

***Voice of Thanksgiving***  
**Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer**  
Inner Court Ministries

For the week of August 31, 2003

***A Call to Prayer***

“‘He will.’ It may not be today,  
That God Himself shall wipe our tears away,  
Nor, hope deferred, may it be yet tomorrow  
He’ll take away our cup of earthly sorrow;  
But, precious promise, He has said He will,  
If we but trust Him fully—and be still.

“We, too, as He, may fall, and die unknown;  
And e’en the place we fell be all unshown,  
But eyes omniscient will mark the spot  
Till empires perish and the world’s forgot.  
Then they who bore the yoke and drank the cup  
In fadeless glory shall the Lord raise up.  
God’s word is ever good; His will is best:—  
The yoke, the heart all broken—and then rest.”

—CLAUDIUS L. CHILTON

***This Week in Prayer***

- Pray for Israel.
- Pray for the ***Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries*** pastors and their families; pray for the work of these men in Belarus, and Lithuania.
- Pray for Christ Church International (Inner Court Ministries) in Longmont.  
“Well gang, the City of Longmont this week issued an order demanding that we stop meeting in the 540 Main Street facility immediately! Harvey did everything he could to prevent it, but the officials were determined to push this through. While our committee to finish the process of planning and zoning was initially tardy in its response to the City, it appears that the owner of the building made modifications to the building without obtaining a building permit which has triggered such an unwavering response from the City. And unfortunately, we are stuck in the middle.”  
Pastor Spencer
- Pray for outreach. The fields are white ready for harvest in many areas where members of this company live. Now is the time for outreach and church activities. Pray for labors, finances and open doors of opportunity.

- Pray for members of this company who are traveling in ministry. A couple of men for specific prayer, Marek Kaminski travels from his home in Koszalin, Poland to Belarus and Lithuania working with the pastors from the conference as well as other ministry trips. Another minister traveling more and more is Mark Spencer from Longmont Colorado. As these men and others travel we must keep them and their families in prayer. God is using them to touch lives in many cities, countries, and even on several continents. The travel and ministry is hard and being away from families is never pleasant. Please remember them in prayer.
- Pray for the transfer of the German Verein to Inner Court Ministries. This will make ICM a social and religious organization in Germany. This will facilitate a wide range of activities in Germany, as well as using Germany as a jumping off point for other areas. The transfer will take place in November.

### **Praying Always For You**

Pray for one another, the members of this company, this week pray our eyes will be fixed on Jesus. When times are hard it is very important that we keep our eyes on Jesus. It is by His hand we will be carried through. When times are easy (or seem to be easier) it is very important that we keep our eyes on Jesus. It is easy to relax and miss His move or stray from His fold.

*looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith,  
who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross,  
despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

Hebrews 12:2 (NKJV)

### **Imperative Importance of the Work of Prayer**

#### **Harvest of the Seemingly Impossible**

There are few things as powerful as the impossible. Once we declare something impossible then there is no going back. It is impossible, end of story. This has been true for every generation, but not for everyone. Some people never understand impossible. They have come to understand that God is not limited by what people declare possible or impossible. They know the impossible is possible for God. The heroes of the faith of every generation have seen God do the impossible.

*Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly  
above all that we ask or think,  
according to the power that works in us,*

Ephes. 3:20 (NKJV)

God has declared, "Today we will see a harvest of the seemingly impossible." As that word comes to this generation the question is, how will we respond. History is filled with examples of God doing the impossible, but most people have not experienced the impossible made possible.

Why do so few people experience a harvest of the seemingly impossible? The scope of this article does not allow for a study of the will of God (“God knows best, so it must not be His will.” Which is a weak argument used to cover weak theology), but there are three areas where we can examine ourselves to see if we can receive a harvest of the seemingly impossible.

First we must authorize God. We must say yes and mean yes, God you may move in my life. Many people talk about God moving in their life, but for various reasons they really mean no. Dealing with God can be overwhelming and it sometimes seems easier to say no to God, then we attempt to justify ourselves by claiming, “It was impossible”. A question to ponder, would God have birthed Jesus through Mary, if she had said no to His request? Will you authorize God to work in your life?

Second, we must align our life, thoughts, and actions with God's will. When God gave Hanna a son (Samuel), she had aligned with His plans. The son was for God, not to be sacrificed on the altars of Moloch as some were doing, for example, the wives of king Solomon. “God I need a harvest of the seemingly impossible in my finances”, is a reasonable request, and to expect Him to move is a reasonable expectation, but check and see if you are aligned with Him and His purposes. What is God doing in your generation, your fellowship, your life? Are you aligned with Him?

Third, check to see if you are a man or woman under authority. Who rules in your life, God, self, flesh...? The man under authority and who understands authority is in the place to receive from God. The centurion from Capernaum understood authority; he knew that just as he ruled his men by his authority, so also Jesus could heal because He had authority over sickness and disease.

*For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me.  
And I say to this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another,  
'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."  
When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed,  
"Assuredly, I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!"*  
Matthew 8:5-13 (NKJV)

Often we say Jesus is Lord, but in the next breath we deny His Lordship over our sickness, problem or need. We negate our faith stopping His, because we are no longer under authority. We make His harvest of the seemingly impossible, impossible.

How do you check out, authorized, aligned, and under authority? A harvest of the seemingly impossible, is it your harvest, or a harvest that passes you by?

### **Joining This Company**

All Christians who will pray are welcome. ***Voice of Thanksgiving*** is sent by email or letter to all who will commit to prayer as member of this company. It is a guide to challenge us and direct our prayers. The fee for joining is your commitment to pray. Please join us in praying for the nations. Send an email with the word JOIN in the subject so I know you would like to receive ***Voice of Thanksgiving***. Tell your friends and prayer partners about ***Voice of Thanksgiving***. The call is to gather a company of believers who will pray. Together we will reach nations for Jesus Christ.