



God of Breakthrough
Sunday Sermon, 02 August, 2026

GOD BREAKS THROUGH

2 Samuel 5:17-20

17 Now when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to search for David. And David heard of it and went down to the stronghold.

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

19 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."

20 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.

- *Under Attack:* David's success brought greater opposition. When he became king, the Philistines immediately launched an attack against him.
- *A Posture of Dependence:* In the face of adversity, David maintained a heart of complete dependence on God. Knowing that only the Lord could grant victory, he sought God's divine direction before engaging in battle.
- *God Responds:* God never overlooks our distress. He continually reveals Himself and answers us in our moments of deepest need.

Psalms 120:1

**In my distress I cried to the Lord,
And He heard me.**

1 Peter 3:12

**For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
And His ears are open to their prayers;
But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."**

- *Action Required:* Although God revealed His purpose, David still had to step into the battle. To experience the victory God had already ordained, David had to move forward in faith.



- *Obedience Brings Victory:* David executed God's exact instructions and completely defeated the enemy. His victory was achieved by the Lord and for the Lord.
- *Overwhelming Power:* David overcame a formidable enemy through God's divine power and strategy. In subsequent battles, David continued to seek God and received fresh strategies tailored to each situation. As 2 Samuel 5:20 records, "...The Lord has broken through my enemies before me, like a breakthrough of water." While the flow of a gentle stream is refreshing, a powerful, surging torrent stuns us with its force. Fast-moving water acts not like a soft liquid, but like a solid wall of moving weight. It can wash away dirt, foundations, and even roads and houses, causing them to collapse. This symbolism vividly illustrates the sudden, unstoppable power of God that delivers His people!

Baal Perazim is located near the Valley of Rephaim, southwest of Jerusalem. This site is significant because it marks the consolidation of David's power and the establishment of his kingdom as the newly anointed king. Baal Perazim is Hebrew for "Lord of Breakthroughs" or "Master of Breaches." David named the battlefield Baal Perazim to proclaim the decisive victory God granted him over his formidable enemies. This triumphant event is also recorded in 1 Chronicles 14:11.

When David needed supernatural intervention, God showed up. In the exact same way, God is ready to break through for us today.

GOD BREAKS OPEN

Micah 2:12,13

**12 "I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob,
I will surely gather the remnant of Israel;
I will put them together like sheep of the fold,
Like a flock in the midst of their pasture;
They shall make a loud noise because of so many people.
13 The one who breaks open will come up before them;
They will break out,
Pass through the gate,
And go out by it;
Their king will pass before them,
With the Lord at their head."**

These verses offer a powerful promise of grace, mercy, and restoration. Though God's people deserved judgment, He extended His lovingkindness. God reveals Himself as the



One who breaks open the path—like a divine commander marching at the head of His troops, clearing the way forward so His people can step into freedom.

Acts 16:25,26

25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them.

26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.

Amid very difficult circumstances, Paul and Silas experienced a supernatural breaking free that was not just for them, but for others as well. Their prayers and worship released this breakthrough.

GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE

Psalms 77:14

**You are the God who does wonders;
You have declared Your strength among the peoples.**

Jeremiah 32:27

"Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?"

Luke 1:37

"For with God nothing will be impossible."

Matthew 19:26

But Jesus looked at them and said to them, "With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."

God specializes in doing the impossible. He works miracles by stepping into natural circumstances to release supernatural outcomes, imparting His power and character into every breakthrough He brings. He is always the God of hope (Romans 15:13).

WHEN GOD BROKE THROUGH

1. BREAKTHROUGH IN DISTRESS

1 Samuel 1:15

But Hannah answered and said, "No, my lord, I am a woman of sorrowful spirit. I have drunk neither wine nor intoxicating drink, but have poured out my soul before the Lord.



Psalm 62:8

**Trust in Him at all times, you people;
Pour out your heart before Him;
God is a refuge for us. Selah**

1 Samuel 1:19,20

19 Then they rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord, and returned and came to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her.

20 So it came to pass in the process of time that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, "Because I have asked for him from the Lord."

Hannah poured out her broken heart to God in prayer, and He responded by turning her deep sorrow into overflowing joy.

2. BREAKTHROUGH IN NEED

1 Kings 17:12,14

12 So she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I do not have bread, only a handful of flour in a bin, and a little oil in a jar; and see, I *am* gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die."

14 For thus says the Lord God of Israel: 'The bin of flour shall not be used up, nor shall the jar of oil run dry, until the day the Lord sends rain on the earth.'"

Facing severe famine and death, the widow of Zarephath experienced continuous supernatural provision through simple obedience to God's word.

3. BREAKTHROUGH IN FAILURE

John 21:3,6

3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We are going with you also." They went out and immediately got into the boat, and that night they caught nothing.

6 And He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast, and now they were not able to draw it in because of the multitude of fish.

A night of total frustration and failure was instantly transformed into supernatural abundance when the disciples obeyed Jesus' instruction.



4. BREAKING THROUGH FROM OPPRESSION

In **Mark 5:1–20**, the Gerasene demoniac was tormented and ostracized from his community. Through an encounter with Jesus, he was completely delivered, restored to his right mind, and reunited with his family and divine calling.

5. BREAKTHROUGH IN HEALTH

The woman with the issue of blood who bled for 12 years was instantly healed (**Mark 5:25-34**). She suffered at the hands of several physicians but could not experience healing. Jesus healed her in a moment because of her faith.

6. BREAKTHROUGH WHILE FACING A LOSS

God restored Ruth's life and future following tragic loss, demonstrating His promise to restore what was taken:

Joel 2:25

**"So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten,
The crawling locust,
The consuming locust,
And the chewing locust,
My great army which I sent among you.**

7. BREAKTHROUGH IN DARKNESS AND DEATH

Jesus raised Jairus's daughter from the dead.

Mark 5:41,42

41 Then He took the child by the hand, and said to her, "Talitha, cumi," which is translated, "Little girl, I say to you, arise."

42 Immediately the girl arose and walked, for she was twelve years of age. And they were overcome with great amazement.

We serve a God who is able to lead us into breakthrough in the struggle we may be facing. God imparts His hope into our situation. The God-kind of hope is beyond just our wishful thinking. The hope of God in our hearts will see the fulfillment of His promises.

HOW TO RECEIVE HIS BREAKTHROUGH



No matter what struggle we face, God imparts living hope into our circumstances—a hope grounded in the certainty of His promises.

To step into our divine breakthrough:

1. **Seek God in Prayer:** Bring your anxieties to Him with thanksgiving (*Philippians 4:6-7*).
2. **Demonstrate Faith:** Believe that you receive what you ask for according to His will (*Mark 11:24*).
3. **Persevere:** Stand firm in patience and faith to inherit the promises (*Hebrews 6:12*).
4. **Declare the Victory of the Cross:** Proclaim Christ's ultimate triumph over every power of darkness (*Colossians 2:15*).
5. **Praise Him and be Strengthened:** We can choose to praise God and this imparts His supernatural strength to us to continue fighting our battle (*Romans 4:20*).

Let us put our trust in the God of Breakthrough and call upon Him today!

SUMMARY

Our God is the **God of Breakthrough** (*Baal Perazim*), who intervenes supernaturally in human circumstances. We can expect Him to intervene in our times of distress, financial or material need, failure, oppression, sickness, severe loss, and death. He will remain our God of hope, even when we feel hopeless.

- Breakthrough requires a posture of dependence on God and active faith/obedience to His guidance.
- God goes before His people to clear and open paths that seem humanly impossible.
- We can receive divine breakthrough by seeking God in prayer, exercising faith, persevering through trials, declaring the victory of the Cross and, praising Him.

GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL



SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



God of Breakthrough Sunday Sermon, 02 August, 2026

There is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

Life Group Leader: To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group. All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: 2 Samuel 5:17-20, Micah 2:12,13

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the group discussion.

1. *What do we learn about God's character when He is introduced as Baal Perazim—the Lord of Breakthroughs?*



2. *Have you ever experienced a personal breakthrough from God?*
3. *God has broken through for His people in many ways throughout Scripture and history. Which specific instance stands out most to you, and why?*
4. *In what area of your life would you like God to break through during this current season?*

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, *families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, *a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, *for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.*

Close by thanking God together.



God of Breakthrough Sermon Notes, Sermon Outline and Small Group Study Guide



USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

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CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

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SERMON OUTLINE

Our God is *Baal Perazim*—the Lord of Breakthroughs. Like a powerful, surging torrent, He shatters every impossible barrier of distress, failure, sickness, and oppression. When we maintain a heart of total dependence, step forward in obedient faith, and lift up sincere praise, God marches before us as our divine commander to open paths into His promised freedom and supernatural restoration! This sermon includes free audio (mp3) and video of this powerful, motivational, expository teaching, free printable PDF sermon outlines, sermon notes and small group study guide with discussion questions and presentation slides. All resources (sermon PDF, sermon MP3, sermon video, sermon presentation) are free for use in personal study, small groups, Bible study prayer groups, local churches, conferences, Bible colleges, etc.

KEYWORDS

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