

Introduction: A brief review

1. We must _____ God is good for breakthrough to begin.

For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor; no good thing does He withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

Psalm 84:11 (NIV)

- **Jesus wants to do the impossible in and through your life.**

2. We must “_____” for breakthrough by removing the idols in our lives.

Submit therefore to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. ...Humble yourself before the Lord and He will exalt you.

James 4:7-10 (NIV)

- **God must work deeply in us before He will work powerfully through us.**

The Problem: Fear

The Answer: Courage

The Story: “Get out of the boat”

Matthew 14:22-33

Six barriers to experiencing breakthrough

• **Courage “steps out” and overcomes the barriers of...**

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| 1. Our _____. | Mark 7:1-23 |
| 2. Our _____. | Mark 7:24-30 |
| 3. Our _____. | Mark 7:31-37 |
| 4. Our _____. | Mark 8:1-21 |
| 5. Our _____. | Mark 8:22-26 |
| 6. Our _____. | Mark 8:27-38 |

• **Analysis**

1. Who experienced supernatural breakthroughs of God's power? Who didn't?
2. What did each group do?
3. What lessons did Jesus want His disciples (and us) to learn about Him, themselves, and “stepping out?”

How do weak people get great courage?

- **Jesus teaches us that “looking up” is the secret to “stepping out.”**
Mark 8:17 – 9:29
 - The question your must answer Mark 8:27
 - The path you must take Mark 8:34
 - The vision you must acquire Mark 9:2
- **Analysis**
 1. Fear keeps us from “_____” to unleash God’s power into impossible situations.
 2. “Stepping out” requires _____; the power to act despite our fears.
 3. Courage demands _____ that God will do what He has promised.
 4. Faith is the result of seeing Jesus _____ and for who He is.
 5. Prayer is God’s _____ to see Jesus “up close” and believe He will do the impossible for you.
 6. Fasting is choosing to remove whatever _____ us from seeing and experiencing Jesus for who He is.

*Jesus’ practices for your study:

Mark 1:35

Mark 3:13

Mark 6:45-46

Mark 9:7

Mark 9:29

Mark 11:23-24

Luke 6:12

Assignment:

- Set aside 5 minutes each day this week for adoration and praise with thanksgiving for who God is and what He has done for you.

Discussion Questions:

1. Where do you sense God is asking you to “step out” and trust His goodness and power?

personally? in a relationship? in a circumstance?
2. What “fears” are you battling that have been holding you back?
3. What aspect or truth in today’s message helped you the most? Why?
4. What do you need to do to grow in courage? What courageous step do you need to take this week?
5. Who can you ask to help you follow up and follow through on your application and step of faith?