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“Pray”

“But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray.” (Luke 5:15-16)

First-fruit of Faith

Romans 10:9-10, 13 – (9) “...if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (10) For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. (13) For ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’”

Matthew 21:13 – “[Jesus] said to them, ‘It is written, ‘My house shall be called a house of prayer,’ but you make it a den of robbers.’”

Acts 4:23-24 – (23) “When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. (24) And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, ‘Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them’...”

Desperate Times Call for Prayer

Genesis 4:23-26 – (23) “Lamech said to his wives: ‘Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say: I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for striking me. (24) If Cain’s revenge is sevenfold, then Lamech’s is seventy-sevenfold.’ (25) And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, ‘God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him.’ (26) To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD.”

Jeremiah 33:1-3 – (1) “The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was still shut up in the court of the guard: (2) ‘Thus says the LORD who made the earth, the LORD who formed it to establish it— the LORD is his name: (3) Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.’”

2 Chronicles 7:12-14 – (12) “Then the LORD appeared to Solomon in the night and said to him: ‘I have heard your prayer and have chosen this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. (13) When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, (14) if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.’”

Let this year be saturated with Prayer

Questions:

What impacted me the most in this message?

Do I have daily prayer engrained as a life pattern?

Am I taking Jesus seriously in His calling me to pray? (Matt. 7:7-11; Luke 18:1-8)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)