

Devotional
Breaking Out

1 Chronicles 4:10

Jabez cried out to the God of Israel, "Oh that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain." And God granted his request."

The name Jabez means, "a source of misery" or "pain". But it was a label Jabez refused to wear and a prophecy he refused to fulfill – and you should too.

Just because someone called you "pain", "illegitimate" doesn't make you so. God says you were in His mind before you were in your mother's womb (Psalm 139:13-16). So who are you going to believe? Who are you going to quote? Your friends, families, peers, colleagues or God?

Jabez refused to allow his poor beginnings to dictate his end! He refused to allow his family to keep him down or his borders to keep him in. He took it to the higher court and got God's verdict. You can too.

Listen to him, "*Bless me! Enlarge my territory! Let your hand be on me! Keep me from harm!*" "*And God granted his request.*" That's a prayer God is just waiting to answer for you also.

It's time to break out – become a boundary-crosser. Break out of your bondage. Break out of your habits. Break out of your oppression. Break out of your fear and hang-ups.

Start believing God for more, instead of settling for less. Know your true identity in Christ. The Bible says, we are more than conqueror through him who loved us! (Romans 8:37)

Paul says in 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

"Eyes not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them who love him. But God has revealed them unto us by the Spirit."

God has some things He wants to show you, so get into His presence and stay there till you see them. Then you will be like Jabez where God said that, "*he was more honorable than his brother*".

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