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BREAKING THROUGH INTO BLESSED LIFE —
THE PRAYER OF JABEZ

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Open your group in prayer and feel free to discuss each of the provided questions. Before you close with prayer, take a few minutes to look over the **Three Essential Questions** toward the end of the document.

Scriptures:

1 Chronicles 4:9; 1 Chronicles 2:55; 1 Chronicles 4:10; Numbers 6:24-26; James 4:2b; Isaiah 54:2-3; Joshua 1:9; Psalm 121:7-8; Psalms 139:23-24

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1. 1 Chronicles 4:9, **“Jabez was more honorable than his brothers. His mother had named him Jabez, saying, ‘I gave birth to him in pain.’”** Jabez’s name means in pain, but he is more noble than his brothers. Which is more important: your birth, or your hard work? Why?
2. 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.”** Why would Jabez dare to pray like this? Why God answers such prayers?
3. If I pray the Prayer of Jabez, will God answer me? Why?
4. **“Oh, that you would bless me”** In what areas do you want God to bless you? When God granted your request, how would you respond to Him?
5. **“Enlarge my territory!”** Enlarge your territory will also take you out of your existing comfort zone. Are you willing to face this challenge?
6. **“Let your hand be with me”** God's presence is not only in our devotion, but it is also present when we follow His instructions. For example: Preach the gospel, love your enemies... In what areas would you like to have “His hand be with you”?
7. **“Keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain.”** Sometimes, harm and pain draw us closer to God. How to build our own spiritual lives, so that we can experience “His hand be with me”, without experiencing harm and pain?

Take your next step!



Three Essential Questions:

1. **What did you hear?** What point in this message was most impactful for you?
2. **What do you think?** How did this message challenge, change, or affirm your thinking?
3. **What will you do?** How will you or your group put into practice what you’ve learned today?