

2/19/23 “Breakthrough,” John 15:5-10, NLT

**INTRODUCTION:** Ever wished you could find the right way to pray or the right prayer so you would get what you asked for?

**MAIN IDEA: Pray the Word for breakthrough.** How? Here are four things to do.

(ex: Ps. 146, but *more than that*)

#### I. First, confess (5)

A. to be a branch...a child of God, a follower, a disciple

1. admit our sin (confess)
2. believe He died for us
3. make Him our Lord (confess)

B. to be right with God after being born again

**1John 1:9, NLT:** But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

**James 5:16, NLT:** Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

**ILLUSTRATION:** express our love;

#### II. Second, commit (5)

**NOTE:** We want to remain in the vine (we are branches; we depend on Him for our sustenance & life)

**Remain:** continue, dwell, endure, abide

A. to His Lordship

1. Savior *and* Lord
2. we follow Him, surrendering all

**Mark 8:34, NLT:** Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me.

B. to trusting Him with everything (His wisdom, His plans)

**ILLUSTRATION:** marry;

#### III. Third, connect (7) *My words remain in you (like sap)*

**Words:** *rhema* = the spoken word, its meaning

A. seeking Him

1. through His Word: reading, meditating, studying, memorizing
2. through prayer: crying out & listening for His Spirit: words, a sense

B. allowing His Word to flow through us (& obeying, 10)

**Obey or keep:** to guard from loss or injury by keeping an eye upon

1. by His Word as it comes to our mind
2. by His Holy Spirit as He directs, informs

**ILLUSTRATION:** connect more deeply emotionally as we get to know one another better; SAP

#### IV. Finally, communicate (7)

**Ask:** to request, petition; someone requesting something from another in a higher position; implies being insistent with confidence but not commanding or demanding

A. from relationship: His child

B. in concert with: have His Word, directed by Spirit

C. having His mind & His heart

1. sometimes we know His will

**EX:** all will be saved but have free will

2. sometimes we know only His heart

**EX:** to help the broken-hearted but we don’t know how

**ILLUSTRATION:** keeps us 2 fresh; B of HS & tongues: praying His will

**CONCLUSION:**

