



Breakout for your Breakthrough

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- **Quote**

Faith isn't the ability to believe long and far into the misty future. It's simply taking God at His Word and taking the next step.

- Joni Erickson Tada

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The Story:

2 Kings 6:24,25: Now it came about after this, that Ben-hadad king of Aram gathered all his army and went up and besieged Samaria. ²⁵ There was a great famine in Samaria; and behold, they besieged it, until a donkey's head was sold for eighty *shekels* of silver, and a fourth of a kab of dove's dung for five *shekels* of silver.

- Samaria was cut off from supplies and assistance being in total distress at the hands of the Syrians
- The King, Ahab, calls for Elisha who *foretells abundant relief to the besieged inhabitants of Samaria by tomorrow*
- **This Story involves two examples of faith: The King's Captain and the four lepers outside the wall of the city**

Samaria Besieged

- *Foretold by the Prophet Elisha*
- *King Ahab is condemned for having spared the life of Ben-hadad and entering into a covenant with him*



- Ben –Hadad tried to destroy King Ahab and he rewards him by giving him land and authority
- Stop giving place to the enemy who seeks to kill, steal, and destroy you
- Perhaps one lesson is that we should not bind ourselves to that which God has devoted to destruction.
- When God has given you Victory in one area of your life always be attentive and obedient in response to God's Blessing

Who's the Blame?

Ahab's iniquity was sufficient to have brought down God's displeasure on a whole nation; and yet he takes no blame to himself, but lays all on the prophet, who was the only salt that preserved the whole nation from corruption

- Even in this “Age of Grace,” there are still consequences that we must face due to our actions and decisions

Own up to Where you are Now

It makes it easier to obtain the help you need

Stop Pointing Fingers and Look to where Your Help Comes From (Psalms 121:2)

Desperate Situation

2nd Kings, Chapter 7:3,4

And there were four leprous men at the entering in of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we here until we die? If we say, We will enter into the city, then the famine is in the city, and we shall die there: and if we sit still here, we die also. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: if they save us alive, we shall live; and if they kill us, we shall but die.

Sometimes We Got to Make a Move to Get Somewhere

A Move Requires a “Change in Position” or Status

Why Not the City?

- ***Why Didn't the Lepers enter their own city?***
 - Some teachings indicate that these were Jewish men
 - Jewish law allowed for lepers to be stoned if they came into the same vicinity of others
 - Too bad that we can not always go to the church when we are destitute and in need. The Lepers were willing to submit themselves to the enemy's authority
 - Unfortunate like many today who are willing to take a chance with the enemy than suffer the shame and humiliation they may receive from God's people

How We Miss Out on our Blessings

2 Kings 7:2: Then the captain on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God and said, If the Lord should make windows in heaven, could this thing be? But Elisha said, You shall see it with your own eyes, but you shall not eat of it.

- Be Careful Who You Listen to as You Wait on your Breakthrough
- When you are believing God for something , you do not want to share or associate with those who don't believe what you are believing for

Not Everyone Who speaks in your ear is speaking for your benefit

Doubt Will Not Get the Job Done

- **Three Areas Which the Captain Doubted:**
 - ***First, he doubted the power of God – God is Able to Perform (Romans 4:21)***
 - Hebrews 11:6 says that we must approach God in faith;
 - James 1:6 says we must ask in faith without wavering
 - ***Second, He doubted how God would do it -*** How often faith breaks down in this way! It knows that God is, and that He can act. But it only sees one way, and refuses to believe that such a way will be taken.
 - The Man at the pool of Bethesda saw only one way initially even though Jesus was speaking to him asking him did he want to be healed (John 5:2-7)

Doubt.....Cont'd

- ***Third, he doubted the messenger of God.***
 - Though the promise was admittedly hard to believe, the king's officer could have and should have believed it because it came from a man with an established track record of reliability.
 - Listen to those whom you feel God has placed in your life to encourage and exhort you in your faith

2 Chronicles 20:20: And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.

**The Captain who served the King saw the blessing
but was trampled at the gate**

Leper's Faith

- The Lepers came to a decision that a move had to be made
- One could say they had their backs up against the wall (of the city)
- How desperate does your situation have to be before you decide to make a move of faith
- One could say that they had Faith “mixed” with doubt, but judging the futility of the situation, realized that they will place their lives in the hands of God

What is a Move of Faith?

- It's a move where we place our total reliance upon God who honors and rewards each step we take

Hebrews 11:8: By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went.

- **Why Sit Here?...** *Sitting reflects Inactivity. It also means to dwell and abide. So the question is: "Why do I allow myself to abide or dwell in this situation"*
- **Ensure that this is a move of faith and not YOUR move. Allow God to order your steps (Psalms 37:23)**

Help Thou My Unbelief

Mark 9:24: *And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief*

- *Sometimes the very goodness of God is hard to believe and receive in light of our situation and status*
- Unbelief is not a rebellion against or a rejection of God's promise. However, an awareness of faith comes with our awareness of our doubts
- *When you can't believe for it all..... What can you believe God for?*

God is not Moved by your Condition



- It was not the leper's condition that moved God, but it was their faith that prompted them to move that pleased God!
- Despite our leprous conditions i.e. low self esteem, alcoholic, promiscuous past, rejection, failure etc.. it is righteousness and faith that counts, the condition does not move God its faith in God that will move Him to heal, prosper sanctify and replenish you
- Jesus always responded to people's faith; He understood their condition.

Moving Faith

We desire the Faith that “Moves Mountains.” However, God is more pleased when we “Move in Faith.” That is the true essence of believing God when we move according to His Word.

Luke 5:5: And Simon (Peter) answered, Master, we toiled all night [exhaustingly] and caught nothing [in our nets]. But on the ground of Your word, I will lower the nets [again].

(Peter responding to Jesus when he told Peter who had been toiling all night trying to catch fish to let down his nets into the deep water)

God, Our Deliverer

- As the Lepers moved out, God had already dealt with the Enemy
- ***The Leper Broke out on the Enemy's Camp and experienced a Breakthrough!***
 - Due to God's Intervention, the Syrians had fled in the night leaving all their possessions behind
 - The Lepers now feasted on the Enemy's spoils
- You May Never Know Until You Go!
- This Ministry (PLM) is founded on this kind of faith

Share the Blessing!

- **God delivered the Spoils of the Enemy over to King of Israel, but the Lepers were first to experience the blessings**
 - **Nowadays, the people of God who are in the most need are the last to experience the blessings in many of our “Word of Faith” Circles**
- **We are not doing right . . . come, let us go and tell:**
 - The lepers rightly enjoyed the miracle God provided. But they also realized that the gift gave them a responsibility to share it with others.
 - Because they were blessed, they had a responsibility to share the **good news** with others
- **God allowed them to *enjoy the feast first* before they told others about it. We cannot properly share the good news of Jesus Christ unless we ourselves are enjoying it.**

Delivered and Don't Know It

- ***Samaria was delivered and didn't know it*** – Even when the lepers went and told the King, he didn't believe their words
- ***When Your Deliverance Comes – Give God the Glory***
 - The Unbelieving King quickly tried to take credit and take charge when at one time he was just passing the blame
 - It's Okay to get Confirmation at Times of what God has done
- ***Lesson Learned: Sometimes you have to Step out to Step up***

It's Time to Move

- Just as the Lepers, you may be between a “Rock and a Hard Place,” but God is already at Work on your behalf
- God Understands Your Condition, but needs your Faith to activate Him on your behalf
- Prayer and Worship are key “Moves” of Faith. *Abraham gave glory to God* even when the promise was not fulfilled in his life yet.
- Your blessings is not just about you...You are responsible in sharing the good news and the blessings of God with others

It's Your Move!

