

Keys to Breakthrough: Get Mad



Scripture

- **2 Samuel 5:17-25**

When the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek out David; and when David heard of it, he went down to the stronghold. Now the Philistines came and spread themselves out in the valley of Rephaim. *Then David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I go up against the Philistines? Will You give them into my hand?"* And the LORD said to David, "Go up, for I will certainly give the Philistines into your hand." So David came to Baal-perazim and defeated them there; and he said, "The LORD has broken through my enemies before me like the breakthrough of waters." Therefore, he named that place Baal-perazim. They abandoned their idols there, so David and his men carried them away. Now the Philistines came up once again and spread themselves out in the valley of Rephaim. When David inquired of the LORD, He said, "You shall not go directly up; circle around behind them and come at them in front of the balsam trees. It shall be, when you hear the sound of marching in the tops of the balsam trees, then you shall act promptly, for then the LORD will have gone out before you to strike the army of the Philistines." Then David did so, just as the LORD had commanded him, and struck down the Philistines from Geba as far as Gezer. Then David did so, just as the LORD had commanded him, and struck down the Philistines from Geba as far as Gezer.

- **1 Chronicles 14:11**

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Other Scriptures

- Romans 8:37
- 1 John 4:4
- 2 Corinthians 12:9-10
- 2 Timothy 4:7

Main Points

- When you're moving forward in the Spirit, you will face supernatural resistance.
- The Hebrew word Metsudah means stronghold.
- Baal-Pratsim is Hebrew for Master of Breakthrough.
- God isn't going to defeat your enemies apart from you. He's going to defeat your enemies through you!
- Keys to Breakthrough:
 - Expect opposition.
 - We must cling to God!
 - Until we get mad, we're never going to go forward to where we can be.

Discussion Questions

1. Why is an expectation of opposition important to the battles we face?
2. What we must do as we recognize our own weakness in meeting the opposition?
3. What do my efforts have to do with spiritual warfare?
4. What did Rabbi mean when he said we have to get mad in order to get glad?
5. Talk about Rabbi's teaching about wrestling aggressively versus wrestling passively. How does this relate to our spiritual warfare? What are things at which we need to get mad?
6. How long does spiritual warfare go on in our lives? Do we ever reach the end?