

Prayer for the Week:

May the God who raises the dead
give me breakthrough faith—
faith that faces reality
yet refuses to declare it final.

When hope has been wounded,
may I run toward God and not away.
When the silence lingers,
may I press in and not give up.

Let my trust be anchored
not in what I see,
but in the risen Christ,
who makes way for a resurrection, not a burial.

I live with resurrection hope,
that because Jesus is alive, revival is on the way.

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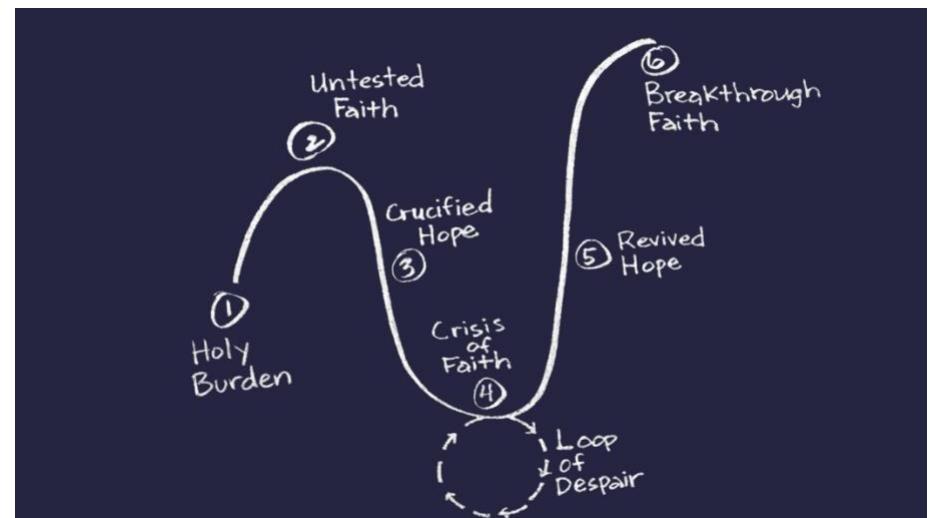


BREAKTHROUGH FAITH

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2 Kings 4:8-37, 2 Kings 8:1-6



“Expectations demand a certain result; expectancy trusts and hopes. Expectations create anger and disillusionment in our faith when they aren’t met; expectancy is an openness to any outcome God desires. Expectations force God into a box to act as we want; expectancy allows God to be God in our lives, acting on his own will. Broken expectations, on their own, lead us to despair; expectancy takes our broken expectations back to God to rebuild our faith.” Longing for Revival, Choung and Pfieffer

1. Breakthrough faith does not deny reality; it refuses to **finalize** it. (2 Kings 4:18-21)
 - a. The Shunamite woman plans for a **resurrection** instead of a burial.
 - b. “Hope is faith applied to the future.” Longing for Revival
 - c. Hebrews 11:35 (By Faith) Women received their dead, raised to life again.
2. Breakthrough faith runs toward God when **hope** is disappointed. (2 Kings 4:22-30)
 - a. Disappointment is a crossroads for faith.
 - b. We can choose **pursuit** or retreat.
 - c. The Shunamite woman carries grief without surrendering hope.
3. Breakthrough faith is **persistent** when results are delayed. (2 Kings 4:30-35)
 - a. Reviving faith cannot be outsourced or delegated.
 - b. Delayed results do not mean divine **absence**.
 - c. Breakthrough faith presses in even when obedience seems ineffective.

4. Breakthrough faith is abiding **trust** in our resurrected Savior. (2 Kings 4:32-37)
 - a. Elisha stretched himself over one dead child; Jesus stretched himself on the cross to give **life** to the world.
 - b. Elisha’s miracle was temporary; Jesus entered death to defeat it eternally.
 - c. Elisha prayed for resurrection; Jesus is resurrection.
 - d. Elisha proves what God can do; Jesus proves who God is.
 - e. Elisha restored a dead son to his mother; Jesus restores lost sons and daughters to the **Father**.
 - f. Elisha gives us a glimpse of the resurrection; Jesus guarantees it.
5. Breakthrough faith becomes a public **witness** to awaken trust in others. (2 Kings 8:1-6)
 - a. What God revives in private, he often uses in **public**.
 - b. God times our testimony for maximum impact.
 - c. Revival spreads when resurrection stories are **told**.