Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of June 10, 2007

The great people of the earth to-day are the people who pray. I do not mean those who talk about prayer: nor those who say they believe in prayer; nor yet those who can explain about prayer; but I mean these people who take time and pray. They have not time. It must be taken from something else. This something else is important. Very important, and pressing, but still less important and less pressing than prayer. There are people that put prayer first, and group the other items in life's schedule around and after prayer. S. D. Gordon

The Life of Prayer

Champions of Prayer

David Williamson

Throughout history there have been men and women who are champions of what they do. Often this has been sports related, but there are champions in every area of endeavor. There have been seasons of history where there seems to be a shortage of champions, but it is part of the makeup of man to look for a champion. Israel is a good example; they wanted a champion, a king. The king they wanted would lead them in battle. God gave them Saul. He was even described as a champion, a head taller than other men. I am convinced he could have been a sports, movie, or political champion today. People so often judge by what they can see; this is very true today, and so Saul would have been "big" in any era.

Some champions have been a positive example for us, others are negative. Saul was a negative example. In prayer there have been champions, they are examples for us in prayer. Jesus is our ultimate example. The only draw back with His example is the nagging thought in our head that He was God and so it is not a realistic example for us. This is not true Jesus was fully man when He prayed and as such a perfect example to emulate.

There are other examples of champions in prayer that are valuable for us to study; for example Abraham and Moses. Truly they were champions of prayer. They did many other things and are noteworthy in many ways, but in prayer they were champions. The study of these men and prayer is a monumental study, one that would be of great value to all of us, but here we will only touch on one aspect of prayer manifest by these champions; boldness.

The Bible reveals to us that these were men; that is they had their smudges and problems. Okay lets be blunt, they sinned. However, that makes them even more useful for us to study. Here are two men who have fallen on their faces, yet they had great boldness before God in prayer. Their intercessions were epic and a factor of the great effectiveness of their prayers was their boldness.

They came to God and asked. They were humble, they were polite, they came with a reverent fear of the Lord, but they asked boldly.

We must come to the place where we are the same, bold in prayer. Not brash, but bold. Abraham and Moses were bold because they knew the fear of the Lord and this was strength to them. They had confidence in God.

In the fear of the Lord there is strong confidence,
And His children will have a place of refuge.
Proverbs 14:26 (NKJV)

Fear of the Lord brings great benefit to the man or woman of prayer; with this holy fear come perfection, holiness, obedience, and grace.

Therefore, having these promises, beloved,
let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit,
perfecting holiness in the fear of God.
2 Cor. 7:1 (NKJV)

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed,
not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence,
work out your own salvation with fear and trembling;
Philip. 2:12 (NKJV)

Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken,
let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.
For our God is a consuming fire.
Hebrews 12:28-29 (NKJV)

We can boldly come before God if we are righteous and this comes only by faith. Our righteousness is by faith in the work of Jesus Christ; it is by the blood of Jesus.

The wicked flee when no one pursues,
But the righteous are bold as a lion.
Proverbs 28:1 (NKJV)

in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through faith in Him.
Ephes. 3:12 (NKJV)

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,
by a new and living way which He consecrated for us,
through the veil, that is, His flesh,

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and having a High Priest over the house of God,
let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith,
having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
Hebrews 10:19-22 (NKJV)

Here is a great example for us to emulate. We must have the right relationship with God, but with this we must come boldly, as Abraham and Moses did, before God and bring our prayers. If we come with anything, it is prayer without faith and expectation of answers.

Let us Pray!

A Call for Prayer

Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth for Your possession.
Psalm 2:8 (NKJV)

Pray for Israel and the peace of Jerusalem – Pray for the Jewish people and for the nation of Israel.

Pray for the Youth Team – Pray for the youth team going from Colorado to Poland, June 14 through June 26. They have outreaches in Kolobrzeg and Koszalin Poland. Pray for their travel, safety, meetings, ministry, and health.

Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack and his church in Kolobrzeg, Poland. Pray for revival to come to this city.

The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference – Pray for the BBB Conference, June 22, 23, 24. Pray for the men and women coming to the conference, that God would touch their heart and guide their ways.

Marianne and David Dean – Pray for young Christians; as these people put their faith on the line before family and friends pray that they would be bold and courageous.

Marek Kaminski – Pray for Marek and all the arrangements for the BBB Conference.

William Williamson – Bill is a pastor in Eastern Colorado, and a long time member of this company. We have prayed for Bill and the teams he has lead to India for several years. Pray for his quick, full, and complete healing.

Pray for the Inntal Prayer Initiative – Pray for Americans in Germany; there have been several reports of possible terrorist attacks on Americans working and visiting Germany.

Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for the finances of the school and the meeting of the needs of students and staff.

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and the work of planting new churches across the region. "Would you pray for our needs as churches are growing we need place for worship. We are going to lease land for the two churches and build temporary facilities. That costs us 1000$ each. May God bless you, In Him, Bro. DK Daniel"

Bernhard and Lisa Prumbach – Pray for the transition of their children to life in Germany that it would be smooth, but that they would continue to grow with favor with the Lord.

Mark Spencer – Pray for the finances and arrangement to walk through the doors that have opened for sharing the Gospel message.

Pray for your Home Church – Pray for outreaches for your church. Pray that each member will do the work of the ministry as God gives them the means to do so.

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