

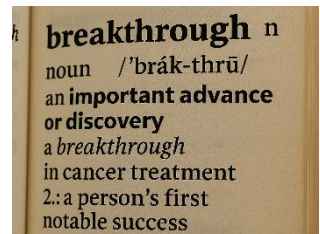
2026

Your Time for a BREAKTHROUGH

I was sitting in our Sunday morning church service a few weeks ago when the Lord spoke to me during the worship time about the theme of the year ahead, 2026. He said that this coming year would be a year of breakthroughs. Many times in the Bible, we read of people who at their point of need trusted in the Lord and received a mighty breakthrough.

What is a breakthrough?

According to the dictionary, a breakthrough is a major step forward or an important advance or discovery; or an act or instance of moving through or beyond an obstacle. It is used in the Bible in a way that describes God's intervention in the lives and events of those who trust in Him, to overcome problems, difficulties or seemingly impossible situations.



In 2026, we are going to see some significant advances in our walk with the Lord, overcoming difficulties and experiencing divine interventions as we continue to walk by faith. The breakthrough is not one that comes by effort or toiling but by simply putting our faith and trust in the Lord of the Breakthrough.

David experienced Him first hand. We read in 2 Samuel 5.18-20 (NKJV)

"The Philistines also went and deployed themselves in the Valley of Rephaim.

So David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You deliver them into my hand?" And the LORD said to David, "Go up, for I will doubtless deliver the Philistines into your hand."

So David went to Baal Perazim, and David defeated them there; and he said, "The LORD has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water." Therefore he called the name of that place Baal Perazim"

David didn't have a vast army with him, just a handful of loyal men, they were outnumbered by the Philistines and naturally without hope. So, David did as he often did, He went before the Lord putting his trust and faith in Him. He heard from the Lord and followed in obedience – that's when the breakthrough came!

Notice God didn't defeat the enemy army for him, David still went down into the valley and fought, but the Lord caused him to be victorious. After the victory David honoured the Lord by calling the name of the place *Baal Perazim*.. meaning 'Lord of the Breakthrough.'

Isaiah tells us what a breakthrough is. He looks back to the Baal-Perazim incident and declares that the Lord will rise up again as he did back then, and perform mighty works and unusual acts

"For the Lord will rise up as at Mount Perazim, He will be angry as in the Valley of Gibeon – that He may do His work, His awesome work, and bring to pass His act, His unusual act" Isaiah 28.21

Let's look at two instances from the life of Jesus where folk had to literally breakthrough obstacles to reach Jesus but their faith was rewarded with a breakthrough from heaven.

In **Mark 2.1-12**, we read that Jesus was teaching in Capernaum and many gathered to hear Him. News of Jesus' presence reached four friends of a paralysed man, and they decided to bring their sick friend to Him to be healed. When they arrived at the house, they saw the large crowd and the doorway blocked, there was no way they were going to be able to get in to see Jesus, but they would not be deterred and came up with a plan.

They climbed up on to the flat roof of the house and began to break through, until they had opened a hole big enough to lower their friend to the feet of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he responded by healing the paralysed man and forgiving his sin. Not only did the man receive a breakthrough of his own, but all those that had gathered and witnessed the miracle had their lives turned upside down and they were amazed and gave glory to God.

Some time later a sick woman, who had been suffering for twelve years heard that Jesus was in town (**Mark 5.25-34**). She purposed in her heart to get to Jesus and seek healing. She decided in her heart that all she had to do was just touch Him and she would be healed. That was her faith!

So, she went to where he was. When she arrived she saw that Jesus was totally surrounded by people but that didn't put her off – she broke through the crowd on her hands and knees, pushing between peoples legs to get to Jesus, she stretched out her hand and touched just the hem of Jesus' garment. That instance she received her own breakthrough, twelve years of constant suffering instantly healed.

All who came to Jesus in faith received a breakthrough whether it was the healing of a sickness; a family member restored, either by healing or being raised to life; a change in their current situation; or some pressing need met that had been bothering them. Before they received their breakthrough they had to come in faith.

Before Mary and Martha could get their breakthrough – their brother Lazarus back from the dead (**John 11**), they had to remove the stone from the tomb, it was an obstacle to them that needed moving. Before you get your breakthrough, you may have to breakthrough some obstacles of your own. These will be different for every person.

You may need to breakthrough in intercessory prayer; you may need to lay aside a weight or snare that you're carrying; for others it may be a fear that's your obstacle. The Lord will show you what you must do to receive your breakthrough. I'm not saying that we need to earn the miracle, we cannot, it can't be bought, earned and isn't a reward for merit. However, faith does require action, in whatever form that takes.

2026 is your time for a breakthrough!