

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of August 26, 2007

Give me one hundred preachers who fear nothing but sin and desire nothing but God, and I care not a straw whether they be clergymen or laymen; such alone will shake the gates of hell and set up the kingdom of heaven on earth. God does nothing but in answer to prayer.—JOHN WESLEY

The Life of Prayer

Soak in the Anointing

David Williamson

I have been blessed to have good cooks in my family. My wife, mother, and grandmothers are and were good cooks. My mother in-law and many of my friends are very good as well. The memory of some of the special meals they have fixed is very sweet. One meal that my mom made that has always been a great memory is sauerbraten. I understand there are many different styles for this dish, but at our house it was a roast marinated in sweets and spices, served with a sauce of ginger snap cookies. The meat was juicy and tender; the gravy for the meat and potatoes was so rich. My mouth waters when I thinking about enjoying the savory taste of this dish. The key to great sauerbraten is the time the meat marinates in the spices.

A key to growth in our prayer life is soaking in the anointing. Just like that roast that soaked in the spices, so we can greatly improve by spending time marinating. We must be careful what we soak in, we take on the flavor of the marinate; when the marinate is the anointing of Christ Jesus this leads to great growth.

Jesus' Disciples grew and matured in their faith by spending time with Him. He would often take them aside to a quiet place where they could spend time together out of the crush of people. This time was used for teaching, training, rest, fellowship, questions and answers, and much more. It also was time for the Disciples to soak in the anointing of Jesus Christ. As they soaked they were changed. These fishermen and publicans were changed into Disciples. They were changed from looking like the world to looking like Jesus. They began to change in their habits and desires from the way they grew up into the new men they were to become.

We need this same type of treatment; we need to soak in Jesus and His anointing. We can learn a great deal about prayer. We can change our habits and practices. We can learn to pray, however to be truly effective in prayer we must pray with the anointing of God. This comes only by spending time soaking in His anointing; it is caught, not taught. Soaking in His anointing will change our prayers. The anointing is an agent of power; it breaks yokes and destroys burdens.

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*It shall come to pass in that day
That his burden will be taken away from your shoulder,
And his yoke from your neck,
And the yoke will be destroyed because of the anointing oil.*

Isaiah 10:27 (NKJV)

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem,
and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."*

Acts 1:8 (NKJV)

Prayer is a force of change, reaching out to God and receiving answers from God. The power for these changes, the power to receive answers is by the anointing. We need His power and anointing in our prayers. The burden of prayer can and the yoke of the task before us, can be taken by His anointing.

My dad for many years worked in a lumber yard. It was hard work and many nights when he would come home he would take a bath. This was a time for him to soak in the warm water. This soaking was for cleansing and for removing the pain of sore muscles. After he had soaked for a few minutes he was ready for the night. He was ready for play, concerts, sports, adventure; what ever the night had in store. This soak restored; he was clean and refreshed.

We need this type of soaking as well. Prayer is a powerful ministry; it also requires regular cleansing and refreshing. If you are carrying a burden in prayer, you know there are times when you need cleansing and refreshing. The identification with the needs of the people and the battle against the enemy is just that a battle. It can be long hard work. We need to have time with God to soak in His anointing and be refreshed.

*To whom He said, "This is the rest with which
You may cause the weary to rest,"
And, "This is the refreshing";
Yet they would not hear.*

Isaiah 28:12 (NKJV)

*Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out,
so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,*

Acts 3:19 (NKJV)

Today there are many modern solvents to use for getting the rust off parts and loosening treaded items that are stuck together. When I was young we had to soak the parts in solvents to remove the rust and remove the corrosion. The world around us, our flesh, and the devil all conspire to bring

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rust and corrosion to our life. It may be difficult to get a Christian renounce his faith, but it is relatively easy to nurture a build up of hindrances to faith. This is like corrosion. It builds up slowing, with time it can hinder the function of the product or even destroy it completely. If we do not regularly remove the corrosion in our life our prayer life and effectiveness in prayer will be affected.

*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 if anyone cleanses himself from the latter,
he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master,
prepared for every good work.*

2 Tim. 2:21 (NKJV)

Like those old parts soaking in solvent, so we need time to soak in His anointing so rust and corrosion can be removed. If we desire to be fit for the work of prayer we need this soaking.

So how do we soak under the anointing? There are many aspects to soaking in the anointing, but just a few to get you started. Meditating on a verse or series of verses from the Bible can be a way to soak. Sitting under anointed preaching is another. Time of worship and praise can provide a time of soaking in the anointing. Another great way to soak in the anointing is in prayer. We can spend time with the Father exploring His anointing. Find a way to get close to the Father and soak in His anointing.

Let us Pray!

A Call for Prayer

*Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me,
the works that I do he will do also;
and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.
And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do,
that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.*

John 14:12-14 (NKJV)

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem – Pray for the return of Jews from around the world back to their homeland of Israel.

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Marianne and David Dean – Pray for David and Marianne as they prepare for the new semester at the university. Pray for the students who will hear about the wonderful salvation in Christ Jesus.

Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack that the fire of the Holy Spirit will fall within his life and church.

Pray for the church in Belarus and Lithuania – Pray for opportunities for the church in these countries that it would serve this generation and fulfill all of the call of Christ Jesus.

Mark Spencer – Pray for the Holy Spirit's preparation for ministry that is coming soon in a new and exciting part of the world. The invitation is in hand, now God must make a way and prepare His servant. Pray also for meetings in Nepal in October and November.

*And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me,
because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry,*

1 Tim. 1:12 (NKJV)

Patty Spencer – Pray for completion of a new worship CD. Pray for the details of mastering the final product and the finances to get it produced.

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom,
teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*

Col. 3:16 (NKJV)

Marek Kaminski – Pray for the Kaminski's time in Mexico and then in Colorado, USA.

John Coon – Pray for his health and safety.

*Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health,
just as your soul prospers.*

3 John 1:2 (NKJV)

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.

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DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and the new churches they have planted. Pray for the new leaders of these churches.

Bernd and Heike Pastor – Pray for Heike’s time of therapy this month.

Bernhard and Lisa Prumbach – Pray for continued success in making arrangement for the family and opportunities to minister.

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.

*And God is able to make all grace abound toward you,
that you, always having all sufficiency in all things,
may have an abundance for every good work.*

2 Cor. 9:8 (NKJV)

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