



## Trusting God for a breakthrough Praying in a crisis part 1

Daniel remained loyal to the Lord throughout repeated trials. Yet, he sought God throughout his life by praying and reading the Scriptures daily. Daniel gives us 2 steps in seeking God: They are: (1) Let God speak to me before I speak, (2) Focus my attention on God.

1. Listen to God speak to you in the midst of a crisis.  
Study the Scriptures, learn from the Word. Reading and studying Scripture helps you pray more effectively. Every single day as you read the Scriptures you begin to absorb God's thoughts. In this context He speaks to you about your crisis.

In John 15:7, Jesus said, ***"If you stay connected to me and my words remain in your heart, you may ask any request you want in prayer, and it will be given to you..."***

We connect with God through His words in the Bible.

Jeremiah 29:10-12, "God says this to you: ***'You will be kept in Babylon for seventy 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.'***"

2. Focus your attention on God.  
In Daniel 9:3, it says this: ***"So I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking Him..."***  
Proverbs 8:17, God says this: ***"I love those who love me, and those who seek me will find me!"***  
Take time in the course of a day and seek Him, talk to Him, about what is going on in your life.
3. What to do? Here are two key action steps to start with:
  - a. Read the Scriptures for at least 10 minutes a day. Start anywhere in the Bible and He will speak to you through it.
  - b. Talk to God about what is going on in your life. Be honest with Him. Speak from the heart.
4. Remember this: you have a right to be in His presence and connect with God through prayer and His word.  
***"Therefore he is able, once and forever, to save<sup>[a]</sup> those who come to God through him. He lives forever to intercede with God on their behalf." Heb. 7:25***
5. Talk it over:
  - a. Why do you think the Lord is eager for us to "seek Him?"
  - b. How can you find time in your day to be with Him and read His word?
  - c. Why is the word of God in Scripture such a key way He speaks to us?

