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The Power of Intercessory Prayer October 2017

Blessings upon all members of the Fellowship!

"... That men always ought to pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1)

The four Gospels tell us that Jesus spent much time communing with the Father in prayer. The most vivid example being His prayer at Gethsemane,

as Jesus submitted His will to the Father in order to fulfill His earthly assignment and destiny. If Jesus, being the Son of God needed to pray, how much more do we as Christians need to spend time communing with the Father in prayer!

Prayer is an act of faith. We must humble ourselves before God, acknowledge and trust His way over our way (*2 Chron.7:14*). And because His ways are higher than ours, His intervention and results are always better than our own self effort(s). Intercessory prayer is a powerful weapon that we as FGBMFA members need to utilize to advance the Kingdom. The more we pray and intercede, the better our results will be!

The most powerful example of intercessory prayer in recent times that comes to my mind is the account of intercessor Rees Howells praying for Britain while the Nazi Luftwaffe were bombing London in September of 1940. It was the "Battle of Britain". Because of intercessory prayer, the Nazi bombers mysteriously retreated - seemly when winning the battle. Take time to read the account, you will be truly inspired: [Click Here](#)

What battle(s) are you facing/fighting today? Take it to the Lord in prayer - praying in the Spirit and never give up!

Pray for Pray for Boldness

As we approach the end of the age of grace, we continue to see the rise of antichrist spirits and people manifesting strange and demonic behaviors. This apostasy was described by Apostle Paul in 2 Timothy 3:1-5:

"But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!"

In such an environment, we as FGBMFA members should not be intimidated by the world or by perilous times. We were called into ministry for such a time as this! With every form of evil now manifesting in America, how should we react? We find the answer in Paul's letter to the Ephesians while in prison:

*"praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints - and for me, that utterance may be given to me, **that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel**, for which I am an ambassador in chains; **that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.**"*
(Eph. 6:18-20)

As bad as his conditions and surroundings were, the Apostle Paul asks the church to pray that he boldly make known the Gospel. In other words, share the Gospel boldly in all circumstances.

My prayer for FGBMFA is that we share the Gospel boldly through our testimonies (Rev. 12:11) in the communities where the Lord has placed us! And that we boldly advance His Kingdom through our proclamation!

Growth Strategy 2: Take Dominion through Prayer

Several years ago, Bob Bignold recommended C. Peter Wagner's book called "Dominion". In that book, he talks about workplace apostles being called to take dominion of the 7 Mountains (business, government, arts, entertainment, media, family and education). I believe taking dominion starts with prayer. As FGBMFA members, we should be petitioning and asking our Lord for cities and communities. Psalm 2 says that God has given the Nations to His Son. In Psalm 8:2 our Lord speaks to his Son saying:

"Ask of Me, and I will give you The Nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession"

Taking dominion starts by asking the Lord for a city/community/mountain. Have you ever asked the Lord for a FGBMFA chapter in a specific city? I have. Just a few years back, **I asked** the Lord for Carson City, Nevada in prayer. I remember talking to Douglas Raine shortly after that prayer and asking him about sending a "Fireteam" to Carson City. But the next thing I knew, I met an old friend from a former church in the SF Bay Area who now lived near Carson City. I met him at a prayer meeting. A short time later, we did a FGBMFA Godmobile Outreach and I met another Spirit-Filled Christian from Carson City. After 6 months of monthly meeting with these men and others, a new FGBMFA chapter in Carson City was formed (in 2016). I can trace the beginnings of this chapter to prayer, as **I asked** the Lord for that city and then watched Him bring the divine appointments!

"Yet you do not have because you do not ask." (James 4:2)

Pray for a "Spirit of Generosity"

I'm asking FGBMFA Chapters, Members and Partners to pray for the FGBMFA National operations. There are many services that our National Office provides on behalf of FGBMFA local chapters. The National Office and National Officers exist to service you (not the other way around). But at the same time, **we need your support to get FGBMFA to the next level.** We have strategic growth plans in place that need funding. To accomplish what the Lord has instructed, we need financial participation from all chapters. I recently reviewed the Year-to-Date chapter tithing report and **most chapters have not given even one dollar to National in 2017. Please ask the Lord in prayer how your local chapter can support the National Office this fourth quarter of 2017!** I pray that our faithfulness in giving (as an organization) will grow. Giving is an issue of the heart. When your heart is in the Kingdom, your giving will be there as well! I pray that we will be a generous organization, from top to bottom. May the Lord "enlarge our territory" as we all sow into the Kingdom through FGBMFA! May the Lord anoint our National Outreaches, Men's Advances, Godmobile Outreaches, Holy Smoke Hangouts, Joshua Chapters and National Convention so that many come into His Kingdom!

"And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, have an abundance for every good work." (2 Cor. 9:8)

"The generous soul will be made rich, And he who waters will also be watered himself" (Prov. 11:25)

Final Thoughts

In a recent newsletter by Dr. Lance Walnau, he references "faith without works is dead." (James 2:26). He then parallels this passage to prayer - saying "Meaning what?", and explains:

"Prayer without corresponding action is lifeless." If Joshua insisted on praying when God told him to get off his face and address the problem in his camp, he never would have crossed into the land of giants. He would have never secured an inheritance for his children - and THAT is where we are today! We are praying and staying and waiting on God to do the unpleasant task He has called us to do. Namely, crossover and occupy.

Pray and then go forth by faith, trusting that the Holy Spirit will direct your steps.

I conclude with James 5:16:

"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

Expanding His Kingdom,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phil Harrison". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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