



## Turning Point Bible Fellowship

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### **Protecting your Breakthrough - Pt. 1** **Personal or group-based guide for additional study**

Based on Acts 12:1-5

#### **Opening Prayer (5 minutes)**

Begin by asking God to open hearts and minds to His Word and to help the group apply what they learn about prayer and breakthrough.

#### **Icebreaker (10 minutes)**

Share a time when you were close to achieving something important, but it seemed to slip away at the last moment. How did you respond?

#### **Key Scripture**

Acts 12:5 - "So Peter was kept in prison, but prayer for him was being made fervently by the church to God."

#### **Summary of Main Points**

1. Breakthrough can look different for everyone:
  - An open door or unexpected opportunity
  - Being recognized for who you truly are in Christ
  - Overcoming obstacles that seemed impossible
  - Expansion of the church through faith conversions to Christ
2. Attacks often come when breakthrough is near:
  - The enemy tries to steal, kill, and destroy what God is building
  - Opposition may intensify right before victory
3. Organized, fervent prayer protects our breakthrough:
  - Constant prayer
  - Consistent prayer
  - Concentrated prayer
  - Conviction-filled prayer

#### **Discussion Questions (30-40 minutes)**

##### **Understanding the Message**

1. What stood out to you most from this sermon? Why?
2. In Acts 12, the church faced a major attack through King Herod. What parallels do you see between their situation and challenges facing believers today?



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3. The pastor mentioned that "blessings are not only given to us but through us." What does this mean? How does this perspective change how we view God's blessings?

### Personal Reflection

4. Can you identify a breakthrough that God is bringing or has brought into your life recently? (An open door, a change in reputation, provision, healing, etc.)
5. Have you experienced attacks or setbacks right when you were on the verge of a breakthrough? Share your experience, if comfortable.
6. The sermon emphasized that the church organized to pray rather than just protest. What is your first response when facing challenges - prayer, complaining, planning, or something else?

### Applying Fervent Prayer

7. The word "fervent" means stretching out - doing all you can. On a scale of 1-10, how would you rate the fervency of your current prayer life? What would it look like to "stretch out" more in prayer?
8. The four C's of fervent prayer were:
  - Constant - praying throughout the seven days
  - Consistent - praying regularly despite life's demands
  - Concentrated - focused, undistracted prayer
  - Conviction - praying to God with belief He will answer
9. Which of these four come most naturally to you? Which is most challenging?
10. The church prayed together for Peter. When was the last time you asked others to pray with you about something important? What holds us back from asking for prayer support?

### Going Deeper

10. The sermon addressed the hard question: "Why James but not Peter?" Why did James have to die while Peter was rescued? How do you wrestle with questions like this when outcomes don't match our prayers?
11. Peter was guarded by 16 soldiers, yet God sent one angel and he was freed. What does this teach us about God's power versus the obstacles we face?
12. When Peter showed up at the prayer meeting, the people were surprised - they were praying for him but didn't expect him at the door! Have you ever prayed for something but been surprised when God actually answered? What does this reveal about our faith?



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### Key Takeaways

- Breakthroughs often come with attacks designed to steal and stop what God is doing
- Organized, fervent prayer is a primary weapon to protect breakthrough
- Fervent prayer means praying constantly, consistently, with concentration and conviction
- God covers the gap between our prayers and the answer we need
- When we pray according to God's will, nothing can stop the answer from reaching us
- Death cannot stop God's purposes - even loss can bring Him glory

### Practical Applications (15 minutes)

#### Individual Commitments

Choose at least one action step for this week:

1. Start a prayer list - Write down specific breakthroughs you're praying for and commit to praying about them daily
2. Set prayer reminders - Put 2-3 prayer times on your phone calendar to help you pray consistently throughout the day
3. Create a distraction-free prayer space - Find a place where you can pray with concentration (leave your phone elsewhere)
4. Fast from something - Like Daniel, consider fasting from a meal, social media, or entertainment to focus your prayers this week
5. Pray Scripture - Find a promise in God's Word related to your situation and pray it back to God with conviction

#### Group Commitments

1. Start a group prayer list - Share specific prayer requests and commit to praying for each other daily
2. Schedule a prayer meeting - Set aside time outside your regular meeting just to pray together
3. Create a prayer chain - Use a group text or messaging app to share urgent prayer needs and updates
4. Prayer partners - Pair up with someone in the group to check in with during the week about prayer



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### **Prayer Focus (10-15 minutes)**

Divide into smaller groups of 2-4 and pray fervently for:

1. Personal breakthroughs that group members are believing God for
2. Protection against attacks on families, faith, and the church
3. Consistency and fervency in your prayer lives
4. Turning Point Bible Fellowship - for God's continued work and protection over the church's breakthrough season
5. Specific situations where people are facing opposition or setbacks

Remember: Pray with all four C's - constantly, consistently, with concentration, and with conviction!

### **Closing Thought**

"If we're going to protect our breakthrough, we need to organize and pray. When the gap can't be covered by our prayers, God covers the gap."