

1. We need a Breakthrough

- Breakthrough: a sudden dramatic and important advance.
- Opposite of a breakthrough: set back, stalled, at an impasse or dead end.
- Breakthroughs happen gradually when you seek Him.
- Moses, King Jehoshaphat, David, Daniel, Esther, Paul... etc.

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- Church wide fast, call for an assembly. Ezra 8:23

- There is power in group prayer. Seeking God together

Joel 1:14

Fast and pray that God would bless our nation and help Canada

- 2 Chronicles 20:3,4, 14-18 & 20
- 2 Chronicles 20:25
- Joel 1:14, 2:12 2:15
- Joel 2: 21-29

Fast and pray for your family

- Joshua 24:15 " As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"

Fast and pray for health and long life

- Genesis 15:15

Fast and pray for jobs, employment & promotion

- Hebrews 4:16
- Psalms 50:15
- Proverbs 21:1

3. Thanking God in Advance for a Breakthrough

- 2 Chronicles 20:21
- 2 Chronicles 20:22
- Thanking God after He gives you something is gratitude
- Thanking God before He gives you something is faith

²³So we fasted and entreated our God for this, and He answered our prayer.

*Consecrate a fast,
Call a sacred assembly;
Gather the elders
And all the inhabitants of the land
Into the house of the Lord your God,
And cry out to the Lord.

And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. So Judah gathered together to ask help from the Lord; and from all the cities of Judah they came to seek the Lord.

II CHRONICLES 20:3-4

"Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jahaziel the son of Zechariah, the son of Benaiah, the son of Jeiel, the son of Mattaniah, a Levite of the sons of Asaph, in the midst of the assembly. ¹⁵And he said, "Listen, all you of Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem, and you, King Jehoshaphat! Thus says the Lord to you: 'Do not be afraid nor dismayed because of this great multitude, for the battle is not yours, but God's. "Tomorrow go down against them. They will surely come up by the Ascent of Ziz, and you will find them at the end of the brook before the

II CHRONICLES 20:14-18

Wilderness of Jeruel. "You will not need to fight in this battle. Position yourselves, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, who is with you, O Judah and Jerusalem!' Do not fear or be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them, for the Lord is with you."

*And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground, and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem bowed before the Lord, worshiping the Lord.

II CHRONICLES 20:14-18

²⁰So they rose early in the morning and went out into the Wilderness of Tekoa; and as they went out, Jehoshaphat stood and said, "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: Believe in the Lord your God, and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper."

II CHRONICLES 20:20

When Jehoshaphat and his people came to take away their spoil, they found among them an abundance of valuables on the dead bodies, and precious jewelry, which they stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away; and they were three days gathering the spoil because there was so much.

II CHRONICLES 20:25

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"Now, therefore," says the Lord,
"Turn to Me with all your heart,
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning."

^¹Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly; And if it seems evil to you to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

JOSHUA 24:15

Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age.

GENESIS 15:15