

BIBLE CHALLENGE - DON'T FORGET

Why do you think we take sermon notes?
(besides getting a prize for completing 8 of them!)

What are some things you do so that you don't forget something important?

How would you describe the writer of Proverbs 3? Why do you think he writes this passage to the son, the child?

Why should we 'not forget the teachings and keep the commands in mind?' What will they bring for us?

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- 5.

What is the opposite of 'relying on your own understanding?'

Why should we trust in and go after the LORD?

Proverbs 3.1-12

(God's Word translation)

My [son, child, the one I love], **do not forget** my teachings, and keep my commands in mind, because they will bring you long life, good years, and peace. Do not let mercy and truth leave you. Fasten them around your neck. *Write them on the tablet of your heart.* Then you will find favour and much success in the sight of God and humanity. Trust the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths smooth. Do not consider yourself wise. Fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. Then your body will be healed, and your bones will have nourishment. Honour the LORD with your wealth and with the first and best part of all your income. Then your barns will be full, and your vats will overflow with fresh wine. Do not reject the discipline of the LORD, my son, and do not resent his warning, because the LORD warns the one he loves, even as a father warns a son with whom he is pleased.

Following the Way to Breakthrough

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Micah 2.12-13 *underline the words break through*

I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob; I will gather the remnant of Israel; I will set them together like sheep in a fold, like a flock in its pasture, a noisy multitude of men. He who opens the breach goes up before them; they break through and pass the gate, going out by it. Their king passes on before them, the LORD at their head.

BONUS: In this passage in Micah, what is another word for a breakthrough?

John 14.1-14 *underline the words the way*

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way to where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you had known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. "Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

What three words does Jesus use to describe who he is?

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- 2.
- 3.

What would you make these 'roadsigns' mean to direct people to Jesus – The Way?



Create your own sign to direct people to Jesus.



What do you think it means to *wholeheartedly* follow Jesus as Lord?

Following the Way to Breakthrough

- For Christians, “breakthrough” refers to an important and sudden point of change that occurs through God’s activity and our cooperation with God.
 - Breakthroughs are not the victory, but they can lead to victory if we *prepare* for them.
- **Jesus is THE WAY. He is the pattern for our life.**
- **Jesus is THE TRUTH and *only* Jesus is the truth.**
- **Jesus is THE LIFE.**
- We have a future in eternity, but only with Jesus.
 - As good as this life is, it will never be better than eternal life with Jesus.
 - As bad as this life is, it will never be worse than eternal life without Jesus.
- **Jesus is the *only* way to the Father and into the Father’s will.**
- Only y Jesus do we experience God’s breaking through
 - Only by Jesus can we fulfil God’s will
- We must believe in Jesus as he is shown to us in the Bible and by the Spirit

What must we do to prepare for breakthrough?

1. Remain with Jesus. We cannot experience breakthrough apart from Jesus.
2. Submit to Jesus’ Lordship and Kingship.
3. Prepare ourselves for the breakthroughs God will bring.
4. Surrender our life and our will to Jesus.