

## BREAKING NEW GROUND SERIES

### "Ground Breaking Dreams"

1 Chron 4:9 -10

- **You were created for groundbreaking dreams.**

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- **You must pursue groundbreaking dreams.**

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- **You must prepare for groundbreaking dreams.**

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**1 Chron. 4:9. When pain becomes gain.** The name Jabez means "sorrowful or pain". In this verse the mother of Jabez states "I gave birth to him in pain." Just as giving birth involves pain and struggle, so does the birth of ground breaking dreams. Take a moment to consider your personal dreams and the dreams we share as a church family. What are some of the things that can keep us from reaching our goals? How can we be victorious when faced with adversity, pain and struggle? What do we stand to gain from our sacrifice?

**1 Chron. 4:10, Psalm 2:8, Matthew 7:7, James 4:2. Oh that you would bless me indeed.** This section of the scripture brings to mind these words from a simple song -- "it's me, it's me oh Lord standing in the need of prayer." Is it selfish to pray for yourself? James 4:2 says "You have not, because you ask not." God blesses us first and foremost for His glory. How do the blessings in your life give glory to God? An airline stewardess will instruct passengers to secure their own oxygen mask before attempting to assist someone else. Is this selfish? How do the blessings in your life bless others around you?

**1 Chron. 4:10, John 14:12, Isaiah 54:2, Zachariah 4:6. Increase my territory.** Increase comes with "stretching." Stretching does not come without discomfort. However stretching loosens, strengthens and promotes growth. What boundaries and limitations have you allowed the world to set in your life? What fears keep you from pursuing great tasks for God? What does "supernatural" mean to you? Has God's supernatural power ever blessed you to achieve that which you could not have accomplished on your own? Explain.

**1 Chron. 4:10, 1Kings 3:7-9. Let your hand be with me. Keep me from harm, so that I will be free from pain.** Examine the two prayers in these two passages. What does the prayer of the simple man Jabez have in common with the prayer of the great King Solomon? How can sins such as envy, jealousy, hatred, lying, cheating and adultery cause harm or pain to ourselves? How can such sins cause harm or pain to others?

**1 Chron. 4:10. And God granted his request.** How many times do the word "me", "my" or "I" appear in this passage? These words that we have been taught to avoid are highlighted in this very personal lesson on how God desires to bless YOU today! Will you trust Him?

**Taking It Home: How Will I Apply It:** As we enter into a season filled with Great Expectations, pray and ask God to stretch you in the areas of ministry, giving, service and sacrifice. Trust God to lead you with His Mighty hand of protection and power to accomplish Ground Breaking Dreams for His glory.