

Revival Praying

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Revival praying is a type of prayer that is passionate, persistent, and effectual, and is characterized by a burden of soul and a desire for God to move in a powerful way.

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Description

This sermon emphasizes the urgency of tuning in to what God is saying in these current times, calling for a united team effort to align with God's purposes for the future. It highlights the importance of forgiveness and the need to seek the Lord, referencing Hosea 10:12. The speaker shares a powerful story of fervent prayer leading to a transformative encounter with God, illustrating the impact of prayer in difficult situations.

Transcript

I sense tonight to go in a little different direction because I sense that something is happening and we better tune in quickly to what God is saying, very specifically in these days, right now. That we won't be just entertained here but we will really be a team together for what God would want to do in the days that lie ahead. Now if you noticed on the last night we ended the, on Tuesday night we ended the message when you stand praying, forgive.

And I praise the Lord for the many folks who dealt with an unforgiving spirit on Tuesday night. And that was wonderful to see it. Now when you stand praying, I believe we're to a place now where God is going to call people to really understand what these meetings are all about and what revival is all about as we start out.

In Hosea chapter 10, here's what I believe God is doing. So to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy, break up your fallow ground, for it is time to seek the Lord. For it is time to seek the Lord.

How long should we seek Him? Until He come and rain righteousness upon you. And here's the sinfulness of our hearts. You have plowed wickedness, you have reaped iniquity, you have eaten the fruit of lies because thou didst trust in thy own way.

There's the sin. We trust in our way. We trust in the multitude of our mighty men.

We lean to the arm of flesh. Don't we sing that song, the arm of flesh will fail you? You dare not trust your own? Now if we're not to trust the arm of flesh, where are we to go to get some answers? Where are we going to get things done? We've got to trust the arm of God. Now you know what I believe God is doing these days? I believe God wants to prepare a team.

And that is this. We are sowing in righteousness and reaping in mercy. Now that means simply we are willing to see the unrighteousness of our heart and we reap in mercy by going back to the mercy seat and get it cleansed.

That's what reaping in mercy is all about. You see the unrighteousness, so you sow in righteousness by going to the mercy seat and reap in the confession of sin and reap in the forgiveness that God gives you. That's the picture of the mercy seat of the Old Testament and the New Testament.

If you confess your sins, He is faithful just to forgive you. Reap in mercy. We've been doing that.

That's what we heard at the microphone tonight. And I believe there are many more that we didn't even have time to hear that folks could say that's what God is doing. I believe that's what God wants to do in the body of Christ because that's not the essence of the revival, because that's the beginning of God preparing a team.

Not to go away saying we had our reviving, but God is preparing a team to do the work of revival. Now, what's that? Lord, why do you want us to do that? Break up your fallow ground are the next words. Break up your fallow ground.

What's that? I'm not a farmer, but I found out that fallow ground is ground that at one time had been plowed. Ground that at one time had been plowed. The plow had gone into the ground, but the farmer let that ground sit idly by and it crusted over.

So it's ground that had been plowed, but it crusted over. And break up your fallow ground means put the plow in again and soften it up and turn the worms up to the sun so the sun can scorch them, you know. And God turning the worms up, as it were, as we put the plow in we can see things that we never even looked at before the Holy Spirit of God can bring to our attention.

Break up the fallow ground, ground that had been plowed in your life, but you're allowed to crust over. That's what the Holy Spirit of God is doing in these days. Why is this going on? So we can say, now we're clean and cleansed? So we can join the holy happiness huddle? Aren't you glad we're going to be with all our people? No, for now it is time to seek the Lord.

That's what the next word said. For it is time to seek the Lord. That's the preparation for a people who are really ready to seek the Lord.

You know what it is? That's getting us on praying ground and pleading terms. Most of us have been on spanking terms for so long, and God says this is the way to get on pleading terms. For it is time to seek the Lord.

How long shall we seek Him? Put no time limit. Until. That's the time limit.

Down in the deep south they're so used to having revivals, and they have revivals April 7 to 14. And it's like one in the spring and then one in the fall, October 7 to 14. It's like the common event.

One preacher said to another, he said, where were you last week? Oh, we had our revival. And the other fellow said, well, we still have to have ours. Like a necessary evil on the schedule, right? Revival is not from April 7 to 14.

I believe it's 2 Chronicles 7 to 14. That's more like it. When God's people are ready to do the work of reviving and put no time limit on it and say, God, we're ready to seek your face until.

We're going to persevere until you do what? You to send rain, come and rain righteousness. Now, it's interesting. The Bible says, first of all, sow in righteousness, and that verse ends up with God raining in righteousness.

He's looking for people to do the sowing in righteousness. That's the body of Christ. So that's making it possible for the God of the universe, hearing the cry of his people sowing in righteousness, that he then can, for it is time to seek the Lord until he rains righteousness upon us.

Marvelous truth. Much we could say about that. But I believe, men and women, God is talking about a people who are ready now to do some revival praying.

Not just praying, but revival praying. And pray and seek his face. If my people should call my name, my people shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face.

Seeking his face. I believe it's an expression of a tremendous desire for God. Not just a simple, now I lay me down to sleep prayer, but it's a tremendous desire that there is no human answer.

Somebody entitled a little tract, Revival, colon, dot, dot, God's work. That means we seek God's face. There's no human answer.

If God doesn't do it, nothing can be done. Human ability, human technique, Madison Avenue ability and technique, and all of the computerized age we live in will not bring it. If God doesn't do it, it can't be done.

We seek your face, God. You must come back to us or nothing will be done. My people will come and get desperate like that before God.

Revival praying. Charles Swifini, I don't know, I tell you, I read his writings and sometimes I wish I had been alive when he was preaching and then I read some other writings. I'm glad I wasn't.

You know what I mean? I don't know if we could take some of it. But let it be as it may. He said these words over 125 years ago in the city of New York.

A revival may be expected when Christians have a spirit of prayer for revival. Not just a new prayer but a spirit of prayer for revival. Armand Guest, one of the great Norwegian revivals, said, in Norway, people would pray, Lord, let the spirit of prayer for revival settle down upon the church.

Now, what is the spirit of prayer? I don't believe it's many words. I believe it's a hard attitude. I believe it's like Finney said, when Christians pray as if their hearts were set on a revival.

That's the spirit of prayer. Their hearts are set on a revival. What's that all about? I believe it's like the businessman who comes in after a day of work in the office and he sits down at the table and his wife has made his favorite meal for him because she's going to pull out the bill from the hat she just bought.

And she's going to butter him up, I mean spaghetti him up, not butter him up, whatever you want. And she's going to get him ready for a new bill. And there he sits at the table, and while he's eating his meal, he hardly even knows his favorite meal and all the rest of it, and he sits there.

And you know what? He's there physically, but he's not there with his mind. Now, some of you women, I saw you look at your husband just then. You say, I've been through that, right? You know, his mind is far away.

Where is his mind? It's back there in the office. It's back in that business transaction that was not completed. And it weighs heavy on his mind, even though he shut the door at five o'clock.

It weighs heavy on his mind all night long because if it comes up just so, there'll be much prosperity. Tremendous. Something that weighs heavy on his mind, a transaction that has to take place.

Oh, it's a state of continual desire and anxiety on the mind of the heart of God's people for the souls of many women. That we walk around and act as if there's something weighing heavy on our mind. Spirit of prayer.

Not on your knees all the time, but a spirit of prayer for revival. Now, if that's the case, revival praying by its very nature has to be passionate praying. Passionate, effectual praying.

Fervent, passionate praying. That word fervent means red-hot heat or white heat for the welder. For us, non-welding people, excuse me, we should weld together, but you know what I mean.

Non-welders might not understand, but white heat, red-hot fervent heat, that's the word fervent. That's red-hot heat kind of praying. Now, you know, there's some of that done in the Bible on many occasions.

Tremendous. Effectual, fervent prayer. Here's the verse.

Here it is in James 5.16. The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much. Do we believe that? Avails much. Effectual, fervent prayer.

Now, what's that all about? Jeremiah 33.3, don't turn, you know the verse. It's simply these words. God's speaking to His prophet Jeremiah to the people of God.

He says, "...call unto Me, and I will answer thee, and show thee," listen, "...great and mighty things that thou knowest not." It really means, "...I will show thee great and stupendous things, the like of which thou hast never seen before." That's in the meeting. "...call unto Me, and I will show thee great and stupendous things, the like of which thou hast never seen before." Now, that word call, it's the word, an outcry from the heart of a groaning from the innermost being that cannot even be uttered. To make an outcry as a person in distress, that's wrapped up in the meeting call.

Now, you have to understand the context of Jeremiah 33, where the prophet of God, Jeremiah, gives that message of God to the people of God. You have to understand the entire context shows you that the people desperately needed a call. The city was in disarray.

Israel was nearing captivity. Jeremiah was already in prison. The rest of that chapter, as you read, you read a chapter that was in dire, desperate straits, but before the chapter ends, you read about a chapter that came alive with the very presence and the glory of God.

A people who would make an outcry to God like that, and before the chapter ends, here's a city, a whole area that comes alive with the presence of God. Oh, what a truth. Isaiah, what a prophet of God.

Isaiah, he says these words, Oh, that thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down. Rend the heavens and thou wouldst come down. In Isaiah 64.

Oh, God, there's no human answer. That's what he's saying. God, you've got to rend the heavens.

Break open. Come on down. You're the only answer.

You know, somebody said the tragedy of us and our praying in this 20th century is there's one thing missing with our prayer. We've lost the... Oh, that thou wouldst rend the heavens and come down. No more... What an hour in which he prophesied the people of God... Yeah, I just got a call from the OPP.

Somebody was complaining about Galactic Street there and Fitzgerald too. Saying, where is their God? It sounds a little bit like 20th century... And it was in that environment that Isaiah praised that kind of a prayer. We need to catch the agony and the sincerity of that man's cry to God.

That's the same Isaiah who puts this whole term of praying and intercession in the terms of a mother bringing children into the world. Now, we men have to take this by osmosis or empathy. You know, when my brother's wife had her first daughter... Their only daughter, by the way.

They only had one. When they had their daughter... I remember Ralph came home from the hospital and he looked so wiped out. I don't know which one had this baby.

And the doctor saw him in the hospital there and so far he said, you know, sir, sometimes it's harder on the fathers than it is the mothers. I guess he saw something was wrong there. Ralph had to miss the next week or two.

Wasn't there a crusade or something? He was just wiped out. That's why he only had one of those things. Not really.

But Isaiah puts this whole context in the picture of a mother bringing forth children. Here's what he says. He says in Isaiah 13, verse 8, They shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth.

Just like that. They shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth. Oh, we know that verse.

He goes on to say in Isaiah 66, after Isaiah 64, when he cries to God that God would come down, he turns and he says in Isaiah 66, 8, For as soon as Zion, God's people, travail... The same expression, the picture of the pain of bringing forth children. As soon as Zion travaileth, she brought forth her children. Soon as she travails, she'll bring forth her children.

Charles Finney said these words in the city of New York. He said, When the wickedness of the wicked grieves and distresses and humbles the Christians, and even if the devil has as many devils in his kingdom as there are stones in the pavement, if he spew out of hell as many devils as there are stones in the pavement, if that would drive Christians to prayer, all of those devils could never hinder a revival. Why is the revival delayed? In the American Holiness Journal, an article written, and here was the simple answer, lack of revival praying.

And the writer goes on to say, Not lack of praying for revival. Hear it, folks. But the lack of the kind of praying that brings on a visitation of the Holy Spirit in revival power and salvation.

This kind of praying, he goes on to say, has passion, persistence, grip, and faith in it that makes it distinctive. It's a type of praying different from our private devotions, the family altar, or even our usual church prayer meeting. This burden of soul that continues its passion and pleading and believing persistently brings a revival.

This is serious, for the fruitfulness of any revival effort corresponds exactly with the kind of praying done for it. The depth of earnestness, the persistent, insistent message of faith, measure of faith, that is such vital part of such a move of God. That's the kind of praying.

I had a phone call today. Ralph had it first, and then it was passed on to me of some pastors 20 miles away from where I live in Ohio. They were tracking me down all up here.

I live down there, and I've never heard from any of those brothers. And these pastors, one pastor called, he said, I've come to the city. It's a church of a thousand people there, and God put on, I don't know how many pastors they have in the church, and God put on the heart of the burden of this one pastor to get other pastors together, and they want to have a whole day from 6 o'clock one night till 6 o'clock the next day of nothing but pastors meeting before God.

There could be a hundred of them get together in that whole area, come together for 24 hours to do nothing but intercede before God for their city and for revival in the world. What must we do, he said, what has to go on in our hearts before God can use us and our churches to see revival in the whole area? What a cry on that telephone. I thought to myself, praise the Lord, that's the fervency, that's the cry that needs to go up.

Will we have it here in these days or just be satisfied to have nice meetings? Revival praying is obscure minority praying. The Bible teaches where two or three are gathered together in His name, He's in the midst. The prayer crosses have been opened.

Who knows who's been praying? Who, what people have been praying for years in this community? Ralph said it just a moment ago. He said revival, I was asked to speak in Dallas Theological, Dallas, not Dallas Theological Seminary, Schofield Memorial Church where the Schofield Bible's from, where Schofield was pastored. They were having a banquet of a tremendous prayer ministry, an organization.

They were having a yearly banquet down there and they flew me down from Michigan right down there for one night and then the next morning were the pastors there. And I said, Lord, they wanted me to tell about the revival in Canada and speak to those brothers who were all around this table, this banquet. It was a fundraiser but they wanted to speak on revival.

I said, Lord, what can I say in one meeting? And the Lord gave me the answer. He said, speak on the subject. What is revival? Revival is when hidden springs spring forth.

How's that for a title? Revival when hidden springs spring forth. And then I went back over the hidden springs that I heard about that sprang forth even before the revival took place in Saskatoon in 1981, 1971. And the story of other revivals, hidden springs, those are those closets, the people in the prayer closets that nobody hears about praying.

We hear of Charles B. Finney. But who hears about Abel Clary who was the mighty intercessor behind Charles B. Finney? We hear about D.L. Moody, don't we? But who hears about Auntie Cook, the woman who was an invalid who could never get off of a bed, who was the mighty intercessor behind D.L. Moody? He wrote a book in honor, a booklet in honor of her, and he titled the booklet An Invalid on Secret Service. The twos and the threes.

We hear about Billy Graham and all the rest of it. But who hears about the little woman that he honored about three years ago when he flew to a funeral service down in Southern California for a little elderly woman way up in years? And everybody was surprised to see Dr. Graham come. And that's the intercessor, one of the intercessors behind Billy Graham for all of his ministry that started way back there when the crusade, the first one in Los Angeles, when Stuart Hanlon was converted and many others out there and gave Billy Graham to the world.

In that context, we hear about the Hebrides revival. Oh, the Hebrides revival, yes. But who hears about the small group of praying women over 80 years of age who interceded week after week after week in their quietness, in their private situations, and that little praying band of 80-year-olds interceding for a mighty revival? We hear about the Lewis revival over there in the same area of the world.

Who hears about the praying men of Barbas who met once a month on Monday night and praying and crying out to God and finally saying, Lord, it's as much humbug for us to hear crying out to you for a revival unless we can say, Lord, are our hands clean? Are our hearts pure? Lord, start with us. And it was on. You hear about what happened in Saskatoon in 1971.

But who hears, and I'm giving you some insight as to what happened, who hears about the two Gideon brothers over in India who prayed for Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, for two solid years to have a revival? They asked the Lord. Bernard Palmer, who had just recently passed away from the Daniel Orless series, The Children's Works, he recently passed away. He went over to India.

He was with us in Saskatoon in the days of the revival. He went over to India. A year later, after the revival, and there was given a report in the Gideon's banquet over there.

And as he was giving the report, these two Gideon brothers, their faces lit up like Christmas trees. He said, they said, Where did you say he was? They rushed up to him in Saskatoon. Praise the Lord, we've been praying for that city.

They said, We asked God two years ago to give us a sister city on the North American continent that you would visit with a revival. And the Lord laid on our hearts. I don't know how.

They just opened the map of Canada, plopped the finger down or what. But God gave them Saskatoon. They didn't know about the revival until a year after.

Ralph and I were preaching years ago in Penticton, British Columbia. We used to have a more of an evangelistic type ministry and had a wonderful time in a little church there. In that context, we left that place and then a few years later, God gave us the privilege of seeing what happened in Saskatoon.

And somebody said, What did you do to bring the revival to Saskatoon? We tell people, we didn't do anything. We just had to be in town when God was there. We just happened to be in town and had the responsibility of directing the traffic.

And what a responsibility that was. I can tell you so much about that. But let it be as it may, about six months later, we had a retreat, a revival roundup back in Saskatoon.

Called the people that God had touched all over the place. Come back. Let's sort of have a roundup for a weekend.

And it wasn't even six weeks, six months away because that would almost get you to springtime in Canada. People are asking me in the United States, What do the people do in summer? I said, Those three days they go swimming. They say, How many months they have up there? I said, Four.

June, July, August and winter. But, you know, it was still wintertime and we had a roundup there in Saskatoon. It was in Regina.

We had a roundup. And I saw an elderly couple sitting about six rows down right here in the center, about a crowd of 900 people, an elderly couple sitting right down there. I recognized them from Penticton.

Now, you know from Penticton, you folks who don't know your geography in Canada, I know it pretty well. You go over some mountains between Penticton and Regina and in the month of February, I believe it was, there's a little problem. And I saw this elderly couple and I knew that was quite a thing for them to drive over those mountains to get there.

And there they were sitting. So I wanted to honor them and introduce them to the people. I remember them from Penticton.

So I called them up and we were standing here in the platform and I'm having, Hello, how are you? Glad to see you here. What do you think of all this? 900 people in the roundup. What do you think of us? You know how excited an Italian can be and I said to them, What do you think of it? Well, this is nothing.

Isn't that nice? How do I ruin my meeting just like that? I'm all excited, nothing. And I'm trying to figure out what they're trying to say. What's wrong with them spiritually to think this is nothing? And I finally kept pulling, What are you really saying? Oh, this is only, they went on to say.

You know, that's an improvement, folks, from nothing to only. We're getting some substance now. Right? This is only God answering prayer.

That's all. Not a bad answer. Amen? Don't you folks say amen to that? But I knew they were still saying something more, folks.

And so I kept pulling. What are you really saying? And he said, You remember when you two fellows were in our church and we had those wonderful meetings, there were evangelistic meetings and so forth, and people got saved and there were wonderful time meetings? He said, I want to tell you something. I had 900 people and we're talking up here.

He said, I want to tell you, we have been praying for you two. The Lord laid you two on our hearts from that crusade on. We have been praying for you for four years, every single day, that God would change your ministry and give you a revival ministry to the Church of Jesus Christ in Canada.

So this is nothing. This is only God answering prayer. That's all.

I have the picture of the dear one, well into her 90s, in a rest home in the Maritime Provinces. Oh! Some people have been praying. He thought it was never going to be answered.

Thank God, he hears. But then revival praying is corporate, united praying. The defeat of atheist Thomas Paine in my country in 1794 was because of tremendous corporate praying that spread out all across America.

In 1857, America was coming apart at the seams economically, socially, and morally. Much I can tell you won't bother you with the history, but God used a Dutchman in New York City, Jeremiah Lanthier, to start a prayer meeting, a corporate prayer meeting. Just a few men met, and God ignited that little prayer meeting in an upper room there in New York City, and God ignited that prayer meeting to where a prayer revival swept all across North America, all across the United States, and saved the United States as a young nation in a dark average history.

In the Welsh Revival in 1904, you know what? There were 70,000 Welshmen converted in two months, and that, the little country of Wales, is just about the size of Rhode Island in my country, the smallest state of the U.S.A., the smallest state. And there, 70,000 Welshmen converted in two months. You know, nobody tells you about the fact that in the time just preceding that, God raised up 300 prayer groups all across the little country.

And they didn't even know each other. God, in His sovereignty, He put His people to praying, and prayer groups, 300 all over the little country, and God answered the cries of His people. And the mighty Welsh Revival was on.

Andrew Murray said, And then comes the effectual, fervent prayer of the many righteous. He likes to take that verse, the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man. He says, That's good enough, but what about the effectual, fervent prayer of many righteous? He says, When two or three agree, the promises God will answer.

But how much more, he said, when hundreds and thousands unite with one accord on behalf of His people. What a great and blessed work. What a sure prospect in God's time of the abundant answer.

United prayer. Much we can say about that. But, again, I rush quickly on to Revival praying is believing prayer.

Now, I want you to turn in your Bibles. Turn to Mark chapter 11. Mark chapter 11, 22.

And you know what? We read it the other night, but I just want to mention it here so we see it again. Mark chapter 11, 22. Therefore, I say unto you, whatsoever you desire when you pray, believe that you receive them and you shall have them.

Believe. And it says in Matthew chapter 9, verse 29. Don't turn.

It says, According to your faith, be it unto you. Peter is at the door, the lady announces, when she gets up off her knees in a prayer meeting for him to be at the door. And here's a knock, and she goes in through the door, and she says, Peter is at the door.

And the other bunch of those guys praying said, No, it must be a ghost. Remember? He was in prison. They had a prayer meeting to get him out, and he comes to the door and they don't believe he's there.

An amazing God answers them in spite of their lack of faith. A man went to a prayer meeting in a community where they hadn't had rain for a long time, and they said, We better have a prayer meeting to pray for rain. The farmers need rain.

And he went to the prayer meeting to pray for rain. And you know what? He was the only one that went home dry that night because he took an umbrella. Nobody else did.

Joy Dawson says, Praise God in faith for the remarkable prayer meeting you're going to have even before you have it. What a way to go to a prayer meeting. Hmm.

Pastor, wouldn't it be wonderful if our prayer meetings were filled with people walking in with that attitude? I remember in the state of Michigan a number of years ago in the early days of the Revival, God was working in Rives Junction, Michigan. You read about it in the first chapter of the book *Flames of Freedom*, what God was doing in Rives Junction, Michigan. Now, Rives Junction, Michigan, in Michigan, I'll tell you what it is.

It had about 350 people lived in town. And that's where God started the Revival. 350 people in town.

Somebody said, didn't even have a street light in town. Somebody said it was an interlude between two corn fields. Rives Junction, Michigan.

And there it was. And God started the mighty thing there. We were having 700 and 800 people in the town that only had 350 people in it.

People were coming in from everywhere. There was a Christian radio station in the town. And the Christian radio station was opening the lines for Christians, like yourselves, to call and give testimony of what God was doing to them in the Revival.

And the Christian radio station would say, we'll keep the lines open for as long as God's people will call in. Sometimes three and four hours on the radio, people all over the countryside were hearing the testimonies of God's people, what God was doing. And so they started to come.

They were, we had them in the baby room, big ones in the baby room, and hanging by the chandeliers. People would have to come an hour and a half early to even get a seat. What a thing.

But in that context, there was a man who came one night because he was a pastor of a church about 50 miles away. His wife told him, she said, I heard what's going on in that little community of Rives Junction, Michigan. What I hear is going on there.

You get somebody else to take prayer meetings and you get in the car and go on down and see and be part of whatever's going on, pastor of a church. Also, from that same church, there was a lady who heard that radio report. Her husband was a trucker and a driver.

He came in the night and he was so worn out and tired. She said to him, I heard something that I think, I'd love for you, could you please, I know you've driven all day, would you please take me? We've got to go see what's going on there. He said, oh, I'm so tired.

Please, she begged him. He said, all right, if you, she said, you know what? I hear they have a meeting and then they have what they call an after glow, an after meeting. They'll meet somewhere else after, anybody just wants to come and give testimony and see what God wants to do, they have a meeting like

that.

If we're going to drive the distance, let's stay until they turn out all the lights. Oh, was he grumpy on that one. He said, all right, he said, I'll tell you what, if you demand I go and you want to go, I'll take you, but when they go to that after meeting, I'll go out in our car and I'll sleep in the car and you, you do whatever you want in there and when you're done, come wake me up.

Well, all right. So we go there. Now we're having the after glow and people are giving testimony of how God had changed their life, about a hundred strong at least there, and they're giving testimony one after another and here's this woman with her husband out in the car sleeping and she says, she says words like this.

She saw, she could hear such answers to prayer, how these people could believe God for answers to prayer just like that wall moving without anybody touching it and so she says, she says, would some of you folks here pray for my husband? He's a deacon in our church and he's quit deacon a long time ago and he is mean and miserable and ornery and stubborn. She was describing the kind of man that none of you women would want to be married to and she went on describing him and would you pray for him? Would you pray for him? Somebody said, where is he? She said, he's out in the car in the parking lot sleeping. They said, which car? You got the point.

The fatal mistake of the night was when she said the gray Buick and two of those men who could believe God for such miracles that God could change that man were in a moment just like that up off their knees just out of that room and out the door off they went to find the deacon they didn't know anything about but heard what that lady said and they're out to get him. Now, what do you think I had on my hands in here? Can you imagine what she was thinking about the 50 mile ride home that night?

You sent those fellas out after me? Got the picture? So, when things get that bad brothers and sisters what do you do? Don't you? What? Pray, right? Yeah, when everything else fails pray, huh? I said, well, we better pray before that woman is going to have a nervous breakdown here. Let's pray all on her knees and they were praying oh, with such fervent prayer such believing prayer they prayed God, you heard about that dear woman said how mean your order was God, you can touch him and they're going on on and on they're praying with such fervency and while they're praying somebody taps me on the shoulder I'm near and near somebody taps me on the shoulder guess what? one of those two tigers that went out after him they whisper to me Lou, we've got him and they whisper to me he's here and he wants to get right with God here's a brother over here still praying they're all on their knees praying he's right standing here dear Lord, you heard that woman say how mean he is how ornery he is how backslidden he is oh, God how stubborn he is and I'm praying oh, God tell him to stop praying wow we put a chair down right down here and we put because he has he wants to kneel and pray we put one down for his wife and the daughter he has a daughter and a wife so we put three chairs down we're not going to get three chairs down and guess what? somebody from that side of the room rakes out and bursts down here and plops on his knees on the chair who is this fellow? you know who he is? that deacon's pastor remember? oh, wouldn't you ever the pastor you see your deacon come to pray and his wife wouldn't you get there and kneel and pray with him? somebody would think you're backslidden if you didn't, right? oh, he did not come to pray for his deacon brothers and sisters he came to pray for himself why? because he said in his prayer he said, Lou when you said he's here and he wants to get right with God I said, oh no!

Lord, forgive me for my unbelief I didn't think you could do anything for that deacon even though I've prayed for him so long I've even laid prostrate on the floor of my office and cried a wet tear on the rug of my office praying for God to change that deacon and when, Lou you said he's here and wants to get right with God I said, oh no! and God showed me I was guilty of the sin of praying in unbelief the pastor was the first one to get right with God before that night was over we killed a fatted calf about two in the morning I'm telling you what a time of rejoicing in that situation the word of God says pray in faith nothing wavering for not let that man think he shall receive anything of the Lord the man that wavers Theo Moody said if you pray for bread and bring no basket to carry it

you prove the doubting spirit which may be the only hindrance to the boon that you ask one lady wrote a letter to her pastor nice, encouraging one encouraging so she wrote a letter she said it was like this she said, pastor I wanted just to write you to tell you that I'm praying for you every day but I'm not expecting an answer hmm a letter right folks praying for you every day but not expecting an answer how's that for praying in unbelief you know what the biggest problem of unbelief the sin of unbelief is that most of us don't believe we have it that's the biggest problem we have most of us don't believe we have it I believe men and women there's a statement and there's a phrase that ought to come into our hearts oh God forgive us for being unbelieving believers and we wonder why the

heavens aren't opened we see things happen because we've got God down to such a small size He's just like the neighbor next door we are unbelieving believers well there's another one revival praying not only believing praying revival praying has to be specific specific specific focused praying now you're right there in Mark chapter 11 just go right back to Mark chapter 10 verse 40 Mark chapter 10 verse 47 and this is what it says and when he heard verse 46 Mark 10 46 and they came to Jericho and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples a great number of people lying barred in mass the son of Timotheus sat by the highway side begging and when he had heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth he began to cry out and say Jesus thou son of David have mercy on me and then he charts and they

should hold his peace but he cried out for more a great deal thou son of David have mercy on me and Jesus stood still and commanded him to be called and they called the blind man saying unto him be of good cheer be of good comfort rise he called it for thee and he casting away his garment rose and came to Jesus and Jesus listen now answering and said unto him what wilt thou that I should do unto thee and look at the blind man's answer the blind man said unto him Lord whatever you think you want to give me whatever you think I need you give me is that it? no Lord what that I might what receive my sight how can it get more specific than that well he said what do you expect a blind man to say ah listen brothers and sisters I believe there's something more than saying what do you expect a

blind man to say by Jesus' answer look what Jesus said and Jesus said unto him go thy way thy faith hath made thee whole Jesus recognized the specific request and immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus in the way I believe Jesus healed Bartimaeus when the applicant became so definite in prayer and faith men and women I believe one of the reasons why we don't have answers to prayers we've done so much generalized praying and it's never effective it doesn't take a bit of faith to pray general prayers Lord bless all the preachers Lord bless all the missionaries Lord save all the lost people in the world how do you know when God answered your prayer no faith at all prayer without faith is dead and I'll tell you prayer without specific praying is faithless praying because you're

afraid to ask God for something in case he might not come through what a God we have amen we think of him so fond we need tonight in the body of Christ to get rid of the half-hearted generalized praying and in

its place needs to come some very specific intercessory praying for people in need and name some names to God I was saying that in Northfield, Minnesota a number of years ago I kept telling people pray specifically name names to God and I said when you pray God save Mr.

Smith God save Mr. Smith get specific I said God save Mr. Smith you know I could have said God save Mr. Jones or Mr. Williams or one of those other common names you know all you Jones and Williams and Smiths here tonight sorry but those common names but I said I kept saying I stayed on Smith pray specifically God save Mr. Smith you know I could feel I was doing something wrong I kept saying pray God save Mr. Smith be specific I could feel Ralph was sitting over here and the pastor was sitting over here and I could feel there was some mental telepathy something they were saying something behind me and I could feel the pastor only had a few hairs and I could feel the few he had were standing up talking to each other I could feel that and so the minute I finished my message I turned right around to him and I said what did I do wrong now the pastor said oh Brother Lou I wish you would have changed the name I said why I said you kept telling people pray God save Mr.

Smith God save Mr. Smith God save Mr. Smith and he said well Mr. Smith I wish you would have changed any other name but Smith why do you say it's Smith Mr. Smith is the biggest sinner in this town and you kept telling people God save Mr. Smith he's the biggest wreck in this town wretch in this town I said well that's wonderful amen oh but he said Lou this is the first night he's ever been in this church we're in another town in the state of Michigan we had morning sessions and morning prayer meetings and Ralph was leading one morning prayer meeting and one lady asked and said any prayer request one lady said let's pray God save let's pray that God save Mr.

Sturkin God save Mr. Sturkin now Ralph didn't know who Mr. Sturkin was Mrs. Sturkin was coming every morning to the prayer meetings but he didn't know Mr. Sturkin's husband so Mrs. Sturkin's husband let's pray God save Mr. Sturkin we found out Mr. Sturkin was a 60 year old man had never prayed a prayer in his life he came to church on Sunday mornings only sat by the window over there if the weather was good enough to where the window could be up he could watch the traffic outside he came only to please his wife that's better than some men do at least he was there and we got there the people said oh they told us what he looked like and they said watch out for him we don't want to we're just least pleased he least comes that kind of a man and my brother in a prayer meeting the lady said let's pray God save Mr.

Sturkin and Ralph was leading the prayer meeting and Ralph turns to the prayer meeting and he says let's pray that God saved Mr. Sturkin this week wow now you should have seen the expression on Mrs. Sturkin's face when the other lady asked prayer for her husband she smiled but when Ralph said let's pray God save Mr. Sturkin it was the expression oh you dear son dear young man and it was when his hair was a little different color and he was a lot younger you know just wet behind the ears just out of the university and it was the expression well I really appreciate your zeal you've got a lot of zeal but right about now you have a little more zeal than intelligence because I know oh yes I know God's going to save him but for you to say God save him this week but isn't that sweet of you to say it anyway and he got the picture but those people start praying and they start praying God save him this week now we're coming to Friday night he's not saved yet Friday night and we're getting close to almost over and we found out Ralph and I were invited home for dinner a ham dinner on Friday afternoon for lunch so we went there and we invited him to come out that night we were giving our personal testimony how our family was converted and so forth on Friday night and he came out he came out on Friday night we went through that meeting there was a large crowd there and we went through that meeting and he went home didn't get saved in the middle of the night brother says now that's Friday night we're heading towards Saturday we're praying God save him

this week we're heading towards Saturday and in the middle of the night Mr.

Sterkin could not sleep a wink and finally at four in the morning he shakes his wife and he says honey wake up wake up honey I can't stand it I cannot even wait until the morning I've got to get right with God will you get out of bed and pray on the knees pray with me tell me how to be saved Mrs. Sterkin led her husband to Jesus at four a.m. and would you have liked to have been in the prayer meeting the next morning when the church doors swing open here comes the regular group here comes Mrs.

Sterkin and right behind Mrs. Sterkin came Mr. Sterkin to prayer meeting nobody told her you have to wait about ten years before you attend prayer meeting no he comes right away he comes to prayer meeting there he is the answer to prayer and I tell you something faith was flying and leaping in that prayer meeting and it went around and they were sitting in a circle praying one went around one prayed one another prayed nobody told him you don't have to pray you're just a newborn baby hardly eight hours old babies eight hours old don't talk nobody told him that so he started to pray he had never prayed in his life men and women and he started to pray and he prayed and he said Lord God thank you what you did to me and he said God I'm going today this afternoon I'm going to meet my drinking buddy who lives on that block over there and he named the block to God as if the Lord didn't know and then he said my buddy's going to be out in that field over there God I'm going to go talk to him and name him to God and that one over there and he named them all to God and you know brothers and sisters I took out a pencil paper and started writing the names down I was getting the ten most wanted list here we have in our town folks the ten most wanted list there they were and I thought to myself the ten most wanted all you had to do was write down the names of the ones he was praying for because they were such wicked men and they were his drinking buddies and cronies and he came to the end of his prayer nobody told him you're supposed to end it in the name of Jesus I asked him amen you know he had never been to school to learn how to pray he came to the end of his prayer and said that's about all for now God I'll say goodbye to you now but I'll be back to talk to you later goodbye God of course God didn't hear that prayer because he didn't like that being so rude right listen men and women that night I said to him I said tonight when you come to the meeting would you stand up and just tell the people what God did to you oh I could never do that I said okay here's a hymn book I gave him a hymn book you take that hymn book home today with you and see if you find a song in that hymn book that represents what happened to you and when I say anybody have a testimony you stand up and say read one verse two whatever you want to read and say this is what happened to me at four o'clock in the morning and say thank you Lord and sit down oh I think I could do that so he took the hymn book we come back that means the place was jammed that night many more than the night before how come they had to come to see it to believe it the word got all around that community and they wouldn't believe it they had to see it and he Mr.

Sterkin was converted and they came I mean we had people in the baby room adults in the baby room and they came I said anybody have a testimony and he stands up and he reads of all the songs a man who never sang never prayed of all the songs in that book which one would he pick wonderful grace of Jesus reaching the most defiled and he read verse one verse two verses and three verses and instead of saying that's what happened to me and sit down he turned on that crowd and started in men and women and Ralph and I thought we'd never get the meeting back and you know what happened that was Saturday night Sunday morning his brother-in-law was out in the barn milking the cows and the Holy Spirit of God said to his brother-in-law don't you need the same thing that happened to your brother-in-law and milking the cows 57 year old brother-in-law milking the cows I wonder what the cows thought about all this he's weeping giving his heart to God he gets saved out there milking the cows before Sunday school and you

know what he says oh I can hardly wait to get this done whatever how you do it I can hardly wait to get it done I need an owl to help me about now however you do it I can hardly wait to go in and tell my wife what happened to me and she's over the stove making bacon and eggs you know a good farmer's breakfast out there milking the cows she's making and the Holy Spirit of God is saying to her don't you need what happened to your brother-in-law last night what don't you need the same thing that don't you need it and she's crying tears running down her face into the bacon and eggs you know these were tears of repentance she gives her heart to God making bacon and eggs and she said I can hardly wait for my husband to come in to tell him you talk about a collision when those two got together would you have liked to have been in that Sunday morning service we had to extend the crusade a whole other week and before the next week was over brothers and sisters listen 13 of Mr.

Sterkin's relatives were converted 13 so what happened in the next town in the next town they heard about all this going on this stuff is going on they said Raphael Luke can you come over here said we only have four days between here and our next appointment because of the extension but he said tell you what I'll tell you what if you want to have something going on we can come those two three nights in between but we can't get there till Monday night we're going to be finishing here on Sunday we'll send Mr.

Sterkin over on Sunday morning to give his testimony and he went over and gave his testimony men and women and by the time Raphael and I got there Monday night listen they tell me one when he gave his testimony one third of the congregation went to the room of prayer to get right with God in a church they hadn't seen people meet God for years and we got there on Monday night absolutely packed out absolutely packed out two nights we preached to the Christians and last night preached to the unsaved and twenty five people were converted in one night in a church that hadn't seen anybody saved in years and years and years where did it all come from back there some people in a prayer meeting prayed God save Mr.

Sterkin this week now I'm not saying that you can just do that at random I have an idea that the Holy Spirit of God gave Ralph that that urging that measure of faith I don't think you can just shoot out of the dark but I'm saying the specific praying names to God were how little we do it where our pride is so big we know Mr. so-and-so is not saved in the church and Mr. so-and-so and Mr. so-and-so the wife is there the husband is there we think we're embarrassed when are we going to get under the burden and grab those names and grab those people the throne of God and the altar of God until the heavens open and see those conversions R.A.

Torrey said these words he said I was in a community in New England an obscure town in New England and nothing was happening he said so a few earnest Christians got together men got together and they organized a prayer band some men from different churches got together and organized a prayer band and he said they selected the apparently most terrible the most wretched man in the town and they concentrated all their prayers on Mr. number one and they prayed for him and they prayed for him and they prayed for him until Mr. number one got saved and then they went after Mr. number two and number three and the history of this story is simply that in one year's time the praying band prayed 200 men into the kingdom of God.

Prayer intercedes many of our prayers go to God's dead letter office you know why folks lack of address lack of address God's dead letter office is full lack of address but then men and women God's answers will be as definite as our prayers maybe we need to create a most wanted list around here folks maybe we need to create Dr. Howard Hendricks says my feeling is that where prayer focuses power falls. John

Newton that mighty man that was marvelous converted from such a wretched life he said it like this thou art coming to a king large petitions with thee bring for God's love and God's power are such thou canst never ask too much. C.T. Studd said Lord make us not nibblers but grabbers.

I'm not of the impossible. E.M. Bounds said if Christians prayed as Christians ought with strong commanding faith with earnestness with sincerity God called men praying God would send God called men out God empowered men would go out everywhere would there would be burning they would be burning to go and spread the gospel worldwide. God would send out of that kind of praying environment people that would go out around the world.

I'm asking God it's going to be interesting to see who God is going to touch in this revival. God has a way of always exporting his blessing and he sends somebody out with a word to set the blaze somewhere else to touch the world for God. Oh much we could say about that but basically men and women of revival praying apart from everything else and everything else it has to be it has to be right relationship praying we have to be right with God and right with one another that's all we've been saying.

James Stewart talking about the Welsh Revival and he said there must be no hypocrisy the Christians must bend to all the will of God for his life and all the life and perfect obedience before the Spirit of God can be released. We must do that. Romans 8 26 it talks about the Holy Spirit making intercession through us with groanings that cannot be uttered and one brother said the Holy Spirit is yet looking for cleansed houses of prayer cleansed through whom the God of intercession can carry on his intercessory work with groanings which cannot even be uttered.

One man said in Prince George British Columbia the revival just before the Saskatoon revival God used little Cliff Dietrich a little mighty might of a man the free evangelical free pastor in town much I can tell you about that preceding the Saskatoon and what God used him to bless us and God brought him into Saskatoon so much that it's not even written about. But he said this is a very special part of every moving of God. A few of God's people get thoroughly right with God so that they can be used he says as channels in a prayer ministry to force Satan to let go so these people can respond to the Lord and come with open heart and be honest enough and make confession.

There was an evangelist in my country who had got it gifted mightily a great puppeteer every word was in place great ability he was magnetic as it were and he came out of university and started out in evangelistic meetings and meeting after meeting and for years he was having crusade after crusade after crusade going on like that. But he came to the place in his life that he was sorry to see that in all of that evangelistic effort how little he could do little of the fruit seemed to remain. And he said God what is this all about? And God said to him you need first of all to see the body of Christ right with God before you need to have a believer's revival before you can have an evangelistic thrust that will touch the world on the outside.

He said why? God showed him and he started a ministry where he would come into a town and have one week of ministry to the believers and then he would come them to be part of a prayer ministry for eight or nine or ten months to go into intercessory prayer to make contact with unbelievers to focus their prayers on one or two unsaved people to show love to them to do kind deeds to that person but mighty intercessory prayer through hearts that have been cleansed and purified and then come back ten months later and have the sinner's crusade. It's all saying the same thing men and women that God would find channels to which he can work that God would see it. What about relationship one with another? What about relationship in relation to the things that need to be settled? Henry Teichrob, you folks know the

name Teichrob from the revival in Western Canada, across Canada that name, powerful.

Henry Teichrob, he was the vice principal of the high school, the leading high school in Regina when God brought the meetings to Regina and God called him right out in the middle of the year out of his principalship and he joined our team and for years traveled with us and what a mighty man of God. But what was the thing? God almighty spoke to him because he had cheated on an exam in the university right across the street from his house. He had taken a paper, not cheating on an exam, he had taken a term paper and he had to turn another one in and he just rearranged a few of the words and re-signed it and fixed it up a little bit and turned it back in.

And the Holy Spirit of God said to him while his daughter was making a long trip to Edmonton and she was in the University of Edmonton there in Alberta and the Holy Spirit of God was saying to you, quit praying for your daughter in Edmonton. You quit praying for her until you win the willing to go across the street to that university and make it right across the street then come back and pray for your daughter. Mr. Teichrob went across the street to the university and took his diploma and turned it back in and said, I'm no longer a graduate.

And they came to terms with it, but he was willing to give up his diploma to be right with God. Oh, what about it? One lady was praying for her grandson who was in trouble with the law and the Holy Spirit said to her, you set of stainless steel that you stole a long time ago. Quit praying for your grandson until you're willing to do something about that.

Dr. Oswald J. Smith, a mighty man of God and prayer and for revival and world missions from Toronto, you know him. Here's what he says, he says, sectarianism, the lack of Christian love, worldliness, these things are blasting the work of God on every side. All that God would enable us to confess our sins of criticism and gossip, our bitterness, our hatred, our backsliding, our jealousy, our spiritual pride, sectarian prejudice, and our aloofness in one word, confess our lack of Christian love, the greats of all sins, and together, he said, let us unite in earnest prevailing prayer for a mighty sweeping revival.

He says, it is to this I would call the people of God, Oswald J. Smith. It is to this, for I am persuaded that the hour has struck. It is for this that I would plead.

Come, my brethren, he says, come, let us unite our forces, unite our prayers, and let us keep Christless masses away from the salvation that God would send them and longs to send them and for the church, for the revival that God waits to give us. Revival, praying of a necessity begins with a prayer. How many are mine iniquities, O Lord, said Job.

Make me to know my transgressions and my sins. So before we can pray, it has to be right relation up here, for if I regard iniquity and the Lord will not hear us. How many prayers he can't hear because of the condition of the heart of those praying.

I thank God for what's happened already in these first three nights of people who've gone to the prayer room because God wanted them to get on praying ground and pleading terms. Men and women, I think what I'm trying to say tonight, this is a totally different kind of message than what we've given them the other nights, but it's a burden. This is no theological discourse tonight.

This is a burden. This is a cry. This is a, are we going to play games? Do we mean business? Do we want to see God breathe upon us? Or do we just want to have special meetings to see how the twins or

somebody else can tickle our spiritual funny bones? Or are we going to get desperate and say, Oh God, you're in the scene.

We don't care what the music is like. We don't care how we like the preacher or not. Oh God, your people are meeting you together.

We want to be part of your coming back to us to meet us in a new and fresh way. How are we going to be that desperate? God help us. Believing prayers, specific prayer, earnest, fervent praying, private praying, corporate praying, spiritual praying.

Thank God we have a prayer meeting at twelve o'clock here in the daytime session. If you can come, a prayer meeting at six o'clock, thirty minutes before the evening service. Don't sit out here if you can.

Slip in there and fill the room up and intercede corporate together crying out to God. God would come back to us. There's no other answer.

Seek your faith Lord that's saying revival, God's work. You've got to do it God. We call on you.

That's what it is. He says, soul and righteousness, deal with the sin of your heart. Reap in mercy, go back to the cross.

A lot of us went back to the cross to be saved and many of us haven't been back to the cross since. We have a crossless Christianity, time for some of us to go back to the cross. Reap in mercy at the cross, break up the foul ground, deal with whatever the Holy Spirit of God says to you, no matter how painful for the plow to go in, Lord I want you to do it.

To be right with God doesn't matter. Be totally right with God whatever the pain. Our brother sang the other night, Lord whatever it takes to be close to you, Lord, whatever it takes, word we sing.

Somebody said, Christians don't lie except when they sing. I'm not talking about the brother who sings a solo, but what about us, the songs we sing in the pews. But oh to mean it.

And then oh God, now it is time to seek the Lord. I want an army, he said, to do the work of revival, to seek the Lord, really intercede until God reigns righteousness from heaven. Heads bowed, eyes closed, let's pray.

Amen. Thank you, dear Father, for the wonderful attention of my brothers and sisters, the burden that you would give us this night. Thank you, Lord, for the desire that I sense among the people of God in this community to hear you, to see you, to know that you are in our midst, to have you come back to us and visit with us and walk amongst us, to go up and down the aisles and in and out the pews, to visit our hearts, to answer our prayers, to pray.

Father, for too long we haven't been on praying ground and pleading terms. Oh God, we're understanding why something about it tonight, the kind of praying that will get through to God. Oh Lord, these are just a few illustrations given tonight, so many more could be given, and some brothers and sisters could likewise come out of the pews and thrill our hearts, but oh God, I pray you will catch our attention and we'll quit living for number one and self and give ourselves a way to the cause and be willing to even burn out, as it were, in such an hour when the world needs some people who have that kind of heart.

Oh Lord, it's gone. Father, we've turned to programs and entertainment and everything else. Oh, how we can fill the church with entertainment, but God, how little in the praying.

God, forgive us. When you tell us to get together in corporate praying, forgive us, oh God. Come back to us.

Let us say, yes, Lord, you're speaking to us. We're hearing your voice. Lord, right now in this fourth night of the crusade, how important tonight, oh God, how important for us now to tune in to you.

For you to find an arm, you'll say, yes, Lord, you're speaking to us. Forgive us. Forgive us for unbelieving praying.

Forgive us, Lord, for a lack of fervent praying. Forgive us, oh God. How many white heads are bound in God's Holy Presence say, Lou, I needed this kind of challenge tonight.

It was God's voice to my heart. We've brought God down to such a low level that we can't, we've lost the fact that He can do the things that we're talking about. Tonight, I want to see Him high and holy in His presence.

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Amen Lord, bless him. It's all in your glory, all in your glory. Yes, God.

Amen. So I ask, because of God myself. Bless him Lord.

If you hear my prayer, show me a new one. And in this Lord, I pray for Eric Fowler. I say, thank you Lord.

For you, and you alone, release him from the bondage of his sins. You, and you alone Lord, will make the evil one, release his hold on him. And you Lord, will, and I thank you for this Lord, will bring him into your presence.

Someone else. Amen. Someone else.

Is there another who would like to pray? How many of my dear brothers and sisters say, Luke, I want to tell God something. I want to tell him Lord, this night I want to enroll in the kindergarten of the school of prayer. Revival praying.

I want to enroll in the kindergarten. Lord, teach us, teach me Lord, to pray the kind of praying that will get through to the throne of God. I want to enroll.

Let me see your hands to God, a promise to God. God bless you. Hands to all of us congregation.

Thank you dear Father for my brothers and sisters. We say, oh God, we know that the answer is not in the power of man, but it's in the power of God. And Lord, tonight, we want to know.

We know tonight that we tap the power of God through the power of prayer. Thank you, Lord. We believe you, Father.

We praise your name. We worship you. Do your work, Lord, in your way and your time.

But Father, we don't want to hinder you by our own belief. We don't want to hinder you, Lord. We want you, oh Father, to have free course in our lives, in our way, in our churches, Lord, in our families.

Lord, come back to us in a very real and wonderful way. Thank you, Father. Believe you, Lord.

Praise your name. We worship you. Thank you, Lord.

I wonder while heads are bowed and eyes are closed, before I close my prayer, how many brothers and sisters say, Luke, there's something in my life, there's things in my life that are not right with God. Apart from the context of unbelieving praying, but there's some sin in my life that I just want you to pray for me. I'm not even going to ask you to do anything.

I'm not going to ask you to go anywhere. I just want to close our prayer meeting, prayer time now, to pray for you because there's an area in your life where you're wrapped up in defeat and you know it's a

hindrance to power in your prayer. And you sit here tonight and you say, I want the body of Christ to pray for me.

The Bible says, pray one for another. And that's what we'll do. I want to pray for you and we'll just join for the many hands right now.

Could I see? Put your hands up. You say, that's my life. God bless you.

I see, dear ones, there are errors in my life and bondage and sin and I need victory. God bless you. Hands are going up.

God bless you, dear ones. God bless you. You may put them down.

Yet others. Yet others. Perhaps there's somebody in this meeting you say, I'm not even sure I'm a true Christian.

I'm not even sure I'm a true Christian. I've come tonight, but I don't know that I, like I know my very name, that if God were to call my name, I'd be ready to meet my God. I'm not sure I'm a real child of God.

Would you pray for me? Perhaps you're like that and you want to be remembered in this prayer. You have a doubt in your heart as to whether Jesus Christ lives in you. Could I see your hands if that's your need? Perhaps like that.

Perhaps there'd be those. I just want to pray for you if you're like that. Thank you, dear brother there.

Thank you, dear another one. There's two. Yet others.

What's the pastor's name? Last name. Are there yet others? Brother Jerry, would you come and pray? Lead us in prayer. Let's pray for these who've raised their hands.

Those who want to be enrolled in the kindergarten school of prayer. And these who raised their hand, they have a doubt in their heart. Some areas of defeat in their life.

That these meetings are over. They will have victory in those areas. And listen, brothers and sisters.

While our heads are bowed, before brother prays, if you folks who just now raised your hand, there's an area of defeat in your life, I'll tell you, we dismiss the meeting. Why don't you head to one of those prayer rooms, either side. You just take it on yourself and go there.

Al and Audrey are there and others are there to help you. And believe God, you can have victory from that shackle tonight. Husbands take the hand and wives say, let's go together.

They're back there. They'd be thrilled to help you tonight. So don't live on.

Say, Lord, these meetings are not going to come to a close. Maybe even tonight shouldn't for you. Until you have victory in your life.

Go ahead, brother Jerry. Lord Jesus, we thank you tonight for the victory. We thank you, Lord.

Lord Jesus, tonight we want to set our lives on fire. It's been your Holy Spirit that's been working their life for a long time, oh God. To come to this place.

And oh, Jesus, that they can join this great family of God. And say, Jesus, I know that I'm a sinner like the rest of this room. I know I need your forgiveness.

I know that you died upon the cross. You shed your blood for my sin. Jesus, I'm sorry for my sin.

Come into my life. And praise God, the Bible tells us that you will bring us into your family. And part of your great family.

The Bible tells us that all heaven rejoices tonight, Lord Jesus. And I pray that you will just do this in lives of people. For those, Lord Jesus, other situations, Lord, that they place their hand up, Lord.

For a closer walk with you. Lord, for those, Jesus, that. And the Bible tells us clearly in 1 John that every one of us has sin every day.

Every day, I myself need to ask for your forgiveness, Lord Jesus. And oh, Lord Jesus, you say if we do not. If we say that we have no sin, then we're liars, oh God.

But Lord, you've made a way that if we confess our sins and come before your holy throne, Lord Jesus. You'll forgive us of our sins. And if there are those tonight, Lord, that have specific sins in their life that they raise their hand for tonight.

Let them know in the name of Jesus Christ that there's victory. They just have to surrender their lives and say, Jesus, I'm sorry. And oh God, you're here tonight to meet their needs, oh God.

And to bring that victory, Lord Jesus. That the enemy can have no more sway in their lives anymore. For greater is he that's in us, Jesus Christ, than he that is the world.

And we can resist the devil in the name of Jesus Christ tonight. And Lord, we can draw near to you, Jesus. And the Bible tells me to draw near to you, Jesus.

Then the enemy has to flee, oh God. And we pray this all in the precious name of Jesus Christ. And we give you the glory and the praise.

And help us, Lord Jesus, I appreciate tonight what's been said. That Lord, we don't serve a humanized God. We serve Jesus Christ, who is Lord of lords and king of kings.

And help myself tonight and each one of us, oh God. To exalt your name in our life and our words and our prayers. As we go from this place.

Because we have the hope for this dying community tonight, Jesus Christ. Amen. Amen.

As we dismiss the meeting, if you need to go to the place of prayer, feel free, folks. In an environment like this, you feel free. Just a moment.

On the way out tonight, make sure you go to the free literature table. There are a handful of brochures that are there for you. Relate on prayer.

Prayer focus on revival. Where revival began. Seek for influential people.

All kinds of tools now that you can relate to when we think in terms of what we've heard tonight.

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