

Voice of Thanksgiving

Calling a Company of Believers Together for Prayer

For the Week of November 25, 2007

The possibilities of prayer are found in the illimitable promise, the willingness and the power of God to answer prayer, to answer all prayer, to answer every prayer, and to supply fully the illimitable need of man. None are so needy as man, none are so able and anxious to supply every need and any need as God.

Reality of Prayer by E. M. Bounds

The Life of Prayer

Dreams

David Williamson

To dream is to have hope and nearly everyone has dreams. We love to think of what could happen. We dream of a better time or place. We dream of an end to problems and concerns. Dreams have several sources, one of those is the dreams we are given from God. These are a means of communicating from the Father to His children. Joseph was warned in a dream about dangerous events to come. He was given direction on where to go and what to do. There are also dreams that God has placed in our heart. From Psalms we know if we walk with God, he will give us the desires of our heart. Our heart dreams can be God's guidance and direction for life.

Dreams can be hindrance in life as well. Too often we have what I call head dreams. These are often just longings and wants. People talk of winning a lottery and as the amount of money to be given grows more and more people talk of what they would do if they won. Although people get excited about winning they ignore the odds of winning. I heard a commercial for playing the lottery recently, announced, "Odds of winning 1 in 147,000,000". The dream draws people in even when the odds are near impossible. Some people ignore the odds and buy a ticket and hope. Others reveal their head dreams are just the thoughts of the lazy man; they long to win the lottery, but do not even buy a ticket! Still other head dreams can be evil. Their dreams are made of death and destruction, some come from the Devil, some from man, but they bring fear and unbelief.

Dreams of the heart on the other hand, can take us to great accomplishments. Dreams of the heart are the desires God has placed in our heart. They are part of what makes us who and what we are. God who knew us before we were formed in our mother's womb and He placed desires in our heart that are what we want. We often talk of God's will for our life being, what we would choose, if we knew all the facts. The desire of our heart, these dreams, are the things we would pursue, if we knew all the facts, facts about us and facts about the world and the future.

People react to dreams of the heart in two ways, just as in dreams of the head. We can dream the dream, but never pursue them. Some people wait for their dreams to happen, they are like the man who longs to win the lottery, but does not even buy a ticket. Conversely, there are men who work for fulfillment of their dreams. They seek after these desires with fervent pursuit. In the Bible we see

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both types in action. Esau wanted his rights as the firstborn and his inheritance, but he was not willing to pursue either. He was so casual about his dreams that he sold his birthright for a bowl of soup. Jacob was just the opposite, his pursuit was so spirited that he even lied and cheated. I do not condone his methods, but I know that Jacob had the attitude we must have, if we are going to fulfill our dreams.

To pursue our dreams we must act. The person who is actively seeking his or her dreams can see them fulfilled. Acting on our dreams is more than just daydreaming about the good things to come; we must act as directed by God. To act we must first trust the Lord.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.*

Proverbs 3:5-6 (NKJV)

Second, we must act and act correctly. Proper action requires commitment, faith, and prayer.

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

2 Tim. 4:7 (NKJV)

*But without faith it is impossible to please Him,
for he who comes to God must believe that He is,
and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

*Trust in the Lord, and do good;
Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness.
Delight yourself also in the Lord,
And He shall give you the desires of your heart.
Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him,
And He shall bring it to pass.
He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light,
And your justice as the noonday.*

Psalms 37:3-6 (NKJV)

Dreams of the heart come to pass by faith and work. Working faith is action; this is made effective by prayer, is empowered by prayer, and enabled by prayer.

Let us Pray!

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A Call for Prayer

*Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me,
and I will listen to you.*

Jeremiah 29:12 (NKJV)

Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem – Pray for the leadership of the nation of Israel. Pray they will respond to God and His plan for the nation.

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May they prosper who love you.
Peace be within your walls, Prosperity within your palaces."*

For the sake of my brethren and companions,

I will now say, "Peace be within you."

Because of the house of the Lord our God I will seek your good.

Psalm 122:6-9 (NKJV)

DK Limbu Daniel – Pray for Pastor Daniel and work in and around Nepal.

1. *Pastors and Leaders Conference and Healing Rallies* from 9-21st December. This will be held in different parts of east Nepal and mid central Nepal. Pray for the peace and security and for a mighty manifestation of the power of the Holy Spirit. We need God's favor for this great work to take salvation, deliverance and healing to the people.

2. At the last but not least; our goal is plant 100 churches by 2010 and so far we are coming up with 42 churches and fellowships. Please pray that things in the world may not distract us from our goal and that the needs and areas of lack may not derail us from our trek to our goal.

Bernhard and Lisa Prumbach – Pray for the supply of every need. Pray specifically for the money to send all of their belongings that are still in storage units here in the USA to Germany.

Joyce Abrahamson – Pray for the safety of the children of the school.

Pray for the church in Belarus and Lithuania – Pray for opportunities for the open and free preaching of the Gospel.

Marianne and David Dean – Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel good news.

John Coon – Pray for his health and safety.

Marek Kaminski – Pray for opportunities for sharing the Gospel.

Jacek Gromadzki – Pray for Jack and his church, pray for opportunities to share the Gospel message.

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Mark Spencer – Pray for continued faithful obedience to God’s call and command.

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.

Pray for William Williamson – Pray for the continued growth of his church and maturing of the believers in faith and service.

Pray for the Prayer Initiative Seminars – Pray for opportunities to tell people about prayer.

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 my God shall supply all your need
according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.
Philip. 4:19 (NKJV)*

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