

# Kingdom Business Alliance, Monthly Meeting September 2010

James Barthel, Exploring Breakthrough (Part I)

## I. Seeking Breakthrough

- God's word and His promises are true today and intended for His Kingdom Children; we should therefore be seeing breakthrough, signs & wonders, and answered prayers.
  - Jobs, careers, business growth, prosperity
  - Are we recognizing these in our lives and in others?
  - If there is a lack, is it God or Us that need help?

Must ask ourselves, why prayers, actions, decrees are not producing more (internal & external)??

## II. Root of Satan's Attack

- God's word describes Satan as a deceiver, destroyer and liar: God's enemy. What are his main weapons he uses against God's chosen children??
- Steve Foss presents an argument that Satan uses two main demonic forces which powers all of life's demons and are the root of Satan's attack!!
  - Insecurity: state of being not secure, not confident, not firm
  - Inferiority: state of feeling lower in position, stature, or value
- In the Garden of Eden (Gen 3), Satan was able to use the two to cause Eve to sin. By causing her to doubt God, he introduced insecurity; by telling her God did not want her to eat of the tree of knowledge because God did not want Eve to become smart as He, Satan introduced inferiority.
- Satan continues these deceptions today; they are at the very root of his warfare tactics. By identifying our enemy's tactics, to plant strongholds of disbelief we can use the God given spirit of wisdom and revelation to conquer sin and achieve God's purpose for our lives.
- Everything Adam & Eve knew to be true was based solely on what God had spoken (truth)

## III. True Identity in Christ

- Problem: began when took eyes off of the Lord, lost their identity!! (JN 8:32 Truth is freedom)
- **We/You** are God's favored child, heirs of God, through Christ (RM 8:16):
  - Rom 8:39 We are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus
  - Deut 31:6 Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you
  - ISA 54:11 No weapon forged against you will prevail --- heritage of Lord's Servants
- Satan leads us to "believe" deep in our hearts we have lost our security/stature but we actually haven't lost our identity in Christ!! It is a lie creates confusion and steals Kingdom authority.
  - James 1:6 But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt>>> double minded

## IV. Comparison

- Satan's fall: comparison with God (EZ 28:15, ISA 14:13 I will be like the most high)
- Not even prepared to judge ourselves
- Jealousy is the outcome; at the forefront of destruction since beginning
  - Cain/Able, Jacob/Essau, Joseph, Israel/Judah
  - EZ 8:4 Image (idol) of jealousy drove God's glory from temple

Lord, my prayer is that over the next several weeks you would show me in my heart and through my emotions how the roots of this attack play out in my life and my faith, I seek your absolute and complete truth about who you are and who I am in you.

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### V. Money Pit

- We as Christians talk ourselves into how we will be able to help so many other people once we get the money from this program or business. Somewhere deep in the root of most of this is a devastating lie: money is the answer. God can provide all you and I need without money. He may, and often does, use the tool of money, but He and He alone is the answer. He is our source.
- No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. – Matthew 6:24-25
- ...For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow. – Matthew 6:24-31
- Jesus never had a problem with somebody having wealth. He simply understood how easy it was to feed any insecurity and inferiority with wealth. Jesus knew the trap and that for many the deception of false security and value from wealth would keep them from being able to look to God as their source.

### VI. Identity

- In Moses' day they wanted a graven image. In Samuel's day they wanted a king like the other nations. (See Exodus 32, 1 Samuel 8) Over and over God's people were tempted by insecurity and inferiority. They wanted to be like others, but not completely abandon God. So they incorporated the world's practices into the worship of god.
- You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength. – Deuteronomy 6:5
- Whatever you get your identity from you will defend, protect, and promote. Too often god's people are getting their identity from anything and everything other than Christ. This will only further lead them down the path of bondage to insecurity and inferiority.

### VII. Trapped Christians

- I see the working of insecurity and inferiority in almost every facet of life. I see in my own life the many arenas that it plays such a major role, and yet often does it in a stealth way. Because these two demon spirits are the footholds of many other spirits, often we only see the most visible ones and not the roots.
- For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. – Ephesians 6:12
- Our fight is both internal and external. It's this one, two punch that confuses and holds captive so many believers. The enemy knows that unless he can gain a stronghold in the thinking of a man, he cannot truly control that man.
- The enemy has no strength over us as believers, except that which we give him through submitting and agreeing with his lies. The battlefield is twofold and must be fought on both fronts. It is in the heavenlies and it is in our minds.

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### VIII. Locate our Enemy

- The problem with the war on terror is that we are having a difficult time locating our enemy and locating the battlefield. We have the overwhelming power to destroy our enemy, but if we can't locate these two key areas we will never be free. This is why we are spending so much time and resources on *intelligence*.
- Intelligence is the key to winning the war
- The same is true in spiritual warfare. The key is spiritual intelligence. If we can locate our enemy and the battlefield, we have the overwhelming firepower to easily defeat our enemy.
- By revelation we have discovered one of Satan's best-kept secrets: *Insecurity and inferiority*. We have located our deeply hidden enemy. Now that we have located our enemy, we are halfway to victory.
- The second key is to locate the battlefield. This is revealed to us in 2 Corinthians:
- (For the weapons of our warfare [are] not carnal, but might through God to **the pulling down of strong holds**;) **Casting down imaginations**, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, **and bringing into captivity every thought** to the obedience of Christ. – 2 Corinthians 10:4 – 5
- What she felt was a lie based upon her wrong thinking. We have so much to learn from Eve! This strategy of Satan continues today.
- Through the feelings of pain from insecurity and inferiority, and the intense desire to alleviate that pain and acquire the pleasure and security and worth, Satan has set us up to follow him to do almost anything.

### VIII. True and False Repentance

- (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but might through God to the pulling down of strongholds ;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and **bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ**. – 2 Corinthians 10:4-5
- Taking every thought captive is the key to total victory.
- Whosoever is born of **God doth not commit sin**, for his seed remaineth in him: and **he cannot sin**, because he is born of God. – 1 John 3:9
- He said, "**The essence of sin is the rejection of God's rightful authority over one's life.**" Everything in the kingdom of heaven is about authority.
- The word *authority* speaks to us of the "legal right to exercise power."
- From the beginning all sin is based in this single first step: **the rejection of God's rightful authority**.
- Lucifer in heaven had to first reject God's rightful authority before he could even consider defying Him.

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### X. Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation

- [For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him. – Ephesians 1:17 AMP
- Now there is only one Holy Spirit, so what he is talking about here is an anointing – a supernatural power for wisdom and revelation of insight into mysteries and secrets in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him. God has secrets and He wants to reveal them to us: He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. – Psalm 91:1
- But as it is written: **“Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.”** **But god has revealed them to us through His Spirit.** For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. – 1 Corinthians 2:9-10
- We need supernatural eyesight to see and understand the mysteries and secrets of God. God wants us to know His secrets: And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. – Jeremiah 29:13
- The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever. – Deuteronomy 29:29
- When you see it, you can have it. Once the mystery is revealed it rightfully belongs to you. It is your inheritance An inheritance that is not understood does the heir no good. It is not until the heir sees and understands what is rightfully his that he can have it. In Ephesians Paul, by the Holy Spirit, is praying that God will give to you supernatural eyesight into mysteries and secrets in the deep and intimate knowledge of God. Because once you see the secrets, you have legal access to them. For we are “joint-heirs with Christ Jesus” (Rom 8:17). One of the jobs of the Holy Spirit is to show us the secrets of God: However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, **He will guide you into all truth;** for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. He will glorify Me, for **He will take of what is Mine and declare it to you.** – John 16:13
- By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope of your calling. – Ephesians 1:18

### XI. Eyes to See

- God wants to flood the eyes of our heart with light, “the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (2 Cor 4:6)
- It is at this point that a dimension of spiritual warfare takes place that breaks the hold of insecurity and inferiority off or our lives the reason Eve was deceived into taking the fruit is because she lost sight – sight of the revelation of God, and thereby lost sight of who she was. It is in this ability to see that all of our strength comes to defeat the enemy and close the door to insecurity and inferiority. The only reason that we are subject to insecurity and inferiority is because we fail to see as God sees. This prayer of the apostle Paul goes to the root of all our battles:
- [For I always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that he may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him. By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, **so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you.** – Ephesians 1:17-18
- Vision so that you can know and understand what is: the *hope* of your salvation, the *hope* of God’s purpose for your life. To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: **which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.** – Colossians 1:27
- This is the root cause and solution to the problem. When we fail to see ourselves and others as God sees us, we become vulnerable to the spirits of insecurity and inferiority.