

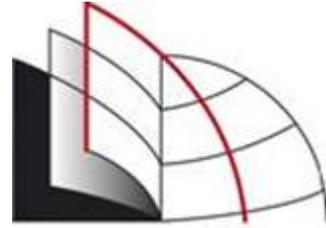
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## My breakthrough will come!

(Jerry Savelle)

A tone time I needed answers from God about some longstanding situations. I was desperate. Then I remembered the story of Jehosaphat who also faced an impossible situation. He was determined to seek the Lord (2.Chr. 20:3). As a result of his determination to seek the Lord, he received the wisdom he needed from God and Israel won a great victory. I decided to follow in Jehosaphat's footsteps. That meant laying aside everything but my Bible, God and a legal pad with these three questions:

1. Why isn't anything happening in the natural?
2. Why is it taking so long?
3. When is this ever going to change?

After going to a secluded place without any distractions – no television, telephone, or newspaper – **God's answer to my first question was: *Nothing is happening because you are not praying in the Holy Spirit enough to tap into My wisdom.***

I wanted to argue this point with the Lord because I pray in tongues a lot. But I have enough sense to know that God is always right. If He says that I'm not praying in the spirit long enough to receive His wisdom, then I'm not...and chances are, you aren't either. According to the book of Proverbs, wisdom is laid up for us and provides security, deliverance and success. Prayer is an avenue to obtain wisdom (James 1:5). Romans 8:26-27 assures us that we have the help of the Holy Spirit and as we pray in tongues we are speaking the wisdom of God, in a mystery. It takes a while to quiet our minds enough to understand the mystery. Praying long enough in the Holy Spirit puts us on the road to the wisdom of God.

**God's answer to my second question was: *You are not spending enough time calling things that be not as though they are to change the situation.***

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I learned this basic truth of Romans 4:17 over 30 years ago. But I must confess I had gotten slack in consistently speaking the answer instead of the problem. Let's consider one example of persistence in the Bible demonstrated by God Himself. He declared the birth of Jesus and the defeat of Satan in Genesis 3:15 and continued to say it over the course of about 2000 years through different prophets, until it was fulfilled. I challenge you today to make a list of the things you are standing for in faith and then *daily* – every time you think about it – speak the answer *enough* by calling things that be not as though they were.

**Gods answer to my final question was: *Things will change when you allow the peace of God to rule in your life and you eliminate the stress.***

After meditating on this answer, I realized that peace is God's will for us. The Garden of Eden clearly shows that God made provision for us to dwell in tranquility. Adam and Eve were surrounded with everything they needed. Adam had the job of keeping the garden – there was no stress involved. It was easy for them to talk to God and receive whatever they needed in life. As you cultivate an atmosphere for the peace of God to rule in your life, it will bring creativity...God's nature. God also told me to eliminate stress. I searched out the "first-mention" of stress in the Bible and found it occurred when Adam did not follow God's plan (Genesis 3:17-19). Adam never had a bad day until he went against God's Word! Jesus said: "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:30). If we are under pressure, then we're probably off the Word and trying to make things happen in our own strength because His way is not burdensome or stressful. In my own life I began to identify areas of stress, places where anxiety and pressure were ruling my life. Then I purposed to establish peace there. Isaiah 26:3 tells us perfect peace is available when our mind is stayed on the Lord. The bottom line is this: Doing it our way = stress. Doing it God's way = peace. And changes only come when we are in peace, doing things God's way.

What about you? Will you join me in this strategy of pressing in for the victory and make the necessary changes for your breakthrough to come?