

RUNNING WITH GIANTS #3

David: Owing your breakthrough

Life Group Notes



CONNECT QUESTIONS

How many times have you broken a bone – what was the most painful break (or injury) you've had?

What is your favourite item of clothing – and why?

2 Samuel 5:6-10 ^{NLT} David then led his men to Jerusalem to fight against the Jebusites, the original inhabitants of the land who were living there. The Jebusites taunted David, saying, “You’ll never get in here! Even the blind and lame could keep you out!” For the Jebusites thought they were safe. But David captured the fortress of Zion, which is now called the City of David. On the day of the attack, David said to his troops, “I hate those ‘lame’ and ‘blind’ Jebusites. Whoever attacks them should strike by going into the city through the water tunnel.” That is the origin of the saying, “The blind and the lame may not enter the house.” So David made the fortress his home, and he called it the City of David. He extended the city, starting at the supporting terraces and working inward. And David became more and more powerful, because the Lord God of Heaven’s Armies was with him.

David took the city of Jerusalem in the face of incredible opposition. David was able to breakthrough against the Jebusites, when no-one else had been able to. This took place about 20 years after David killed Goliath and was anointed by Samuel the prophet as King. David held on to God’s promise, and didn’t relinquish his dream! What dream do you carry? Where is your dream at?

We all experience delay or opposition throughout our lives. These are often opportunities for us to grow, and to develop Godly character. Breakthrough is something we can all grab hold of! There are certain defining questions that we can ask ourselves when we are facing these challenges in order to see breakthrough:

1. Who am I? What do you think about yourself? Who do you listen to?

2. How do I respond in testing times? Do I retreat or hold my ground? Am I positive, or negative in the process? Check out **Philippians 4:13**.

3. What do I see – problems or possibilities? Check out **John 16:33**.

4. Who do you relate to? What kind of people have I surrounded myself with? What influence do you think the people you associate with have on you?

Answers in times of challenge are not always obvious – sometimes breakthrough looks very different to what we anticipate – however God always makes a way through every situation. When we think back to the story of David taking the city of Jerusalem we see another key – in order to get into the city, the army had to humble themselves, and remove their armour, in order to fit through the opening in the wall created by the spring. Sometimes we too need to humble ourselves, and be prepared to do things differently.

Do you need to ask for help in any area or your life? Do you need prayer for anything?

PRAYER

Pray for each other and declare breakthrough over dreams and future.

Pray for the ability to be people of faith – able to stand in times of trial and testing!