

A GUIDE FOR A *Breakthrough* YEAR

You can experience a breakthrough in 2021! It can be a year when God speaks powerfully to your soul, when you see Him move in miraculous ways, and when you discover levels of joy and intimacy with Him beyond all expectations. Using this guide, position yourself to receive everything He has for you in the coming year.

To begin, find a quiet place and settle in. Breathe deeply and quiet your soul, then work your way through the following steps. Give time for God to speak and for you to hear Him along the way.

To complete the family bonus sections, arrange a separate time for your family to gather together. Grab some snacks, limit distractions, and develop your family plan to experience a breakthrough year. Remember, the plan will be for your family, not someone else's. It should fit who your family is—what you like to do and who you want to be.

***Prayer:** Father, I am Yours and I want You to speak over me. Would you restore my soul by the truth of Your Word and the power of Your Spirit? Would You speak a word for me to hang onto as an intimate promise for 2021? Reveal to me Your will for my life and how You would have me obey it. Give me a fresh revelation of You that would cause me to live a life of worship in awe of Your greatness. Point out new ground that You would have me possess for Your Kingdom, and give me the faith and courage to take the risks You are calling me to take. I ask this in the authority of the name of Jesus, Amen.*

A. WHAT IS MY 2021 WORD? (HEAR THE WORD) — Meditate on Matthew 4:4

The most important and powerful thing in the universe is the Word of God. That He SPEAKS and we HEAR Him is critical. At all times, we need to be hanging on to something He has spoken or is speaking to us. The Word of God is our source of soul-life.

Ask the Lord to reveal to you a word from Him. Listen. It might be one word, it might be two. The point is, it's from Him. Listen for that Word. When you heard something, meditate on it. Ask Him if it's from Him, and if it is, let it speak deep into your soul.

My current Word is _____

Family bonus: What is your family's word for this year? Maybe it's "kindness" or "serving". (Maybe it's "macaroni"—we don't know. Maybe your family really likes macaroni.) Or maybe you can't decide on just one word. You might think of a string of words that God speaks over your family. As a family, ask God for your Word and then list out all your options. Let everyone have input, then as a family, select the Word you believe God is speaking to you.

Our family Word is _____

B. WHAT IS MY NEW OBEDIENCE? (WORK IT OUT) — Meditate on Psalm 1:1-3

One of the greatest drains or fulfillments to our souls circles around doing what God has asked of us. When we live in step with His will, we experience His peace and power at work within us. When we fail to follow His lead, we limit what He will do in or through us.

Ask the Lord what He is asking of you. It might be to do something you've never done. It might be to stop doing something you've been doing. Seek Him and wait until He reveals to you something He would have you do as an act of obedience.

My new obedience is _____

Family bonus: As a family, identify one way you can step forward in obedience together. It might be by volunteering to serve once a month on a ministry team, serving for a full day with a local charity, or helping out a friend or family member going through a difficult time. It could mean beginning a daily devotional time together, adding an Internet filter, or reworking your family budget to address a particular need or ministry. What God asks of one family may be different from what He asks of another. What is He asking of your family?

Our new family obedience is _____

C. WHAT IS MY CURRENT AWE? (PRAISE YOUR WAY THROUGH) — Meditate on Isaiah 6:1-7

Your life is the product of your idea of God. It is paramount that we continually consider the grandeur, greatness, and holiness of God as we live in the light of how we see Him.

Think on your life and all the ways God has revealed Himself to you. Think about God and all His incredible attributes. In this season, define the one aspect of God that stirs your heart, inspires your mind, and brings forth affection for Him.

My current awe is _____

Family bonus: Stories are an important part of our lives. They bring us together and help us understand one another. They help us understand ourselves. As a family, talk about your experiences with God. How has He revealed Himself to your family? In what ways has He blessed you? As a family, make a list of five things you have learned about God and His goodness toward you.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

D. WHAT IS MY NEW TERRITORY? (MOVE FORWARD) — Meditate on Joshua 1:3-9

God has called and equipped you to take ground for His Kingdom, both in your life and in the world in which you live. He is the God of eternal increase and has His sights on some new territory for you to occupy in authority.

Where do you see God drawing you to operate in authority? What "land" would He have you step into and occupy in His Name and Power?

My new territory is _____

Family bonus: Moving forward as a family means learning to enjoy one another and have fun together. Come up with five fun things to do together this year. Be realistic, which means time travel or a trip around the world might not make the list. Write down your five ideas; gain bonus points if you can schedule them out (even if it's just assigning them to a particular month)! Make every effort to make your top five happen this year.

Our 2021 Family Fun:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

E. WHAT IS MY CURRENT RISK? (HAVE FAITH) — Meditate on Matthew 21:18-22

Faith is tangible and quantifiable. If you can't point to where you are exercising faith, you don't have it. And without faith, it is impossible to please God. God wants us to continually live by authentic faith. Where is yours?

In what areas/ways is God asking you to step out in faith? What is He asking you to believe Him for? What is your current leap of faith?

My current risk is _____

Family bonus: Fear can prevent us from truly experiencing everything God has promised. Afraid of the risk, we hold back and miss out on the blessing. Fear can be particularly paralyzing when it involves our families, but faith is freeing. As a family, identify a promise or a challenge God given that you need to embrace together. How can you begin living and acting in faith, with the assurance that everything God has promised is real? What change is He asking your family to make; what risk is He asking you to take?

Our family risk is _____