

NOTES FOR SPEAKING

Meeting: Freshwaters

Date & Time: 04/09/11 10.30am

Title: Breakthrough

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Introduction

On Monday 22nd August Graham referred me to two passages which refer to the same event; we will read from **1 Chron 14:11** 'So David and His troops went up to Baal-perazim and defeated the Philistines there. "God did it" David exclaimed. "He used me to burst through my enemies like a raging flood!" So they named that place Baal-perazim (which means the Lord who bursts through)'

The next morning Tony Uddin prayed and prophesied over me, amongst other things, that I would '**break through the ceiling that had been placed on my ministry so far.**'

Have you ever had the feeling – '**there must be more – I know that I was created for more than this**'. Well I want to tell you this morning that there is so much more and that you were created for more – but first we need to breakthrough our enemies, enemies of doubt, fear, shame and confusion that mask and inhibit our true potential.

God made us perfect

Psm 139:13-18

God created us and everything about us even before we were born. He didn't make any mistakes, He gave us physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual traits that are unique to us and all the gifts we need to fulfil His good and perfect will for us. All of those things equip us to fulfil our God given destiny.

What is destiny? – It is the plan that God has for your life, the potential that is in each one of us to contribute to the building of His Kingdom and to impact the lives of those around us. Our destiny is often not revealed in one lump but over a period it is revealed – **God doesn't hide it from us but for us.**

Now if God made us perfect, why do so many of us spend so much time hiding who we are, being ashamed of how we were created and trying to be someone we are not.

Yes part of it is to do with sin, which corrupts that which is good and distorts our character. However God is about redeeming not destroying that which sin has corrupted. In the same way that He rescued us from the death that our sin demanded, He redeems our gifts, traits and abilities so they can be used for His glory.

Passage – God did it, He used me

Let's take a look at **1 Chron 14 verse 8** 'when the Philistines heard that David had become king over all Israel, they mobilised all their forces to capture him'.

It was David's destiny to become king, immediately he took steps to enter into that destiny then the enemy arose to take him captive.

Let me tell you that as soon as you make steps to fulfil your destiny the enemy will surround you to take you captive. Doubts and fears enter our minds, we're not good enough, we're not strong enough, we're not as good as someone else – but we need to learn to break through if we are ever going to fulfil our destiny.

David asked the Lord if he should fight the Philistines and God said yes! David and his men defeated the enemy.

Notice David's words – **God did it, He used me!**

I want to just share 3 things which I think are essential for us to breakthrough the ceiling in our lives and to reach up to grasp our destiny.

To breakthrough to our destiny we need to:-

1. **Accept ourselves as God created us**, give thanks and focus our energy on what we are good at and enjoy. – Karen ref' rule. – Yes God did it, but He used David – and He will use us as well if we are willing. We as a leadership team are called to serve your vision and your vision along with ours will fulfil our vision as a Fellowship.
2. **Recognise that God works through us**, that's His choice – we are His voice, His hands and His feet, but He does this by empowering through His Holy Spirit those traits and abilities that He created in us, as well as, from time to time, stepping beyond that to perform wholly miraculous signs and wonders. – God did it!
3. **Recognise our need for one another**. – Karen and I, STRAIT LINE THINKING OR 'CLOUD' THINKING. Working together had opportunity to share the gospel. David and His men fought the Philistines – they were warriors, they used there abilities and skills, empowered by the Lord and working alongside one another. That combination was an unstoppable force – a raging flood that had to break through.

Together we will burst through our enemies; we will become an unstoppable force. We are called Freshwaters, not just a tranquil stream, but at time a raging waterfall, powerful, shattering the barriers placed in our path.

I believe we will make massive progress as we accept ourselves, pursue what we are good at, allow God to empower us and work alongside one another.