

HOUR OF PRAYER
LOOKING FOR BREAKTHRU IN 2020

FIRST TEN MINUTES: *Setting My Heart*

READ: Colossians 3:1-17

BREAKTHRU QUESTIONS: On what is my heart set, Christ or the shadows and short-lived pleasures of this life? What must I let go in order to lay hold of Jesus? What is my biggest time-waster?

PRAY: Breakthru requires authenticity, vulnerability and confession. Be real with God. God I acknowledge the barriers that are keeping me from break through. Show me where my heart is set. I confess the things distracting me. Forgive me and give me the grace to breakthru.

SING OR MEDITATE: *All My Hope* by David Crowder

*I've been held by the Savior, I've felt fire from above
I've been down to the river, I ain't the same, a prodigal returned*

*All my hope is in Jesus, thank God that yesterday's gone
All my sins are forgiven, and I've been washed by the blood*

*I'm no stranger to prison, I've worn shackles and chains
But I've been freed and forgiven, and I'm not going back, I'll never be the same.*

SECOND TEN MINUTES: Praying for Hunger

READ: Philippians 3:7-14

BREAKTHRU QUESTIONS: What can I do this year to increase my enjoyment of Jesus? How can I deepen my hunger for Christ?

SING OR MEDITATE: *Hunger* by David and Nicole Binion

*This world could never satisfy, the longing in my soul
When all is lost and hope is dry, when all I feel is cold
I'm coming back to Your presence. I'm coming back to Your presence.*

*'Cause there's a hunger and a thirst... I am desperate, immerse me
I'm not waiting, not anymore...I need You Lord, I need You Lord*

*I feel it burning like a fire, stronger than before
You are the one that I desire, I couldn't ask for more
I'm coming back to Your presence*

PONDER: "If you can't see the sun you will be impressed with every street light. If you have never felt thunder and lightning, you will be impressed with fireworks. And if you turn your back on the greatness and majesty of Christ, you will fall in love with a world of shadows and short-lived pleasures." John Piper

PRAY: Pray that the Spirit would deepen our hunger for Christ. Jesus give us the gift of dissatisfaction, that nothing would grab our hearts more than Christ. God give me a fresh vision of Christ and turn our affections toward Him. Set a fire in our hearts for you O God!

THIRD TEN MINUTES: *Seeking His Power*

READ: Acts 1:1-8, 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

BREAKTHRU QUESTIONS: Is my life, service, and ministry empowered by the Spirit of God? What is my greatest area of weakness? How might God show His strength in that area? Does my weakness lead me to prayer?

PONDER: "No man is greater than his prayer life. The pastor who is not praying is playing; the people who are not praying are straying. We have many organizers, but few agonizers; many players and payers, few pray-ers; many singers, few clingers; lots of pastors, few wrestlers; many fears, few tears; much fashion, little passion; many interferers, few intercessors; many writers, but few fighters. Failing here, we fail everywhere." Leonard Ravenhill

PRAY: Ask God to strengthen us with the power of His Spirit. Ask Him to pour out his strength in our weak places; to help us be hope-givers to those struggling with addiction and depression. Ask him to give strength to those going through difficult times; and courage to share the gospel with those in need. Pray that we would be filled and empowered by the Spirit

FOURTH TEN MINUTES: *A Plan for Growth*

READ: Luke 14:25-33

BREAKTHRU QUESTIONS: What will growth in 2020 look like for me? What spiritual discipline should I focus on? How can I improve my relationships; family, friends, work, neighbors? How can I strengthen my church? Is there an act of generosity God is asking me to make? Something to surrender? How will this year be different from last year? Focus on one or two questions and pray it through.

PONDER: "The world can no longer be left to mere diplomats, politicians, and business leaders. They have done the best they could, no doubt. But this is an age for spiritual heroes- a time for men and women to be heroic in their faith and in spiritual character and power. The greatest danger to the Christian church today is that of pitching its message too low." Dallas Willard

PRAY: Ask the Spirit to guide you to a plan for growth for 2020. God give us the courage and the resolve to listen for your voice; to learn from your Word, and to lean in with resolve. God do everything in me that you need to do so that you can do everything through me that you want to do. Give me breakthrough in my life and family. Give us breakthru in the church throughout Central PA.

SING or MEDITATE: *Take My Life* by Francis Havergal

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise; Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee, swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose, every power as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart; it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne, it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee, ever, only, all for Thee.

FIFTH TEN MINUTES: *Impossible Breakthru*

READ: Jeremiah 32:17, Matthew 19:23-26, Ephesians 3:14-21

BREAKTHRU QUESTIONS: What impossible prayer should I be praying? This year, who will I pray most passionately that they might accept Christ and surrender their lives to Him? What one thing can I ask God to do through me that will matter in 2030 or for eternity?

PRAY: God is able to do more than you can imagine. He dares you to out-dream Him. As you pray that impossible prayer; as you pray for that person to come to know Christ; as you ask God to do something that matters through you, know that He is more than able. God thank you for all you have done and all that you will do in the days to come. Would you move in this decade in ways that go beyond what we can imagine. Pour out your Spirit in Central Pa and bring revival.

SING OR MEDITATE: *The King Is In This Place* by Elevation Worship

All our fathers saw in the days of old, would you do it again? Do it again.

All the stories told, all the miracles, would you do it again? Do it again.

You said "Consecrate yourselves to me and you will see amazing things"

We need Your revival, Holy Spirit fire, burning ever brighter in our souls.

Kings and kingdoms falling, hear your people calling. King of Kings, we need a miracle.

The King is among us and His glory surrounds us, and His fire is falling as we sing.

The Savior is for us and His love is victorious, and revival is rising in His name.

LAST TEN MINUTES: *Listening to the Spirit*

READ: Psalm 46:10, I Kings 19:11-13, Exodus 33:7-11

PONDER: "Psalm 46: 10 tells us there is a kind of knowing that comes in silence and not in words-but first we must be still. The Hebrew word translated "Be still" literally means "Let go of your grip." "We are starved for quiet, to hear the sound of sheer silence that is the presence of God himself." Ruth Haley Barton.

PONDER: "All the miseries of the human person come from the fact that no one can sit still for one hour." Achieving stillness seems beyond us and this leaves us with a certain dilemma, we need stillness to find God, but we need God's help to find stillness." Blaise Pascal

PRAYER: After offering up your stillness, sit for a time in silence. Listen for God's voice, but be content if He chooses to simply be with you. God for the next few moments, quiet my heart. Take away all thoughts of earning your attention and gaining your approval. Let my mind, my thoughts, my desires, my concerns and worries, let them all be still. Still the distractions and the shadows, the fear of missing out and those things that I think I should fix. Let me sit as your child, loved and accepted, seen and known. I sit here in the silence with you, for no other reason than I love you.