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Title: "Lord I Need a Break-Through"

Sub Title: "I'm Depending On You"

Scripture Reference: 2 Chronicles 14:11

"And Asa cried unto the Lord his God, and said, Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O Lord our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O Lord, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee."

I. Introduction

A. Life presents us with many challenges, and some may appear to be overwhelming. When it seems that the odds are stacked against you, and you realize that obstacles are in your path, even so, you still need to keep moving forward.

B. When it seems as though walls and barriers are hindering and blocking your progress - it is during these times that we can cry out - **"Lord, I Need A Break-Through."**

C. When we make this cry unto the Lord, we are acknowledging to the Lord that **Lord, "I'm Depending on You."**

Note: What is a **break-through**? A **break-through** is a significant, and dramatic overcoming of a perceived or actual obstacle, allowing the completion of a process. It is also a sudden, dramatic, and important development. For purposes of our lesson discussion, both of these definitions are applicable.

D. Have you ever experienced or encountered a situation or situations in life where you needed a break-through? Perhaps it was on your job, in your home, in your community, or your spiritual life.

E. During those difficult times, the words of an old hymn comes to my mind that says - "Father, I stretch my hands to thee, no other help I know. If thy withdraw thy self from me, whether shall I go?"

F. This study session will point out that when we sincerely call upon the Lord, and when we let Him know that we need a breakthrough, He will come through for us in His own way, in His own time, and it will always be "on time."

II. Background and Context (leading up to our Target Verse - 2 Chronicles 14:11)

Asa, king of Judah, did "that which was good and right in the eyes of the Lord his God." (2 Chron. 14:2)

A. This information concerning Asa should immediately indicate to you that this type of positive report concerning obedience to God, must have placed king Asa in a favorable position with the Lord.

B. Walking and living upright before God and mankind will always be pleasing to God. Our words, actions and deeds all have consequences, and living a life that pleases God will bring wonderful blessings into your life.

C. The people of Judah had been guilty of pagan worship and Asa took away their altars, and he broke down their wooden images, and also their sacred pillars. (2 Chron. 14:3)

D. Asa was a good king who instituted spiritual reforms in the land. He also had an army of 580 thousand men. However, he received word that the land was being invaded by Zerah, the Ethiopian, who had a one-million-man army and 300 chariots. (2 Chron. 14:9)

Note: Biblical Ethiopia (Ancient Cush) is modern day Sudan, South of Egypt.

III. Exposition [Part I] (2 Chronicles 14:11)

"And Asa cried unto the Lord his God."

- A. This shows wisdom and it was the wisest thing Asa could do.
 - 1. Whenever you are faced with insurmountable odds, it is wise to pray.
 - 2. When it seems hopeless and you feel like you can't go on, it is wise to pray.
 - 3. When you lack strength for the battle, it is wise to pray.

IV. Exposition [Part II]

"Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power."

- A. Odds mean **nothing** to God!
 - 1. With God, it makes no difference if the odds are 2 to 1 or 1000 to 1.
 - 2. The mightiest army of man is nothing against Almighty God!

- B. The word difficult is not in God's vocabulary. (Is anything too hard for the Lord?)
 - 1. Difficulty must always be measured by the capacity of the agent doing the work,
 - 2. When God is the One doing the work, difficulty is **NEVER** an issue.
 - 3. God can heal cancer just as easy as He can a cold.
 - 4. Absolutely nothing is difficult or too hard for God!

V. Exposition [Part III] - "Help us, O Lord our God."

- A. This cry unto the Lord by king Asa may be interpreted - "Lord, I need a break-through."
- B. We must remember that our God is always near and He is a

very present help in the time of need.

VI. Exposition [Part IV] - "For we rest on thee."

- A. Asa was acknowledging that Lord; I (we) are depending on You!
1. Is this where we sometimes experience a problem?
 2. Rather than completely relying and depending on the Lord, we are prone to pray and worry. Or
 3. We pray and then try to work things out on our own.
 4. It is a beautiful thing to restfully rely upon the Lord. In fact, I remember from my earliest days in Bible College, one of my professors gave us this simple definition for faith - "Restful reliance upon the Word of God, in spite of circumstances or situations."

VII. Exposition [Part V] - "In thy name we go against this multitude."

- A. King Asa was putting himself completely on God's side.
- B. We may at times be so anxious to get God on our side but consider the following:
1. Do we devise or put our programs and plans together and then pray, "God, bless my (our) program"?
- C. Remember, the purpose of prayer is never to get my will done on earth, but rather God's will.

VIII. Exposition [Part VI] - "O Lord, Thou art God!"

- A. There is none like our God in all the earth.
- B. Our God is the Sovereign Creator of both the heavens and the Earth.

IX. Exposition [Part VII] - "Let not man prevail against thee."

- A. King Asa was acknowledging that Lord, we are so much on your side that they will not be prevailing against us, but you. ((As if that were possible. For who can stand against our God?))

It is once again interactive time. Please complete the biblical passages that follow by filling in the blank spaces. All Scripture passages have been taken from the King James Version (KJV) of the Holy Bible.

"O our God, will thou not _____ them? for we have no _____ against this great _____ that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our _____ are _____ thee."

[2 Chronicles 20:12]

"Whom have I in _____ but thee? and there is none upon _____ that I _____ beside thee."

[Psalm 73:25]

"Thou wilt shew me the _____ of life: in thy _____ is fulness of joy: at thy _____ hand there are _____ for _____."

[Psalm 16:11]

"Call unto me, and I will _____ thee, and _____ thee _____ and _____ things, which thou _____ not."

[Jeremiah 33:3]

"God is our _____ and _____, a very _____ help in _____."

[Psalm 46:1]

"But thou art _____, O thou that _____ the praises of _____ . Our fathers _____ in thee: they _____, and thou didst deliver them. They _____ unto thee, and were _____: they trusted in thee, and were not _____."

[Psalm 22:3-5]

"Nay, in all these _____ we are more than _____ through him that _____ us."

[Romans 8:37]

QUESTIONS FOR YOU TO CONSIDER

1. Is there a specific area or situation in your life that you are faced with and you desire for God to give you a break-through?
2. Are you confident that you can really depend on God, not just in your times of trouble or adversity, but at all times?
3. Have you seen God provide a break-through for some situation in your life? If so, have you given Him thanks and praise?

My prayer is that this lesson has been a blessing to you., Please feel free to share what you have gleaned and be a source of encouragement to someone else.

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