

BREAKTHROUGH

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INTRODUCTION:

Do you want this year to be like last year, or do you want something different and better? To duplicate last year is easy. Just continue what we were doing last year. If we want something better, we must change, we can't do the same thing and expect something different. As we review last year, we should look for areas of our lives where destructive habits have been formed that have us bound. Behaviors such as fear, anxiety, anger, lust, etc. Things that can hold us back spiritually. Things we must break free from if we want to experience more of God. This is the reason for fasting and prayer. Not for God to move, but to get us free so we can change.

JOHN 8:30-32

- Jesus spoke to those who believed on Him. Obviously, one can believe on Him and still be bound by bad behaviors. The Ephesians were told to stop lying, stealing, and giving themselves to anger. **EPHESIANS 4:25-29** The Romans were told not to let sin have dominion over them. **ROMANS 6:11-16** Jesus died to liberate us from bad behavior. It's up to us to yield to the right spirit. Whatever influence we yield ourselves to is what controls our lives. **JEREMIAH 7:8-10 (NKJV)** Jesus wants a house of purity, prayer, power and perfected praise.

JOHN 8:33-36

- They were deceived into thinking they were never in bondage. What about Egypt, the Chaldeans, even the Romans as they spoke. The Passover reminded them they were in bondage.
- A major reason why many never have a breakthrough is because they refused to admit they have a problem. We will never have a breakthrough without identifying the problem.
- Smith Wigglesworth – Anger problem. If he never recognized it, he never would have had a breakthrough and experienced greater power with God.
- One could say they don't have mud on their shoes all they want, but if they do, they do!

MARK 9:17-24

- Smith Wigglesworth went to Jesus for his breakthrough, and so should we. Why? Because Jesus is not intimidated by Satan. **LUKE 11:18-20** The bible speaks of the power of God's arm and hand, but when it comes to devils, it only takes his finger.
- The man wanted Jesus to do something, but Jesus made it clear that he had to believe!

MARK 5:1-6

- Demons can't stop us from coming to Jesus, only we can stop ourselves by refusing to recognize the areas we must get free from.
- Breakthroughs come as we surrender our lives to the one who delivered us from Satan's power.