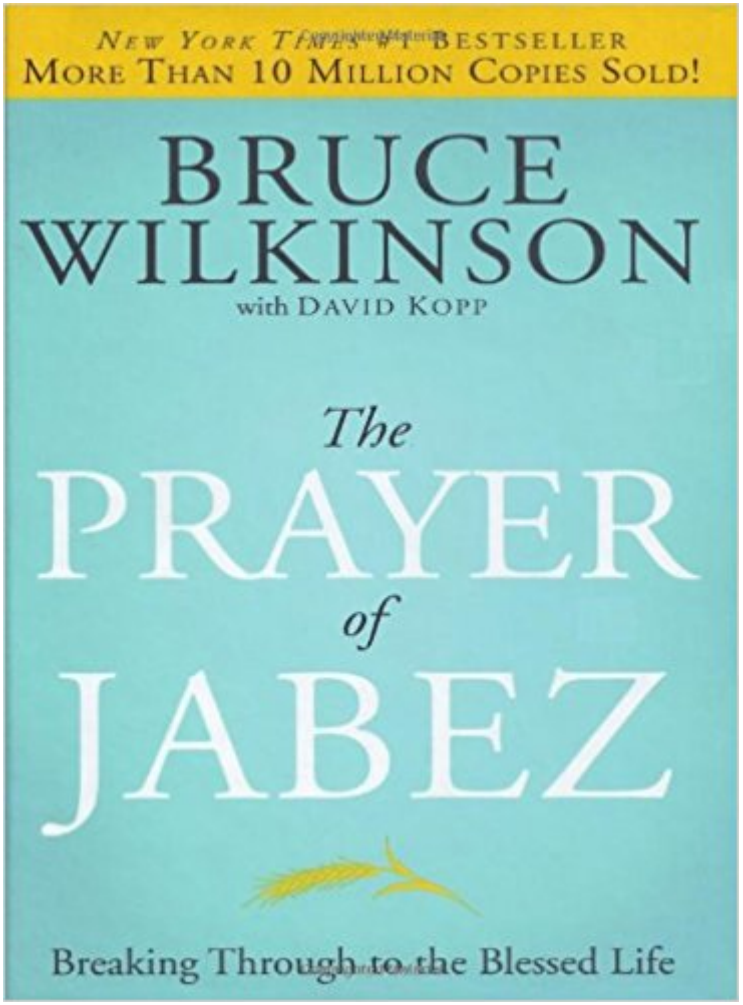
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The Prayer Of Jabez: Breaking Through To The Blessed Life (Breakthrough Series)



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Synopsis

Simple Prayer, Dramatic Life-Change ItÃ¢â ¬â„¢s a timeless prayer that produces timely results! Bruce Wilkinson takes readers to 1 Chronicles 4:10 to discover how they can release GodÃ¢â ¬â„¢s miraculous power and experience the blessings God longs to give each of us. The life of Jabez, one of the BibleÃ¢â ¬â„¢s most overlooked heroes of the faith, bursts from unbroken pages of genealogies in an audacious, fourpart prayer that brings him an extraordinary measure of divine favor, anointing, and protection. Readers who commit to offering the same prayer on a regular basis will find themselves extravagantly blessed by God, and agents of His miraculous power, in everyday life.Do you want to be extravagantly blessed by God? Are you ready to reach for the extraordinary? To ask God for the abundant blessings He longs to give you? Join Bruce Wilkinson to discover how the remarkable prayer of a little-known Bible hero can release GodÃ¢â ¬â„¢s favor, power, and protection. YouÃ¢â ¬â„¢ll see how one daily prayer can help you leave the past behindÃ¢â ¬â •and break through to the life you were meant to live. Story Behind the BookWhen The Prayer of Jabez first released in 2000 and sold nine million copies in two years, Bruce WilkinsonÃ¢â ¬â„¢s mailbox was flooded with countless personal stories of answered prayer. GodÃ¢â ¬â„¢s mighty hand was using the prayer to change lives in both small and dramatic ways. Such undeniable testimonies make it impossible to ignore GodÃ¢â ¬â„¢s presence, active and alive today! This repack meets the demand that continues to ask for the original bestsellerÃ¢â ¬â •now with a stunning new look!

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Chapter 1LITTLE PRAYER, GIANT PRIZEJabez called on the God of Israel.Ã Â The little book you're holding is about what happens when ordinary Christians decide to reach for an extraordinary lifeÃ¢â ¬â •which, as it turns out, is exactly the kind God promises.Ã Â My own story starts in a kitchen with yellow counters and Texas-sized raindrops pelting the window. It was my senior year of seminary in Dallas. Darlene, my wife, and I were finding ourselves spending more and more time thinking and praying about what would come next. Where should I throw my energy, passion, and training? What did God want for us as a couple? I stood in our kitchen thinking again about a challenge I'd heard from the seminary chaplain, Dr. Richard Seume. "Want a bigger vision for your life?" he had asked earlier that week. "Sign up to be a gimper for God."Ã Â A gimper, as Seume explained it, was someone who always does a little more than what's required or expected. In the furniture business, for example, gimping is putting the finishing touches on the upholstery, patiently applying the ornamental extras that are a mark of quality and value.Ã Â Dr. Seume took as his text the briefest of Bible biographies: "Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers" (1 Chronicles 4:9). Jabez wanted to be more and do more for God, andÃ¢â ¬â •as we discover by the end of verse 10Ã¢â ¬â •God granted him his request.Ã Â End of verse. End of Bible story.Ã Â Lord, I think I want to be a gimper for You, I prayed as I looked out the window at the blustery spring rain. But I was puzzled. What exactly did Jabez do to rise above the rest? Why did God answer his prayer? I wondered. For that matter, why did God even include Jabez's miniprofile in the Bible? Ã Â Maybe it was the raindrops running down the windowpanes. Suddenly my thoughts ran past verse 9.Ã Â I picked up my Bible and read verse 10Ã¢â ¬â •the prayer of Jabez. Something in his prayer would explain the mystery. It had to. Pulling a chair up to the yellow counter, I bent over my Bible, and reading the prayer over and over, I searched with all my heart for thefuture God had for someone as ordinary as I.Ã Â The next morning, I prayed Jabez's prayer word for word.Ã Â And the next.Ã Â And the next.Ã Â Thirty years later, I haven't stopped.Ã Â If you were to ask me what

sentenceÃ¢â ¬â •other than my prayer for salvationÃ¢â ¬â •has revolutionized my life and ministry the most, I would tell you that it was thecry of a gimper named Jabez, who is still remembered not for what he did, but for what he prayedÃ¢â ¬â •and for what happened next.Ã Â In the pages of this little book, I want to introduce you to the amazing truths in Jabez's prayer for blessing and prepare you to expect God's astounding answers to it as a regular part of your life experience.Ã Â How do I know that it will significantly impact you? Because of my experience and the testimony of hundreds of others around the world with whom I've shared these principles. Because, even more importantly, the Jabez prayer distills God's powerful will for your future. Finally, because it reveals that your Father longs to give you so much more than you may have ever thought to ask for.Ã Â Just ask the man who had no future.Ã Â THE PRODIGY OF THE GENEALOGYSomeone once said there is really very little difference between peopleÃ¢â ¬â •but that little difference makes a great deal of difference. Jabez doesn't stand astride the Old Testament like a Moses or a David or light up the book of Acts like those early Christians who turned the world upside down. But one thing is sure: The little difference in his lifemade all the difference.Ã Â You could think of him as the Prodigy of the Genealogy, or maybe the Bible's Little Big Man. You'll find him hiding in the least read section of one of the least-read books of the Bible.Ã Â The first nine chapters of 1 Chronicles are taken up with the official family tree of the Hebrew tribes, beginning with Adam and proceeding through thou-sands of years to Israel's return from captivity. Talk about boring! The long lists of unfamiliar and difficult namesÃ¢â ¬â •more than five hundred of themÃ¢â ¬â •are likely to make even the bravest Bible student turn back.Ã Â Take chapter 4. The descendants of Judah: Perez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal.Ã¢â ¬Â¦ And that's just the beginning.Ã Â AhumaiIshmaIdbashHazelelponiAnubÃ¢â ¬Â¦Ã Â I'd forgive you if you suddenly considered putting this little book aside and reaching for your TV remote. But stay with me. Because forty-four names into the chapter, a story suddenly breaks through:Ã Â Now Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying, "Because I bore him in pain." And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, "Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!" So God grantedhim what he requested. (1 Chronicles 4:9Ã¢â ¬â œ10)Ã Â In the next verse, the roll call for the tribe of Judah picks up as if nothing has happenedÃ¢â ¬â •Chelub, Shuah, Mehir.Ã¢â ¬Â¦Ã Â Something about this man Jabez had caused the historian to pause in middrone, clear histhroat, and switch tactics. "Ah, wait a minute!" he seems to interject. "You just gotta know something about this guy named Jabez. He stands head and shoulders above the rest!"Ã Â What was the secret to the enduring reputation of Jabez? You can

search from front to back in your Bible, as I have, and you won't find any more information than wehave in these two brief verses:Ã Â Ã¢â ¬Â¢ Things started badly for a person no one had ever heard of.Ã Â Ã¢â ¬Â¢ He prayed an unusual, one-sentence prayer.Ã Â Ã¢â ¬Â¢ Things ended extraordinarily well.Ã Â Clearly, the outcome can be traced to his prayer. Something about Jabez's simple, direct request to God changed his life and left a permanent mark on the history books of Israel:Ã Â Oh, that You would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory,that Your hand would be with me, and that You would keep me from evil.Ã Â At first glance, the four requests may strike you as sincere, sensible, even noble, but not terribly remarkable. Yet just under the surface of each lies a giant paradigm breaker that runs exactly opposite to the way you and I usually think. In the pages to come, I wantto show you just how dramatically each of Jabez's requests can release something miraculous in your life.Ã Â LIVING BEYOND THE LIMITSWhen was the last time God worked through you in such a way that you knew beyond doubt that God had done it? In fact, when was the last time you saw miracleshappen on a regular basis in your life? If you're like most believers I've met, you wouldn't know how to ask for that kind of experience, or even if you should.Ã Â What I have to share with you has been opening up lives to God's mighty working for many years. Recently, I was in Dallas to teach on the Jabez blessing to an audience of 9,000. Later over lunch, a man said to me, "Bruce, I heard you preach the message of Jabez fifteen years ago, and I haven't stopped praying it. The change has been so overwhelming I have just never stopped."Ã Â Across the table, another friend agreed. He said he'd been praying Jabez's little prayer for ten years with similar results. The man next to him, a heart surgeon from Indianapolis, said he had been praying it for five.Ã Â I told them, "Friends, I've been praying Jabez for more than half my life!"Ã Â Because you're reading this book, I believe you share my desire to reach for a life that will be "more honorable" for God. Not that you wish others to reach for less, but for you, nothing but God's fullest blessing will do. When you stand before Him to give your accounting, your deepest longing is to hear, "Well done!"Ã Â God really does have unclaimed blessings waiting for you, my friend. I know it sounds impossibleÃ¢â ¬â •even embarrassingly suspicious in our self-serving day. Yet that very exchangeÃ¢â ¬â •your want for God's plentyÃ¢â ¬â •has been His loving will for your life from eternity past. And with a handful of core commitments on your part, you can proceed from this day forward with the confidence and expectation that your heavenly Father willbring it to pass for you.Ã Â Think of it this way: Instead of standing near the river's edge, asking for a cup of water to get you through each day, you'll do something unthinkableÃ¢â ¬â •you will take the little prayer with the giant prize and jump into the river! At that moment, you will begin tolet the loving currents of God's grace and power carry you along. God's great plan for you will surround you and sweep you

forward into the profoundly important and satisfying life He has waiting.Ã Â If that is what you want, keep reading.

This book has given me the push I needed to move forward in doing what God has shown me to be my purpose. I've been told by many spiritual leaders that God has been waiting for me to ask. This book has taken away my fears so now I will do as Peter did when Jesus was walking on the water and told him to "come" to Him. I will do that from this day forward.

Gave my book to a friend who was recovering from surgery. Discovered I truly missed it and bought a second one for myself. The words in this book bring me great encouragement and hope when life presents extra struggles. "Oh, that you would bless me indeed..... keep me from evil."

Very worth reading!

Prefect

A wonderful reminder to be and do more for God by trusting and, more importantly, by asking & believing! You'll love the simple truths revealed through the personal stories of the author. This book is for anyone with a hunger to be more than "just" a blip in life--for God's glory.

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