

# 40 Days of Breakthrough Prayer... and obedience!!

God's faithfulness to speak to us in our times of deepest need is comforting and amazing. And truly, the Lord has spoken clearly to WellSpring about experiencing breakthrough. As we prepare our hearts to focus and engage in the 40 Days of Breakthrough Prayer, I want to rehearse the Lord's direction for us.

Our heavenly Father has so much He wants to do for and in us. Like any loving father, He wants to give good gifts to His children. But as life goes forward, we can be lulled into attitudes and habits that keep us from His best. His work on our behalf will result in the release of fresh perspective and new life, if we will wield the weapon of our warfare, the two-edged sword.

This sword that He has spoken to us about is defined in 2 Chronicles 7:14. The first edge of our weapon is to humble ourselves and pray.

*If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face...  
2 Chronicles 7:14a*

WellSpring is posturing itself to pray. We are setting aside 40 days leading up to Easter to pray specifically for breakthrough.

Breakthrough will look different for each person. You might need a financial miracle; it could be emotional or spiritual breakthrough you're in need of. Some might need new life in a relational context; others need the Lord to breakthrough because of a distance you feel in your relationship with Jesus. You might be praying for a loved one to come to know Jesus or return to Him. Although our needs are various, the simple fact is that we each long to have the Lord move on our behalf. The breakthrough we desire will come when we seek His face in prayer. It is not a work of our flesh, rather, a work of intensely pursuing Jesus Himself.

Starting February 20th, WellSpring will pray every day for 40 days. We will conclude this focused season of prayer on March 31st, the Wednesday night before Easter. We will publish a calendar with times and any pertinent details of each prayer gathering. Plan on setting aside an hour for as many days as possible during the 40 Days to join with other WellSpringers to pray in the sanctuary.

The other edge of our sword is also in 2 Chronicles 7:14 which says,

*... and turn from their wicked ways...  
2 Chronicles 7:14b*

God also spoke to us about our need to not only pray, but to live in obedience. Many in our culture find even the term obedience offensive, let alone the thought

that someone would ask you to live it. What our culture misunderstands is that obedience to the Lord is actually the key to a blessed life. Obedience isn't God's heavy-handed demand, but instead, it's that His way leads to our best possible future. The Lord created us and knows what is in our future, therefore He can best guide us. It is through obedience that we receive His promised blessing. It just makes good sense to obey the One who can lead us into newness of life.

We would be missing a key element of the Lord's word to our church if we neglect this edge of the sword. We must wholeheartedly follow the Lord. Prayer alone is not the answer, nor is obedience! We move toward breakthrough by walking in both.

Let's link heart with action and press into the Lord during this concentrated 40 Days of Breakthrough Prayer. Let's allow the Lord to pinpoint areas of our life that stand as barriers to the release of His blessing. Use this season to experience the Lord's forgiveness as you come into His presence to confess sin and repent. Bask in His love and determine in your heart that you will choose the Lord's ways over your own. These 40 days are moments to step up our intensity and determination, giving our full attention to our walk with Jesus. Then we can rest in His words to us: if we search for Him with all our heart as though there is nothing more important (and there isn't), we will find Him and experience breakthrough.

When you call on Me, when you come and pray to Me, I'll listen. When you come looking for Me, you'll find Me. Yes, when you get serious about finding Me and want it more than anything else, I'll make sure you won't be disappointed.

Jeremiah 29:12-14

What the Lord can do in our church when we are purely His, is off the charts. His desire to do amazing things for you and through you is endless. God is faithful! He will breakthrough as you commit to pursue Him like the above verses describes.

Pray and obey,

Pastor Scott