

The Power Of Praying Together

Preamble

- First week of our 21 days of prayer and fasting
- Two more weeks left
- This is a God given gift, an opportunity to grow and go deep
- Prayer and Fasting together can bring breakthrough and move things in the spiritual atmosphere
- There is tremendous power in prayer and a powerful grace when doing this TOGETHER

Introduction

Prayer has always been God's way to get things moving

We are still Contending For the Fullness or Completeness

- Of Gods purposes in and through our lives
- Contending for New Testament Theology
- Contending for New Testament Lifestyle
- Contending for New Testament Power

- There is more than we can see
- There is more available
- We are in a transition moment in the Western World

However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him"--- [10] but God has revealed it to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God. **1 Corinthians 2:9-10**

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. [15] And if we know that he hears us--- whatever we ask---we know that we have what we asked of him. **1 John 5:14-15**

- Confidence in Approaching God
- He hears us - Whatever we ask
- We know we have what we have asked for! - Prayer answering God

Prayer Precedes God Moving

Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob. [7] Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. [8] Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. [9] Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. [10]

Who is he, this King of glory? The Lord Almighty---he is the King of glory.
Psalm 24:6-10

Prayer is Gods way of birthing -

- A deliverance,
- A transition,
- Moving to the next level
- An Apostolic People
- A revival

"To get nations back on their feet, we must first get down on our knees." -
Billy Graham

Enoch just before him 'at that time men began to call on the Lord
'At that time men began to call on the name of the Lord.' **Genesis 4:26**

- In Chapter 5 Enoch was born - Great promise and the first prophetic sign of the end time army that will come
- He personified them - 'Enoch walked steadfastly with the Lord'
- He prophesied their coming - Jude 20

Moses - I have heard their cry come up before me - Deliverance and a new transition took place. Birthing a new season

The Lord said, "I have indeed seen the misery of my people in Egypt. I have heard them crying out because of their slave drivers, and I am concerned about their suffering. [8] So I have come down to rescue them from the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land into a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey---the home of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites. [9] And now the cry of the Israelites has reached me, and I have seen the way the Egyptians are oppressing them. **Exodus 3:7-9**

Anna - prayed in a new season

- There was also a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was very old; she had lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, and then was a widow until she was eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped night and day, fasting and praying. [38] Coming up to them at that very moment, she gave thanks to God and spoke about the child to all who were looking forward to the redemption of Jerusalem. **Luke 2:36-38**

YOUR ANSWER IS IN THE PLACE OF PRAYER!!

Prayer Brings

- Clarity - Spirit of wisdom and revelation - To see clearly, To know what to do
- Divine Assistance - God's help
- Unshakeable confidence in God and in his calling upon you
- Pushes back the darkness - Shifts spiritual atmospheres
 - In families, work places, Churches, communities, cities
- Spiritual Ease - The Oil of the Spirit flowing through all
- Strength to your Inner Man - Mind, Will & Emotions
- God's purposes into manifestation upon the earth
- The only way to build Spiritually what the Lord is asking from us
- It's the only way to grow and mature into the fullness of what God has for you

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Jehoshaphat

Some people came and told Jehoshaphat, "A vast army is coming against you from Edom, from the other side of the Dead Sea. It is already in Hazazon Tamar" (that is, En Gedi). [4] The people of Judah came together to seek help from the Lord; indeed, they came from every town in Judah to seek him.

2 Chronicles 20:2,4

Nineveh saved from Judgement

But let people and animals be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their violence. [9] Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish." [10] When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened. **Jonah 3:8-10**

Promise of Jesus

For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." **Matthew 18:20**

Preceded Holy Spirit Coming

They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers. **Acts 1:14**

Early Church

Every believer was faithfully devoted to following the teachings of the apostles. Their hearts were mutually linked to one another, sharing communion and coming together regularly for prayer. **Acts 2:42 TPT**

When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. **Acts 4:24**

So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. **Acts 12:5**

When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying. **Acts 12:12**

- God chooses to make His presence known where there is unity
- Praying together creates unity, joins hearts
- Praying together helps us become aware of the needs of others and to support them
- Praying together brings breakthrough
- Praying together releases the miraculous
- Praying together brings prophetic revelation and discernment

Conclusion - Application

1. Pray together at any opportunity;
2. Pray together in the Prayer Hub;
3. Pray together as households and as Life Groups

Nothing tends more to cement the hearts of Christians than praying together. Never do they love one another so well as when they witness the outpouring of each other's hearts in prayer. **Charles G Finney**