

BREAKTHROUGH

Brokenness (part 2)

Scriptures: Mark 5:21-42; also Matthew 17:20; Luke 7:6-9; John 11.

1. Steve shared of a dream he had on speaking about “Breakthrough” one Sunday morning, but in his dream he struggled to remember the word “breakthrough” for each time it was replaced by the word “brokenness.” What did Steve believe the Lord was showing him through this? Have you ever had a prophetic dream?
2. In which ways do the stories of Jairus and the women in the crowd differ? What is their common theme?
3. What can we learn from the stories of Jairus and the woman in the crowd about spiritual breakthrough? What spiritual principles do these stories present us with?
4. Read Luke 7:6-9. Who had the greater faith —the Roman Centurion, Jairus or the woman in the crowd? Do you ever feel that your faith is second-rate or sub-standard? Why is it essential to focus on the object of our faith rather than our faith itself?
5. The disciples were surprised when Jesus asked who touched him as he walked through a crowd. They didn’t realise that there was more than one way of touching Jesus. The crowd touched Jesus in one way, the woman in another. How might this idea translate into our lives? Are we more like the crowd who touched Jesus incidentally and casually, or like the women who reached out in faith for a breakthrough?
6. Why did Jesus call this woman out? Why did he need to know who touched him? Was there any significance in Jesus calling her “Daughter”?
7. With reference to this story of Jesus delaying getting to Jairus’ daughter and also the story of Jesus delaying his visit to Lazarus (see John 11:6), do you every get frustrated that you are in a hurry but God isn’t?
8. C. S. Lewis wrote, “God whispers to us in our pleasures, speaks in our consciences, but shouts in our pains. It is his megaphone to rouse a deaf world.” What did he mean? Has this been your experience?
9. At Passover, Jesus broke the bread and said “This is my body which is broken for you?” (1 Cor. 11:24 KJV). Take time to reflect on the Lord’s brokenness which brought about our spiritual breakthrough.