



## God of Breakthrough

We began this series by discussing what we should do while waiting for a breakthrough. It helps to remember the one we serve, the God of breakthrough, as we war for a breakthrough. It's my prayer that your faith will be activated today by trusting in the God of Breakthrough.

So there at Hebron, King David made a covenant before the Lord with all the elders of Israel. And they anointed him king of Israel. 2 Samuel 5:3

**Let's see how David got here.**

At age 15 David was anointed to be King of Israel.

15-17 he serves his father's house and his king's house.

At 17 he kills Goliath and gives Israel a major breakthrough.

At 22 he suffers betrayal by those he serves, friends, and family, and goes into hiding.

## The God of Breakthrough will do what HE Promised

I cry out to God Most High, to God who will fulfill His purpose for me. Psalm 57:2

**It seemed like the promised breakthrough would never come.**

**If you're waiting for a breakthrough, cry out to the God of breakthrough! He will fulfill His purposes for you!**

**Saul dies in battle and at age 30 David begins his kingship.  
He spent 15 years anointed but not appointed.  
15 years called by God but not confirmed by man.  
He ruled over Judah only.**

Ishbosheth, Saul's son, was forty years old when he became king, and he ruled from Mahanaim for two years. Meanwhile, the people of Judah remained loyal to David. 2 Samuel 2:10

**Civil war erupted, fighting against the promised breakthrough.**

**At age 37, David becomes king over all Israel. (opening verse)**

When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king of Israel, they mobilized all their forces to capture him. But David was told they were coming, so he went into the stronghold.

2 Samuel 5:17

**Obstacles & attacks will come to rob your momentum after victory.**

## **There's a Fight to get the Breakthrough**

The Philistines arrived and spread out across the valley of Rephaim. 2 Samuel 5:18

**This obstacle was in Rephaim, which means the valley of giants.**

### **What did David do? He sought the Lord.**

So David asked the Lord, "Should I go out to fight the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me?"

The Lord replied to David, "Yes, go ahead. I will certainly hand them over to you." 2 Samuel 5:19

## **The God of Breakthrough Gives Direction**

So David went to Baal-perazim and defeated the Philistines there. "The Lord did it!" David exclaimed. "He burst through my enemies like a raging flood!" So he named that place Baal-perazim (which means "**the Lord who bursts through**").

2 Samuel 5:20

**Breakthrough follows seeking God, not self-confidence.****When we follow His ways, the God of Breakthrough bursts through!**

But after a while the Philistines returned **and again** spread out across the valley of Rephaim. 2 Samuel 5:22

**David again asked God's direction.**

And again, **David asked the Lord what to do.** "Do not attack them straight on," the Lord replied. "Instead, circle around behind and attack them, and attack them near the poplar trees."

2 Samuel 5:23

**This time God gave a different strategy.**

When you hear a sound like marching feet in the tops of the poplar trees, be on the alert! **That will be the signal that the Lord is moving** ahead of you to strike down the Philistine army." So David did what the Lord commanded, and he struck down the Philistines all the way from Gibeon to Gezer. 2 Samuel 5:24-25

**When I send the angels to help you, be ready!**

**Are you ready to stand in faith for your breakthrough today?**

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For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, He will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you. 2 Corinthians 9:10

**God has given seed to plant that there may be bread for others.**

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