

# **PRAYER INTENSIVE 2019**

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RECEIVING & RELEASING
SUPERNATURAL POWER
THROUGH PRAYER!
Understanding The Purpose, Patterns,
Possibilities And Power Of Prayer.

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### Welcome To Prayer Intensive 2019

"And He (Jesus) spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint." - (Luke 18:1).

"When I have a lot to do in a day, I spend more time in prayer, because more work is done by prayer than by work itself." - **Martin Luther** 

Prayer is one of the most powerful kingdom keys, it gives you access into God's World and gives Him the license to invade your World in order to interfere with it to make it reflect His Will. Prayer generates power. The hour of prayer is the hour of power. The more you pray, the more you generate the kind spiritual power to carry out your life's assignment here on earth.

Prayer is not a complicated religious ritual but a simple spiritual exercise which releases an immeasurable dimension of supernatural power. It is simply a medium of communicating or expressing your heartfelt desires to God and thereafter, wait to receive His wisdom, instruction and revelation. (From My Book, The Prayer Switch). God seeks to fellowship with you in the place of prayer.

At about 9am (4am EST) on the 21st Day of my 40-Day Prayer and Fasting, November 27, 2016, the Word of the Lord came to me saying:

"Go and and raise for Me altars of prayer and worship across the nations of the earth for the Outpouring of my Spirit and the Demonstration of my Power through the Operation of the Gifts of my Spirit in the lives of my Children; Sinners will be saved, Believers will be empowered, and Nations will be transformed."

I have spent the last two years in preparation for this "global awakening mandate" which begins this year as I turn exactly 30 years old in the Lord. I am here to raise altars of prayer in the hearts of many for a fresh outpouring and move of the Holy Spirit.

Nothing and No One can transform your life, ministry, church, and city like the Holy Spirit. Prayer is one of the most powerful tools you can ever use to usher in the transformative ministry of the Holy Spirit. In the words of **Duncan Campbell**;

"The average man is not going to be impressed by our publicity, our posters or our programs, but let there be a demonstration of the supernatural in the realm of religion, and at once man is arrested...It is the signature of the Holy Ghost upon our work and witness that makes all the difference."

Talking about **Duncan Campbell**, He shared the following (in brief) about the role that prayer played in the **Hebrides' Revival**;

The 1950 revival on the Hebrides Island began when two elderly sisters became angry at the moral and spiritual state of the Hebrides and decided to fervently pray for a mighty move of God in the land.

**Peggy Smith** was 84 and completely blind. **Christine** her sister was 82 and could hardly walk, she was bent over double from arthritis.

God had given them a simple **promise** from Scripture: "I will pour water on him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground" (Isa. 44:3, KJV).

With a deep burden in their hearts they **prayed twice every week for many months.** They usually start by getting down on their feeble knees at **10pm** at night and did not rise until **3am - 4am** in the morning.

They prayed with **expectation** such that, in the midst of their prayers, God gave them a **vision** of a man they had never met, a man who would be used by God to change the island. The man's name was **Duncan Campbel**l. They contacted Duncan and after a while he came to the Hebrides Island. No one wanted to hear what Duncan Campbell had to say. The citizens opposed and denounced the revival. Campbell and his fellow leaders knew that the only answer was prayer. They gathered one evening in a farmhouse and began to **pray**, earnestly **appealing to the promises** God had made in the Bible.

One Midnight, Duncan Campbell asked **John**, a local blacksmith, to pray, which he did for **more than two hours**. Near the end of his prayer, with his cap in his hand, **John looked heavenward and said**,

"God, do you know that your honor is at stake? You promised to pour water on the thirsty and floods on the dry ground. . . . I stand before You as an empty vessel and I am thirsty – thirsting for Thee and for a manifestation of Thy power. I'm thirsty to see the devil defeated in this parish. I'm thirsty to see this community gripped as You gripped Barvas. I'm longing for revival and, God, You are not doing it! I'm thirsty and You promised to pour water on me. God, Your honor is at stake, and I take it upon myself to challenge You now to fulfill Your covenant engagement."

### The Result:

At that moment, the house shook violently. A jug on the sideboard crashed to the ground and broke. Those who were present said that wave after wave of power swept over the room. At the same time, the town of Arnol was awakened from its slumber...People came into the streets and started praying. Others knelt where they were and asked God to forgive them. Men carried chairs and women held stools, asking if there was room for them in the church. At 2am in the morning, revival came to that last resistant town on the island.

I am glad to let you know that, I see the waves of a great move of God building up and it will soon hit the City of Pittsburgh and it's surrounding Cities hence, prayer must be intensified in anticipation of this next wave of glory.

Welcome To Prayer Intensive 2019!

Sam Oye

# **PRAYER INTENSIVE 2019**

# **Covenant Church Of Pittsburgh (CCOP)**

Pittsburgh - Pennsylvania

Host: Bishop Joseph & Lady Barbara Garlington

### INTRODUCTION TO PRAYER

Text: Luke 11:1

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

"The greatest tragedy of life is not unanswered prayer, buy unoffered prayer." F.B. Meyer

### Introduction:

Samuel Chadwick Once Declared That: "Prayer is the acid test of devotion...The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, and prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray."

# There are few things you must keep in mind as you approach God in prayer:

- I. He created and owns the earth.
- II. He planted you here as a Regent,
- III. He sent you to function as a Kingdom Ambassador,
- IV. He gave you the authority over this earth and your domain,
- V. He wants to hear from you always in order to know the state of the estate under your jurisdiction,
- VI. He will always hear your prayer and accept it as a license for intervention or revelation,
- VII. He will always answer your prayer by interfering with your earthly affairs.
- VIII. He will not always answer prayer your way but, in accordance with His Purpose, Plan and Timing,
- IX. He will sometimes answer your prayers by involving you or/and some other persons,

# **Beware Of Prayerlessness:**

One of the most deadliest diseases in the body of Christ today is the one called Prayerlessness.

- Prayerlessness is the symptom of a diseased Christian Life.
- Prayerlessness is the root cause of powerlessness, faithlessness, gracelessness, & emptiness.
- Prayerlessness is the doorway to spiritual compromise and secret sin.

# What Is Prayer?

# Here's Prayer Simplified:

- Prayer is the act of giving God and heaven the license or legal right to interfere with and influence the earth.
- Prayer is the act talking to, with and hearing from God.
- Prayer is the act of reminding God about his promises.

# **Common Practices And Patterns Of Prayer:**

- Abraham With God: Genesis 18:17-33: Negotiating With God For Someone Else.
- Moses With God: Exodus 33:12-23: Asking God To Reveal Himself To You In A Dimension Beyond What Any Man Could Have Taught You.
- Jacob With God: Exodus 32:24-28: Waiting Until God Alters Your Past And Ushers In Your Destiny.
- Hannah With God: 1Samuel 1:9-20: Requesting Passionately For And Securing A Special Gift From God.
- Samuel With God: 1 Samuel 7:5-10: Crying To God For Personal, Local, National or Global Intervention.
- Jesus With God: John 11: Creating Room For The Miraculous To Happen By Thanking God For His Ability To Do The Impossible
- Apostles With God: Acts 2:1-5: Seeking God For The Outpouring of His Spirit upon your life, church, community, city or nation.

# **Personal Notes**


# Session 1:

Releasing Supernatural Power
Through The Prayer Of Repentance

### Text: Revelation 2:1-5 KJV

"Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks; I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted. Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

Topic: Releasing Supernatural Power Through The Prayer Of Repentance

### Introduction:

All records of revivals and outpourings of the Holy Spirit reveals that, although repentance in itself is not the cause of revival and outpouring, it prepares the people for God to visit their community, city, church or country resulting in a greater dimension of conversions. There's indeed an unbreakable link between lasting revival and genuine repentance. You can't have one without the other. According to **W. Graham Scroggie**, "There never has been a spiritual revival which did not begin with an acute sense of sin. We are never prepared for a spiritual advance until we see the necessity of getting rid of that which has been hindering it, and that, in the sight of God, is sin."

### What Is Repentance?

Repentance is not a bad word, it is a Greek word "metanoeo" - it directed at a person of worth who has started living below his or her privileges as God's creation or someone In Christ.

It simply means, to think differently and change your disposition, perception, direction, or position toward God or the work of God. It also includes the <u>turning away from</u> whatsoever or whosoever has led or is leading you away from God and, intentional <u>returning to God</u> and His

work. It all begins when you begin to see things differently by the inspiration, illumination and revelation that comes from God's Word.

Repentance begins with remembering and recognizing how far you have drifted, detoured, or deviated from your original place of intimacy, consecration and usefulness to God. It also includes identifying where you are right now, deciding the first step you must take right now toward God and, acting on your decision. The cycle of repentance becomes complete when you return to doing what you stopped doing with with or for God due to distraction. Your goal is to exceed your previous state. Be, Know, Do, and Have more!

# 8 Signs You Urgently Need Genuine Repentance:

1. You need genuine repentance if you are DRIFTING or have DRIFTED from the LORD and from His CALL upon your life: 1Timothy 4:1-2

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the **latter times** some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;"

2. You need genuine repentance if you have FALLEN AWAY from or WITHDRAWN your CONSECRATION/COMMITMENT to God because, Something or Someone Else Is Competing With Your Love For Him:

Revelation 2:4-5 KJV: Jesus is saying to you:

"4Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because **thou hast left thy first love.** 5Remember therefore from **whence thou art fallen, and repent,** and **do the first works**; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, **except thou repent.**"

### Note:

Repentance is crucial if you are no longer **STANDING UP to SPEAK OUT for Christ and the Church** where you once did.

Repentance is imminent if, you have since BLENDED with the Current Culture, lost YOUR UNIQUENESS in an attempt to be "trendy"

"fashionable" or "friendly"... You are now following Trends where you were once a Trendsetter.

3. You need genuine repentance if you have been feeling SPIRITUALLY DRY, DRAINED, and EMPTY lately - You have also been feeling indifferent toward God and His Kingdom. You are now Lukewarm - neither Cold nor Hot. In Revelation 3:15-19, Jesus said,

"I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth. 17Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked: 18I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

19As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent."

4. You need genuine repentance if you notice that lately, you are increasingly becoming more CRITICAL than LOVING towards the people around. If you are now becoming so easily IRRITATED and no longer LOVING, COMPASSIONATE and ACCEPTING of people as it was with you when you first got saved, repentance!

In 1 Corinthians 13:1-5 AMP, Paul boldly declared that,

1 IF I [can] speak in the tongues of men and [even] of angels, <u>but have not love</u> (that reasoning, intentional, spiritual devotion such as is inspired by God's love for and in us), I am only a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 And <u>if I have prophetic powers</u> (the gift of interpreting the divine will and purpose), and <u>understand all the secret truths and mysteries and possess all knowledge</u>, and <u>if I have [sufficient] faith</u> so that I can remove mountains, <u>but have not love</u> (God's love in me) <u>I am nothing</u> (a useless nobody).

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You need genuine repentance if lately you have started drifting and developing a superiority mentality towards those who are not in or of your "CLASS," "DENOMINATION," or "RACE".

5. You need genuine repentance if, you have been ACTING and PRETENDING to be SPIRITUAL in Church in order to IMPRESS the PEOPLE around you whereas you know that, who you are in the light is not who you are in the dark. In Revelation 3:1-3, Jesus said,

"And unto the angel of the church in Sardis write; These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars; I know thy works, that **thou hast a name that thou livest, and art dead.** 2 Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die: for I have not found thy works perfect before God. 3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and heard, and hold fast, and **repent.** If therefore thou shalt not watch, I will come on thee as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I will come upon thee."

#### Note:

Repentance is an urgent need if, you find yourself living a DOUBLE LIFE: One that looks like you are ALIVE to men but indeed is DYING Before God.

6. You need genuine repentance, if your COMMITMENT to SERVING GOD, SUPPORTING His SERVANTS, and GIVING SACRIFICIALLY To His WORK is already DROPPING or has DROPPED drastically. If you have started withdrawing or have even WITHDRAWN from SERVING, GIVING and BRINGING PEOPLE to God's Kingdom for whatever reason, repent, forgive, and continue from where you stopped.

### In 2 Timothy 4:2-4, Paul charged Timothy to:

2 **Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season;** reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. 3 For <u>the time will come when they will not endure</u> sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; **4 And** 

they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.

7. You need genuine repentance if you have notice or observed lately that you are gradually or increasingly becoming DISOBEDIENT to God and INSENSITIVE To His Spirit, His Word and His Servants:

### In Psalm 40:8, The Psalmist declares,

6 Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. 7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, 8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart

### NB:

This is the year to DELIGHT in DOING GOD'S Will. Determine to be in the center of God's PURPOSE and PLANS for your life. Be sensitive to divine TIMING.

8. You need genuine repentance if you have been ignoring or suppressing the LONGING and THIRSTING of your Spirit and Soul FOR more of GOD'S PRESENCE; You have been ignoring or don't know what to do with the DESIRE and HUNGER for more intimacy with the Person of the HOLY SPIRIT...

In Psam 42:1-2 the Psalmist cried out saying,

1As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. 2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?

### **Pathway To Repentance**

"TURN you at my reproof: behold, I will POUR out my SPIRIT unto you, I will MAKE KNOWN my WORDS unto you." **Proverbs 1:23** 

**REJECT Your Old Ways** 

**RETURN to God** 

**RENEW Your Consecration** 

**REBUILD** your altar of Prayer & Fasting

**RECONNECT** with the Person of the HOLY SPIRIT

RESTORE your Service to God, His Kingdom, & His People.

# **Personal Notes**


# Session 2:

Releasing Supernatural Power By Praying

Corporately

### Text: Acts 2:1-4

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance."

# **Topic: Releasing Supernatural Power By Praying Corporately**

### Introduction

It was Buckminster Fuller who coined the word "synergy" and defines it as: "SYNTHESIS plus ENERGY" which involves the combination of separate entities into a UNIFIED entity.

Scientifically, the word synergy refers to the phenomenon in which two or more DISCRETE **FORCES** or **INFLUENCES ACTING TOGETHER create an effect** GREATER THAN THAT CREATED by the SEPARATE EFFECTS of the **individual agents."** Unity is powerful!

Christian Unity is all about ONENESS...

One body: Romans 12:3-5

One Spirit: Romans 8:9; 1 Corinthians 12:1-5

One Hope: 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

One Lord: Romans 5:1

One Faith: Jude 1:3

One Baptism: Galatians 3:26-29

One God and Father: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-2

The devil hates to see any church Unite. He hates to see us GATHER TOGETHER in ONE PLACE, ONE ACCORD under ONE GOD (See 1 Samuel 7:5-12)

Unity and Corporate Prayer always precedes every major outpouring or move of God in a church or community.

### **PROPHETIC:**

On Monday, January 14, 2019 at 5.32pm WAT (12.32pm EST), whilst preparing my sermon notes, the Word of the Lord came to me saying, "I am stirring up the passion for UNITY amongst my People in Pittsburgh because, there's coming out of the Churches and Campuses in this City an unusual supernatural release of my power into the nations of the earth through my children who will unite as one. This United Army will see Signs and Wonders wherever they go for I, the Lord, God Almighty Shall be with them and my Spirit shall work through them saith the Lord."

Individuals start by coming and gathering together to PRAY in small numbers. They continue until they create a PRAYER CULTURE: which is usually noticeable Before, During & After The Outpouring.

#### **UNITY: Definition**

- **1. UNITY** = Hebrew: Yachad the state of being together, all together, being ONE; INSEPARABLE and INDIVISIBLE.
- **2. UNITY =** Greek: Homothumadon To Be Of One MIND, One HEART, One PASSION & One HARMONY, One GOAL

# Unity And Corporate Prayer In The 1727 Moravian Revival

**In 1722 Moravians** From **Bohemia** moved across into Germany and settled as refugees on the **estate** of **Zinzendorf** because of persecution.

In May 1727 Zinzendorf started trying to UNITE these Moravian believers who still had unresolved conflicts and divisions amongst themselves. It was a small community of about 100 people.

In August 1727, whilst they were in worship and prayer the Holy Spirit began to moved amongst them causing a new wave of UNITY to build up and in response 24 men started a 24 Hour Prayer Chain that went on for about 100 years with great moves of God happening amongst them.

Within the first 25 years of praying together, they had sent OUT 200 missionaries to the nations and birthed the Protestant World Mission Movement influencing people like William Carey, George Whitfield etc.

Note: Unity is an indispensable language of revival. It Ushers In And Sustains The Moves Of God.

# <u>5 Kinds Of Unity Needed To Start, Sustain and Spread the Supernatural</u> Move of God from Here:

- 1. Spiritual Unity: Ephesians 4:1-6
- 2. Relational Unity: Psalm 133:1-3
- 3. Leadership Unity: 1 Chronicles 15:25; 1Kings 8:1; Acts 13:1-2
- 4. Task Unity: Ephesians 4:11-13
- 5. Organizational Unity: Ephesians 2:19-22; 4:16 (Clearly defined beliefs, mission, vision, values, culture, structure and systems)

# How To Create The Corporate Prayer Culture

From the study of the Apostolic Community through the Pauline the following were some of the practices that created the corporate culture wherein United Prayer thrived hence the supernatural became a natural occurrence:

- I. Rom.12:10 "The Apostles were DEVOTED to One Another."
- II. Rom. 12:10 "The Apostles gave PREFERENCE to One Another"
- III. Rom. 12:16 "The Apostles were of the SAME MIND toward One Another."
  - IV. Rom. 13:8 "The Apostles LOVED One Another"
  - V. Rom. 14:19 "The Apostles BUILT UP One Another"
  - VI. Rom. 15:7 "The Apostles ACCEPTED One Another"
  - VII. Gal. 5:13 "The Apostles SERVED One Another"
  - VIII. Eph. 4:32 "The Apostles were KIND to One Another"
  - IX. Phil. 2:3 "The Apostles HONORED One Another"
  - X. Col. 3:13 "The Apostles were quick to FORGIVE One Another"
  - XI. 1 Thess. 4:18 "The Apostles COMFORTED One Another"
  - XII. James 5:16 "The Apostles PRAYED For One Another"

NB: The keywords in all the practices listed above are very central to hosting a healthy move of God.

# **Personal Notes**


# Session 3:

Releasing Supernatural Power By Praying

Prophetically

### Text: Ezekiel 37:1-10 (AMP):

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and He brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones. He caused me to pass all around them, and behold, there were very many [human bones] in the open valley; and lo, they were very dry. And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, You know." Thus says the Lord God to these bones, 'Behold, I will make... breath enter you so that you may come to life. I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin, and I will put breath in you so that you may come alive; and you will know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a [thundering] noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on the bones, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then He said to me, "Prophesy to the breath, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Come FROM the FOUR WINDS, O BREATH, and BREATHE on these slain, that they may LIVE."" So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the BREATH came into them, and THEY CAME TO LIFE and STOOD UP on THEIR FEET, an exceedingly GREAT ARMY.

# **Topic: Releasing Supernatural Power By Praying Prophetically**

### Introduction:

Wind is one of the most powerful, irresistible and unpredictable force of nature....It is caused by the movement of air from a place of higher pressure into a place of lower pressure....When HEAT Rises Up, it lowers the atmospheric pressure causing COOLER air to FLOW in and cause WINDS of different degrees like: BREEZE, CYCLONE, TORNADOES, HURRICANE.

### According to Genesis 1:1-3

"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the EARTH was WITHOUT FORM, and VOID; and DARKNESS was upon the face of the deep. And the SPIRIT [Ruach = Wind] of GOD MOVED upon the face of the WATERS. **And** God said, Let there be light: and there was light

The Word "Spirit" Is RUACH, That Is The = WIND

The Phrase "Spirit Of God" Therefore, Is The = Wind Of God.

Wherever the Wind of God is allowed to Move freely, there will be OUTSTANDING MIRACLES...

# Case Study: Ezekiel In The Valley

Prophetic prayer is simply, praying by divine interaction, inspiration, direction and revelation with God, His Spirit and His Word. It involves hearing, seeing and declaring as God reveals, directs, instructs or commands. Such was the case with Ezekiel...

The HAND OF THE LORD came upon Prophet Ezekiel and brought him into a Valley FULL of Dry Bones to RAISE & REBUILD a Great Army from out of it... It seem like Mission Impossible but...

He Prophesied...,

**BONES** reconnected,

SINEWS came,

FLESH covered them,

WIND moved,

BREATH came IN,

LIFE was restored,

An Army was Raised...!

### How Life Came Into The Lifeless Army:

"Then He said to me, "**Prophesy** to the breath, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Come FROM the **FOUR WINDS**, O BREATH, and BREATHE on these slain, that they may LIVE." So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the BREATH came into them, and THEY CAME TO LIFE and STOOD UP on THEIR FEET, an exceedingly GREAT ARMY." **Ezekiel 37:9-10** 

### He PROPHESIED To The FOUR WINDS...

It took the operation of FOUR WINDS at work at ONCE to USHER in the KIND of BREATH that was required to RELEASE LIFE and RAISE God's MIGHTY ARMY from the VALLEY of DRY BONES.

#### THE FOUR WINDS...

### THE WEST WIND: The Wind Of Purification

"And the LORD turned a mighty strong **WEST WIND**, which **TOOK AWAY** the locusts, and CAST THEM INTO the RED SEA; there remained not one locust in all the coasts of Egypt." **Exodus 10:19** 

# THE EAST WIND: The Wind Of Breakthroughs

"And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the LORD CAUSED the SEA to GO BACK by a **STRONG EAST WIND** all that night, and MADE the SEA DRY LAND, and the WATERS were DIVIDED." **Exodus 14:21** 

# THE SOUTH WIND: The Wind Of Peace & Progress

"You, whose garments are hot when the earth is STILL because of the **SOUTH WIND.**" Job 37:17 NASB

"And landing at Syracuse, we tarried there three days. And from thence we fetched a compass, and came to Rhegium: and after one day the **SOUTH WIND BLEW**, and **WE CAME** the next day TO Puteoli." Acts 28:12-13

# THE NORTH WIND: The Wind Of Empowerment (For Exploits & Fruitfulness)

"Awake, O NORTH WIND; and COME, thou south; **BLOW UPON** <u>my</u> <u>GARDEN</u>, that the **SPICES** thereof may **FLOW OUT.** Let my beloved come into his garden, and EAT his PLEASANT FRUIT." **Songs of Solomon 4:16** 

The Wind of God Turns Impossibilities To Into Possibilities: It Turns Ordinary People Into Extraordinary People:

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a RUSHING MIGHT WIND, and it FILLED all THE HOUSE where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it SAT UPON each of THEM. And THEY WERE ALL FILLED with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:1-4

NB: Whenever the Wind (Spirit) Of God comes in His Fullness into a place, the Holy Spirit usually takes Ordinary People and Empowers them to do extraordinary things.

# **Personal Notes**


# Session 4:

Releasing Supernatural Power By Praying In Tongues

#### Text:

- ✓ "He who speaks in tongues edifies Himself." (1 Corinthians. 14:4)
- "What is the conclusion then? I will PRAY WITH the SPIRIT, and I will also pray with the understanding... I thank my God I SPEAK WITH TONGUES more than you all." 1Corinthian 14:15,18 NKJV.
- ✓ "Praying with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints." (Ephesians 6:18)
- ✓ "But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit." (Jude 20)

# Topic: Releasing Supernatural Power By Praying In Tongues

"For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is the conclusion then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will also pray with the understanding. I will sing with the Spirit, and I will also sing with the understanding." (1 Corinthians 14:14–15)

#### Introduction

### There's Power in Prayer! Luke 18:1

- Prayer Empowers You To Fulfill Your Life's Assignment Luke
- Prayer Brings Divine Connections Acts 1
- Prayer Ushers In The Ministry Of The Holy Spirit Into Your Life Upon Jesus & The Apostles:

### The Ministry of the Holy Spirit to You:

### 1. He SPEAKS To You:

- ✓ He spoke to Philip: In Acts 8:29,
- ✓ He spoke to Peter: In Acts 10:19,
- ✓ He spoke to the elders in the city of Antioch: In Acts 13:2
- 2. He DWELLS In You: 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; 1Corinthians 6:19-20
- 3. He REVEALS Things To You: 1Corinth. 2:9-12

- 4. He COMFORTS You: John 14:15-18
- 5. **He LIBERATES You:** Judges 15:11-14 (Samson)
- 6. He GUIDES You: Acts 8:29; Acts 13:1-4; Acts 16:6,7,10; Rom. 8:14
- 7. He IMPARTS You:
  - ✓ He Imparts You With Supernatural Gifts: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
  - ✓ He Imparts You: With Supernatural Love: Romans 5:5
- 8. He SPEAKS Through You: Mark 13:10-11
- 9. He QUICKENS You: Romans 8:11; Ephesians 3:14-16
- 10. He RESTRAINS The Power Of The Enemy: ISAIAH 59:19
- 11. He ANOINTS You: Acts 1:8; Acts 10:38; Luke 4:18
- 12. HE PRAYS For And Through You: Romans 8:26-27

### The Purpose And Benefits Of Praying In Tongues

Praying in tongues is a supernatural prayer language given to a believer and enabled by the Holy Spirit. It is speaking in an unlearned and unrehearsed language which could be "tongues of men and that of angels." It is divinely initiated to bypass human limitations during divine interactions.

# There are numerous benefits for Praying with Tongues but, I will mention a few:

### Personal Edification: 1 Corinthians 14:4.

The Greek word translated "edifieth" is "oikodomeo," and it simply means, to construct, build up, embolden or charge up as in recharging a battery. When you pray consistently with tongues you EDIFY, IMPROVE and BUILD UP yourself spiritually.

### Unusual Revelation: 1 Corinthians 14:2.

The more you pray with tongues the more revelations you will have in the word. You will experience more visions and prophetic insight.

#### Effective Intercession: Roman 8:26-27

P. C. Nelson, a Greek scholar, said that the Greek literally reads here, "The Holy Ghost maketh intercession for us in groanings that cannot be uttered in articulate speech."

One of the purest and the most powerful keys to effective prayer and intercession is, praying with tongues. It is Spirit-inspired and Spirit-directed praying. It enables you to pray according to God's Perfect Will. It breaks down satanic strongholds and removes demonic "roadblocks."

# Releasing Life: Ezekiel 47 & John 7:37

Praying in tongues opens the floodgates for the River of Life to Flow out through you into your Community, Company, City, Country And Circumstances.

### Faith Booster: Jude 20

Praying in tongues stimulates your faith. It is a faith booster.

# Pure Thanksgiving: 1 Corinthians 14:15-17

One of the best ways to give thanks and do it well is to do it in tongues.

### Personal Refreshing: Isaiah 28:11,12

Praying in tongues brings Rest and Refreshing to the soul and spirit.

# **Personal Notes**


# Session 5:

# Releasing Supernatural Power Through Persistent Prayers

Text: James 5:13-

Emphasis In AMP: James 5:16 - 18 (AMP)

"Therefore, confess your sins to one another [your false steps, your offenses], and pray for one another, that you may be healed and restored. The HEARTFELT and <u>PERSISTENT</u> PRAYER of a righteous man (believer) can accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God--it is dynamic and can have tremendous power]. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours [with the same physical, mental, and spiritual limitations and shortcomings], and he prayed intensely for it not to rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. Then he <u>PRAYED AGAIN</u>, and the sky gave rain and the land produced its crops [as usual]."

# **Topic: Releasing Supernatural Power Through Persistent Prayers**

### Introduction

In Luke 11:1, after seeing the Supernatural Manifestations in the Life of Jesus - Calming Storms, Multiplying Bread, Opening Blind Eyes etc... They Said, TEACH US HOW TO PRAY.

### **Case Study**

In the times of Elijah, the nation had become godless, and Prophets of Baal were negatively influencing the leadership of the nation until Elijah Showed Up!

Elijah Prayed and Shut Down the Heavens...

Elijah Prayed Again and Opened Up the Heavens Bringing Down Rain...

# The Kind Of Prayers That Opens Up The Heavens And Ushers In Rain Is The Kind Described In James 5:16b-18 AMP

"16b...The heartfelt and persistent prayer of a righteous man (believer) can accomplish much [when put into action and made effective by God--it is dynamic and can have tremendous power]. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours [with the same physical, mental, and spiritual limitations and shortcomings], and he prayed intensely for it not to rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. 18 Then

he prayed again, and the sky gave rain and the land produced its crops [as usual]."

# 1. Heartfelt Prayer:

This kind of prayer is Driven By Deep Desire, Scriptural Conviction Therefore, It Is Effectival, Effective, Result-Oriented, and Productive.

### Thomas Brooks said:

"Cold prayers are as arrows without heads, as swords without edges, as birds without wings; they pierce not, they cut not, they fly not up to heaven. Cold prayers always freeze before they reach heaven."

# John Bunyan once Said,

"In prayer, it is better to have a heart without words than words without heart."

### 2. Persistent Prayer:

"I have posted watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they will NEVER be silent day or night. You who call on the Lord, give yourselves no rest, and give him no rest till he establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth." Isaiah 62:6-7

Persistent Prayer is a unique kind of prayer that's carried out or done with Fervency, Focus Continuity and Passion. It is constant, continual, and without ceasing, therefore it is a prevailing kind of prayer, it attracts Supernatural Manifestations.

**In 1Kings 18:41-46,** we see how that, Elijah kept on Praying for the same thing - Rain, for 7 times in a row without quitting.

### Paul R. Van Gorder said,

"Indefinite praying by indifferent people brings little results."

### 3. Intense Prayer:

This kind of prayer is done with great expectations, divine energy and high enthusiasm.

It is not a Cold, Dry, Discouraged, Detached, Lifeless, Shallow, Superficial, Feeble, Weak or Subdued kind of Prayer.

It is an All-Consuming, Deep And Energetic Prayer Full Of Faith And Confidence In God.

### Finally: IT'S TIME TO PRAY FOR RAIN

"Elijah was a man with a nature like ours [with the same physical, mental, and spiritual limitations and shortcomings], and HE PRAYED INTENSELY for it not to rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. Then he PRAYED AGAIN, and the SKY GAVE RAIN and the LAND PRODUCED its crops [as usual]."

God Wants You To Pray For Rain Over Your Life, Family And Our Nation:

- 1. Rain Of Mercy
- 2. Rain Of The Spirit
- 3. Rain Of His Power
- 4. Rain Of Outstanding Miracles (Salvation, Healings, Signs, & Wonders)

# **Personal Notes**

# Session 6:

Releasing The Supernatural Through Intercessory Prayer!

### **Text: Acts 12:1-7**

Now about that time Herod the king STRETCHED FORTH his hands TO VEX certain of the church. 2 And he KILLED JAMES the brother of John with the sword. 3 And because he saw it pleased the Jews, he PROCEEDED FURTHER to TAKE Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) 4 And when he had APPREHENDED him, he put him in prison, and delivered him to four quaternions of soldiers to keep him; INTENDING after Easter to bring him forth to the people. 5 Peter therefore was KEPT in PRISON: BUT PRAYER was made WITHOUT CEASING of the church unto God for him. 6 And when Herod would have brought him forth, THE SAME NIGHT Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and the keepers before the door kept the prison. 7 And, behold, THE ANGEL of the LORD came upon him, and a LIGHT SHINED in the prison: and he smote Peter on the side, and raised him up, saying, ARISE up quickly. And his CHAINS FELL OFF from HIS HANDS.

# **Topic: Releasing The Supernatural Through Intercessory Prayer!**

"Intensity is a law of prayer. God is found by those who seek Him with all their heart. Wrestling prayer prevails. The fervent effectual prayer of the righteous is of great force...The one thing that is said to have **surprised God** is that the voice of **intercession** had ceased. 'And He saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was **no intercessor**' (Isaiah 59:16)." **Samuel Chadwick**.

#### Introduction:

There is a kind of prayer that releases the supernatural power of God... It is called, **INTERCESSORY PRAYER.** 

Intercession and World Evangelization are the **TWO SUPREME TASK** of all priestly believers in the world today!

One of the best ways to demonstrate God's Loving Kindness to somebody else is to **PRAY FOR** him or her.

"Intercessory prayer has been shelved. For some reason it is out of date. Our methods, we say, are better, our plans more successful, and so we adopt natural means to bring to pass the supernatural. My brethren, it can never be done, We may appear to be successful; the crowds may

come; the altar may be full night after night. Reported results may be broadcasted everywhere. Whole cities may be stirred and mightily moved! And yet when it is all over and two or three years have passed, how little will be found to be genuine! And why? Simply because we have been satisfied with a superficial, spectacular work, brought to pass by natural means. Consequently the truly supernatural has been largely lacking. Oh let us get back to intercessory prayer, the highest form of Christians service, and give God no rest until we have a spiritual outcome." Oswald J. Smith

# What is Intercessory Prayer

- 1. "Intercessory Prayer is the act of APPEARING BEFORE God on behalf of somebody else with a specific burden, desire, or scriptural promise."
- 2. "Intercessory Prayer is simply LOVING your neighbor on our KNEES until God changes His mind toward him or her."

### Our Case Study: Peters' Release From Prison!

From biblical accounts, there are certain Rulers that we're very significant in the lives of God's people hence, they are worthy of note:

**Pharaoh** - Symbolic of Satanic Principalities and Powers whose Assignment is to keep God's People in Captivity, and Servitude thereby Delaying the Fulfillment of God's Purpose and Promises hence, creating a sense of Hopelessness.

**Nebuchadnezzar -** Symbolic of Satanic Principalities and Powers whose Assignment is to Displace God's People from God's Original Place, Purpose & Plans thereby bringing them into Captivity.

**Herods** - Symbolic of Satanic Principalities and Powers whose Assignment is to Identify, Capture and, Prematurely Destroy the Pillars of Your Life, Church, Organization, Community, and Nation. (See Galatians 2:9)

In Acts 12:1-5, the Herod on the throne was **Herod Agrippa**, He was born in 10 B.C., he was the grandson of **Herod the Great**, who slaughtered the infants in Bethlehem when Jesus was born; he was nephew to **Herod Antipas**, who beheaded John the Baptist. Paul stood Trial before **Herod Agrippa-II**.

Herod Agrippa, decided to kill the Pillars of the Church, therefore, he developed a Plan, Procedure, and created a Prison. His goal was not only to Publicly Destroy the Pillars of The Church, but to Publicly Disgrace the Church.

The Church responded appropriately this time around. PRAYER still is the most powerful and appropriate response to reversing satanic plans, procedures, and purposes.

Prayer without ceasing is the church's response to stopping every Herod or satanic onslaught against the church or christian leaders.

Therefore the title Herod was not just that of an ordinary King and Ruler, it was also that of a VISIBLE representative of an INVISIBLE Ruler and Kingdom, Satan. His mission is still the same...John 10:10

# In Summary: Herod's Mission & Activities:

# 1. To Stretch Out His Hands And VEX Certain Kind Of People In Your Church:

# "1 Now about that time Herod the king stretched forth his hands TO VEX certain of the church."

Herod is after the "Pillars" of the Church (Galatians 2:9), People with great Potentials, Purpose, Passion, Powerful Destinies, & Potential threat to His Kingdom.

The Greek Word for "VEX" = "kakoosai"

To Vex means to oppress, afflict, harm, maltreat, hurt, injure, embitter, provoke, pester, anger, antagonize, enrage, infuriate, discomfort, distress, unsettle, upset, insult, offend and do evil to somebody.

# 2. To Kill Somebody Or Something That's Very Useful To You, In You Or For You;

"And he KILLED JAMES the brother of John with the sword."

Who or What Is Herod Trying To Kill Around Or Within You?

# 3. To Watch Your Response To His Actions And Decide His Next Big Move:

And because <u>he saw</u> IT PLEASED the Jews, <u>he</u> PROCEEDED FURTHER to TAKE Peter also. (Then were the days of unleavened bread.) And when <u>he</u> had APPREHENDED him, he put him in PRISON,

### It Pleased the Jews...

The Greek Word for "Pleased" = "Arestos" = ACCEPTABLE or AGREEABLE

### He Proceeded Further...

The Greek Word for the Phrase **"Proceeded Further"** = "Prostithemi" simply means:

- ✓ To Advance And Capture Another.
- ✓ To Add To What Has Been Done Before.
- ✓ To Repeat Again.

### PRAYER IS YOUR APPROPRIATE RESPONSE NOW...

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### Other Cases (Models) Of Intercessory Prayers

# I. Abraham's Intercessory Prayers: Genesis 18:16-33

He Prayed For Lot's Family's Deliverance From Destruction Before It Happened.

# II. Moses' Intercessory Prayers: Exodus 32:1-14

He Prayed For A Nation's Deliverance From Judgement Before It Was Released!

### III. Samuel's Intercessory Prayers: 1Samuel 7:1-14

He Prayed To Deliver Israel From The Attack And Oppression Of The Philistines.

# IV. Daniel's Intercessory Prayers: Daniel 10:1-14

He Prayed To Receive God's Prophetic Agenda For His Nation

# V. Jesus' Intercessory Prayers: Luke 22:31-32

He Prayed Ahead For The Restoration Of Peter.

# VI. Paul's Intercessory Prayers: Ephesians 1:15-23; 3:14-19

He Prayed For The Spiritual Growth Of A Church

### Why We Must Intercede

1. Intercessory Prayer in a Church, Family or Organization creates the ATMOSPHERE of LOVE and UNITY wherein the supernatural becomes a natural occurrence...

### Dietrich Bonhoeffer once said.

"There is no DISLIKE, no personal TENSION, no DISUNITY or STRIFE that cannot be overcome by intercessory prayer."

2. Intercessory Prayer brings God's PROTECTION over a Church... Intercessory Prayer is for every Believer! Intercessory Prayer does NOT change God's PURPOSE, it influences God's ACTIONS.

### The Reward Of Intercession: Job 42:10

"And the LORD turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before."

# **Personal Notes**
