

HOW TO PRAY IN A CRISIS
Seeking God for a Breakthrough – Part 1
DANIEL 9:1-23

1. LET GOD SPEAK TO ME BEFORE I SPEAK TO HIM

*READ YOUR BIBLE FIRST

*"It was the first year of the reign of Darius the Mede who was made king of the Babylonians (by Cyrus). During the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, was **studying the Scriptures. I learned from the Word** of the Lord, as recorded by Jeremiah the prophet, that Jerusalem must lie desolate for seventy years."*
Daniel 9:1-2

*"God says this to you: 'You will be kept in Babylon for 70 years. But **then I'll keep my gracious promise** to bring you back to your home again. For I know the plans I have for you' says the Lord. **I have good plans for you**, not plans for your disaster. My plans will give you hope and a future. In those days **when you pray**, I will listen.'" Jeremiah 29:10-12*

*"But if you **stay in me** and **obey my commands**, you may ask any request you like, and it will be granted!" John 15:7 (TLB)*

"But if you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask for anything you want, and it will be granted!" John 15:7 (NLT)

How Does God Speak to me during a Crisis?

- I. Through **HIS WRITTEN WORD**
- II. Through **HIS SPOKEN WORD**
- III. Through **HIS PEOPLE**

Why do I need to let God speak to me first?

- To find out what God has already said about my crisis.
- To know how to pray and what to ask for.

Prayer Principle:

God will not answer a prayer that violates His word or His character.

"... You do not have what you need, because you do not ask God for it!" James 4:2

(2) FACTORS: MY PRAYING & GOD'S TIMING

2. FOCUS MY ATTENTION ON GOD

*"[So] I **turned my face** to the Lord God, **SEEKING** him..."*
Daniel 9:3a (ESV)

*"So I **gave my attention** to the Lord to **SEEK** Him by prayer..."*
Daniel 9:3 (NASB)

God says this: "Seek me and you will live!" Amos 5:4
God says this: "I love those who love me, and those who seek me will [what?] find me!" Proverbs 8:17

God: "You will... find me when you seek me with all your heart." Jeremiah 29:13 (NIV)

"... God rewards those who earnestly seek him." Hebrews 11:6

Jesus says this: "Seek, first God's Kingdom, before everything else, and all the other things you need will be given to you."
Luke 12:31

"I will return to my place on high and wait until they, acknowledge their offenses, and feel their guilt, and seek my face; then in their troubles and distress they will earnestly seek me, saying, 'Let us return to the Lord so that he may heal us.'" Hosea 5:15

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