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Hearing from the Lord

Blessings upon all members of the Fellowship!

When was the last time you cried out to God in prayer? Our Fellowship was birthed because our founder Demos Shakarian humbled himself and prayed until he heard from the Lord. Demos went from self-effort to resting in the power of God. Here is how Demos described it in his last publication "The Vision Intensified":

"Now, here's a point I want to stress!

After 14 months of meetings, thousands of miles of travel, phone calls, letters, "free breakfast" ads to entice men to attend, and 100 per cent of my energy, the Full Gospel Business Men's Fellowship seemed dead. Our most recent Saturday morning meeting at Clifton's Cafeteria on December 20 had

SIX FEWER men attending than when I had started the Fellowship, 14 months before!

Nothing man could do made any difference! No amount of careful planning, enticements, or even personal effort could launch this Fellowship.

And today, no amount of organization, money, or personal efforts will preserve it! ONLY God, and the Power of His Holy Spirit, can make the Fellowship ALIVE and VITAL.

On that lonely Friday evening, just before midnight, I told Tommy and my wife, Rose, "I'm going into the living room TO GET DOWN ON MY KNEES UNTIL I HEAR FROM THE LORD about this."

As I awoke early September 2, 2017, the Holy Spirit quicken me to Hebrews chapter 4. The Holy Spirit also quicken me to Hebrews chapter 4 earlier this year when I was asked to share at the Global Leadership Prayer Summit in Abuja, Nigeria in January 2017.

Hebrews 4:9-10 says:

There remains therefore a rest for the people of God. For he who has entered His rest has himself also ceased from his works as God did from His.

I believe Demos entered the "Holy of Holies" when he received "The Vision" on the evening of December 26, 1952. An exchange took place, from "man's effort" over to the power and grace of God. Demos "entered His rest". The Power of His Holy Spirit could then flow. If Demos (or any member) could do ministry on his own strength and talent, then there would be no need for the Holy Spirit or God. What a lesson for all of us today!

Prayerfully consider petitioning our Lord for direction in these last days. As Demos was determined, we also should "GET DOWN ON OUR KNEES UNTIL WE HEAR FROM THE LORD"! As we do so individually and corporately, we will see a "New Wave of Revival" in our midst!!!

Pray for Israel

Did you know that this 2017 year contains three significant anniversaries for the nation of Israel? Two of the anniversary dates are soon coming see them [See Here](#)

As we approach the end of the final Jewish calendar month of "Elul", we as members should do an "introspection of our prayer life". As we move toward the conclusion of the "age of grace", we should keep our communication (prayer life) with our Lord healthy and strong.

Growth Strategy #1 - Birthing a Chapter through Prayer

I personally have experienced the power of prayer and petition in starting a new chapter. The year was 1999, I had just returned from a Fellowship Airlift (short-term mission trip) to Eastern Europe. I returned to my home in the East Bay of San Francisco and continued the next day to work my software

contract with Charles Schwab, Inc in the city of San Francisco. Being filled with the Holy Spirit from the airlift experience, as I walked down Market Street, I heard in my Spirit "What about San Francisco?" I then said, "yes" we need a chapter in San Francisco! The next thing that happened, I connected with a Pastor from Wales named Robin Reese. Together we met weekly to pray for a new San Francisco Chapter. After a few weeks, we had 3 men praying. A few weeks later we had 5 men. When we hit 7 men, we proceeded to form a new chapter. God honored our faithfulness in prayer. I learned that two men praying in faith, can birth a new chapter!

Have you considered this strategy in your region or state for starting a new chapter? Praying in faith is powerful!

Final Thoughts

The Holy Spirit is prompting me to continue on the theme of prayer, as it is vital to us individually and corporately, especially in this juncture of time for America and Israel.

Let us agree in prayer for the protection of America. We intercede for the safety of our military personnel stationed around the world. We ask you Lord to give our military supernatural ability to defeat those who hate Israel, America and the truth, which is the Word of God. We pray for a hedge of protection over every State, County and City in America. For President Trump, we pray for clarity of mind, solid spiritual advisers, creative problem-solving ability, personal safety, divine purpose, and a heart to do what is right before God.

God Bless America! And may FGBMFA bless God by having members stay in tune with Heaven through prayer!

"Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit, says the LORD of hosts" (Zechariah 4:6b)

"It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life." (John 6:63)

"Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebr. 4:16)

Expanding His Kingdom,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Phil Harrison". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Phil Harrison
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