

## Bonus Chapter #1

# Blessed with Breakthrough

I will go before you and make the rough places smooth;  
I will shatter the doors of bronze and cut through their iron bars.

*ISAIAH 45:2 NASB*

Do you ever feel like you're "stuck" in certain areas? Like you're being blocked from getting to your next level of favor, provision, or some other blessing? Or like the enemy is just flat-out resisting you walking in all you are called to and everything the Lord has for you? Well satan and his minions can try all they want, but ultimately they won't succeed because your God is the God of breakthroughs.

Think about what happened to David in 2 Samuel 5. As soon as he was anointed king of Israel, the Philistines mobilized all their forces to try and capture him so he could not rule and rally the people of God against them. They were moving in full force to prevent David from stepping into all God had given him. Isn't that just like the enemy?

But instead of being afraid, discouraged, or even frustrated by the big show of resistance the Philistines were putting on, David turned to God to ask if the Lord would hand the enemy over to him. He didn't focus on what the enemy was doing. He didn't focus on how big the army was that was coming against him. He didn't focus on the resistance. He focused on God. And the Lord told him, "I will certainly give you the victory" (see 2 Samuel 5:19). As soon as David heard this, he stepped out.

The breakthrough David saw that day was so profound—despite the odds—that he renamed the place of the battle so it would always declare that his God was the "Lord of Breakthroughs" (see 2 Samuel 5:20). Notice that David was giving praise to God as the Lord of

not just “a breakthrough” but “breakthroughs.” Plural. Because David discovered something that day that he knew would apply to every day. He learned something in that battle that he knew would be true in every battle. David found out that no matter what kind of block or resistance or force the enemy could rally against him, it would never even come close to comparing to Almighty God’s ability to easily and totally break through whatever it was again and again and again.

Now you may be thinking, “Sure, but David had a word from the Lord.” So do you. Just look at Isaiah 45:2. God promises there that he will go before you and deal with anything the enemy tries to put up to hinder, limit, or interfere with you coming into all he has for you. Door of bronze? No problem. Bars of iron? Easy peasy. In other words, whatever the enemy has tried to block you with—whether it is a curse, an attack, a lie, whatever—it cannot stand before your God who is the Lord of Breakthroughs.

If you’re feeling resistance in some area, be like David. Stop focusing on what the enemy has been doing to limit or block you. Start focusing on God. Let the Lord remind you that he has certainly given you the victory through the finished work of the cross. And then “go to war.” Don’t let the enemy get away with his nonsense any longer. Declare the breakthrough. Celebrate the breakthrough. Give God praise for the breakthrough.

Even if you haven’t seen it yet, you will. Because the Lord has blessed you with breakthrough!

## DECREES

### I Decree That:

1. The past is past. This is a new season and a new day. God in his great power is faithfully bringing me into all he has for me.
2. God is working wonders in and around me—wonders of breakthrough, wonders of increase, and wonders of acceleration.
3. The Lord is sending his angels out before me to bring me into all he has prepared for me. They are driving out the enemy and opening doors of opportunity.
4. My God is the Lord of Breakthroughs, and he is breaking through for me.
5. Like a mighty flood, the Lord is breaking through every hindrance, delay, and interference.
6. God is accelerating me into new territory and new levels.
7. The Lord goes before me to make my way smooth. Every block is removed. No one can shut the doors that the Lord is opening for me.
8. The hand of the Lord is upon me. His blessings are flowing abundantly to me.
9. That which was stuck is now unstuck. That which was blocked is now flowing freely. That which was delayed is now accelerated.
10. The Lord has blessed me with breakthrough!

*Decrees based on the following Scriptures: Lamentations 3:22–23; Jeremiah 29:11; Joshua 3:5; Exodus 23:20–23, 33:1–2; 2 Samuel 5:20, Isaiah 59:19; Isaiah 22:22, 45:1–4; 1 Chronicles 4:10, Isaiah 54:2–3; Luke 2:52; Genesis 26:18, 22–25*

## **Activation**

Do what David did. In an area where it looks or feels like the enemy is blocking you, ask the Lord for a battle strategy. Whatever it is, receive it by faith. And then step out and follow it—knowing you have the breakthrough because the Lord of Breakthroughs goes before you.