

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of July 15, 2007

An evangelist is primarily interested in winning the lost. But if everyone were an evangelist, the people who get saved would always be babies. God saw that these babies needed a Shepard and He set pastors in the church. He wanted the sheep to be fed. He put teachers in the church also to help us grow in faith and the knowledge of His Word. Kenneth Hagin

The Life of Prayer

Faith and Prayer

David Williamson

It is a great honor to be listed with the heroes of the faith, in the book of Hebrews chapter eleven. These men and women are a great example to us all. They lived the life of faith that some people just talk about. They were doers of the Word, not just hearers of the Word. They broke through the barriers that had held people back from living the life of faith. Their example proved to all who would examine the question, that living the life of faith was not only possible, but the way we all should live. There is a great deal for each of to learn about this life. Faith is an all encompassing subject; this includes prayer.

Faith and prayer are tied tightly together. Prayer without faith is just a ritual of saying words. The life some people live, and some even call it a Christian life, is just a ritual because they do not live by faith. Life is about power; if there is no power then the life is gone from the body. For the Christian there is only one source of power, this is the Holy Spirit. As S. D. Gordon once wrote, "He is power. He is in every one who opens his door to God. He eagerly enters every one door. He comes in by our invitation and consent. His presence within is the vital thing... But to yield to His mastery, to cultivate His friendship, to give Him full swing — that will result in what is called power. One inlet of power — the Holy Spirit in control."

There are five outlets of power: five avenues through which the Holy Spirit works within us. The first is the life we live, second is what we say, third is our service, fourth is our money, and the fifth is prayer. The key for success in the Christian life is to let the Holy Spirit be our input and then to walk through all five outlets by faith. By faith we receive the power of the Holy Spirit and by faith we walk out His power. If it is not by faith it is without His power and is sin.

***But he who doubts is condemned if he eats,
because he does not eat from faith;
for whatever is not from faith is sin.***

Romans 14:23 (NKJV)

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Two of the Heroes of the Faith in Hebrews are the men we have been studying, Abraham and Moses. They are champions of prayer and as their inclusion in Hebrews signifies they are champions of faith as well. They are a great example for us, of the life of faith and the life of prayer. Their prayers were powerful because of their faith.

By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son, of whom it was said, "In Isaac your seed shall be called," concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.

Hebrews 11:17-19 (NKJV)

By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin, esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt; for he looked to the reward.

Hebrews 11:24-26 (NKJV)

These men walked with God by Faith and they prayed by faith. When Abraham prayed for the people of Sodom and when Moses prayed for the Jews in the wilderness, they did not have to guess if God would do what He said. They did not have to determine if God could do what He said He would do. They knew God, His Word, and His power. These men knew God answered prayer.

These men were fervent in their prayers because they understood faith. They were men of faith, action, and prayer. Kenneth Hagin wrote "Faith says the same thing the Word of God says. Unbelief is taking sides against God's Word." These men did not side against God's Word, but with it and with Him.

If we are going to be men and women of effective prayer, we must live and pray with and by faith. We must pray faith. This is speaking what God says after Him. Faith in God is mountain moving faith. This is what is demanded for this day and the needs of this day. All around us there are situations that need faith prayers. There are men and women who need Christ; there are nations that need to be moved from fighting against Christ and His servants to be open to the Gospel message. To meet these needs and the many needs of individuals and churches we must pray in faith.

So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

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*Therefore I say to you,
whatever things you ask when you pray,
believe that you receive them, and you will have them.*
Mark 11:22-24 (NKJV)

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 Jerusalem and Israel – Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

Marianne and David Dean – Pray for the native Christian students on mission trips this summer. Pray that their faith would be strong even in the midst of persecution.

Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack and his church. Pray for opportunities to share their faith with people of Kolobrzeg, Poland. Pray for revival for this city and region.

The Brotherhood Beyond Boundaries Conference – Pray for the work of the Holy Spirit going from the BBB Conference to the church and communities of Eastern and Western Europe and the United States. God is building His church, may we work with, not against Him.

Marek Kaminski – Pray for protection and safety as Marek and his family travel in the near future.

Pray for the church in Belarus and Lithuania – Pray for opportunities for the sharing of the Gospel and the message of hope for the people of these countries.

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 opportunities to minister in Germany and throughout Europe.

Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for outreach to the families of the region.

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 a place for worship. We are

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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 guidance for him, what he should do and when, in response to the many open doors of opportunity.

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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