God never wanted in your life.

## **RECOGNIZE and REMOVE**

## 5. Rekindle the fire

We read that Elijah prepare the sacrifice and put the water in the altar. He then cried out to Lord to send fire for the sacrifice (*1 Kings 18:36,37*). When we read the Old Testament, we read about Lord asking his people that fire on the altar should not turn out and the priests are suppose to take care of the fire.

***The fire on the altar must be kept burning; it must not go out. Every morning the priest is to add firewood and arrange the burnt offering on the fire and burn the fat of the fellowship offerings on it.***

***Leviticus 6:12***

Scriptures says that present yourself as living sacrifice to Lord.

***Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God--this is your true and proper worship.***

***Romans 12:1***

Bringing yourself as living sacrifice to God means to be obedient in everything even if it pleases us or not. Ask God to send his Holy Spirit and fill you. We all are priesthoods according to *1 Peter 2:9* and it is our responsibility to keep the fire burning.

There is no disappointment when the fire is burning inside of us. There is no place for any work of the enemy when we are continuously taking care of the fire burning inside of us,

If anything has turned off the fire in you, read this prayer:

***Dear Heavenly Father, I ask for the forgiveness to allow the things around me to turn my fire off. I am sorry Lord. I lay myself down at altar and daddy I ask you fill me once again. Fill me so that I will be your burning one Lord. In Jesus Name, Amen.***

## **6. Take up the birthing position**

I heard from one of the preachers that Elijah was at perfect position of birthing. His position (*1 Kings 18:42*) was exactly like the Hebrew women used to take while birthing. He was at surrendered position, keeping his faith in Lord and praying. He did not move from his position until he heard the news of the breakthrough coming.

## **7. Be persistent**

As we read in the *verse 43*, servant of Elijah came with the news of disappointment six times but Elijah never moved from his position of birthing, obedience, surrender, praying and trying. He heard the word of the Lord and took it in spirit and worked on it.

Many of us have given up on being persistent in obedience, trying and praying just because of bad reports.

**TRUST GOD.**

**IF HE SPOKE IT, HE WILL DO IT**

**BE CHEERFUL**

**PUT YOUR FAITH IN ACTION**

**RECOGNIZE THE CLOUD OF MAN'S HAND SIZE**

As you read this, may be there can be points where you need to work on. I pray that as you work on these points, it shall work like catalyst to your breakthrough.

**Prayer:**

***Dear Heavenly Father, I pray for all the readers that you convict their heart and show them the areas where they need to work Lord. The areas that are not inclined to you Lord. I pray Lord that there shall be deep conviction that leads them to repentance and rebuilding of your altar in their lives. I pray Lord that you release your fire from Heaven and fill them like never before. They shall be your burning ones in this last hour. I pray daddy that all the breakthroughs they are waiting, Lord you release them O Lord. Open the flood gates of heaven and let it rain in their life Lord. Let them be filled with your joy as they see the cloud of man's hand size that has brought the rain. Even as they see their breakthrough Lord, I pray that the greater strength and glory will be released in their life. In Jesus name, amen.***

***May Lord's uncontainable joy and perfect peace fill you.***

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