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A 30 DAY PRAYER GUIDE

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Friends,

As you are aware, we are about to embark on an amazing journey together as we seek to pray and fast over every household in our county by name. Though inspired by similar movements in other parts of our state, Awaken NWTN is the culmination of years of prayer from dozens of pastors and spiritual leaders in our community. It is our belief that God is about to do something amazing in our little corner of the world, and we are excited that we all get to be a part of it together.

When we embarked on this journey nearly six months ago, we had no idea how God would pull off the enormous vision that he had placed on our hearts. Very early in our planning process we knew that we wanted local pastors and leaders to write brief devotional thoughts to help prayer warriors focus on God each day of the movement. The result of this desire is in the pages that follow. Ten different pastors or leaders representing the churches involved with this project submitted anywhere from one to seven devotions. The goal was not to create the perfect booklet, but to allow God to speak through each pastor and leader's style and personality the biblical truths He desires for us to hear. As a result, we have done very little editing to each of the devotions. Each pastor and leader chose which Bible translation to use and which passages of scripture to use.

Each day you will find a brief passage of scripture followed by a devotional thought. Sometimes the authors have included additional scriptures or direct you to the broader context. Additionally you will find personal prayer points or a personal prayer to help guide your time of prayer each day, as well as specific prayer points or a specific prayer for the people on your list.

We would like you to use this guide to help you connect with God every morning during the 30-day fast. It is a simple way for you to begin your day with the right focus as well as giving guidance when needed as you pray for the people on your list.

No matter where you are on your personal journey with Christ we are excited that you are joining us now! Thank you for praying for our community, and we look forward to all that God is going to do in and around NW Tennessee!

Jeremy

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

DAY 1

JEREMY POWELL
CROSSWIND CHURCH

"Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness."

ACTS 4:29 NIV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

The early church had a gravitational pull back to prayer. It seems like no matter what they were experiencing--good or bad--we consistently find them calling upon God for celebration, help, guidance, and just about whatever else they needed.

If you get a chance, you should really read the entire story surrounding today's verse (Acts 4:1-35). I've loved this passage for years now. I often wonder how the modern church would respond when faced with the same type of persecution as the apostles in the first century. When the religious leaders threatened their lives unless they stopped preaching and teaching in the name of Jesus, the Church gathered together to pray. I would expect our prayers in that circumstance would be filled with words like, "protect us" and "help us," and "save us" out of fear of our enemies. But that isn't how the early church prayed. They prayed for boldness. They knew that they had the most important message the world would ever hear. They knew that this message contained God's plan of hope and salvation for the world. They knew that they couldn't stop telling other people about this message; so, in spite of the dangers, and likely in spite of their fears, they prayed that God would give them boldness to continue in what he had called them to do.

The next 30 days will likely not be easy. We have an enemy that has come to steal, kill and destroy, and the last thing he wants us to do is to tap into the awesome power of God through prayer. As you seek God during Awaken, it would be easy to fill our prayers with words like "protect us," or "help us." But what would it look like if we started praying with the same zeal as the early church. What if we prayed realizing that we are bearers of the world's most important and relevant message. What if we starting praying for boldness?

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PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, please help me to be faithful in what you have called me, through the next 30 days and beyond.
- God, please help me to see opportunities to share Jesus with others throughout my day.
- God, give me boldness to share the reason for the hope that I have in Jesus.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- God, there are people in our community who wake up every day without hope. As believers all over NW Tennessee begin praying for our county, I pray that you would begin to stir in the lives of those far from you. Draw them to you, and use me in whatever way you deem necessary to show them the hope found in Jesus.



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SUNDAY, AUGUST 18
DAY 2

TOMMY HALL
FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

*"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a
light for my path."*

Psalm 119:105 MEV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

The invention and development of the Global Positioning System, known in short as GPS has certainly changed the way we work, travel, and play. Using signals from multiple satellites, a GPS receiver can compute your location anywhere in the world. With these signals a lost hiker can find his way back to camp, a driver can navigate an unfamiliar city. It's literally guidance from above, but it's only as good as the power source.

Long before GPS, King David made a startling discovery. He discovered that God's word gave him clear direction in traveling unfamiliar areas of life, and God's word illuminated the path that he traveled. God's word really is literally guidance from above. The good part is this guidance from above doesn't rely on a battery.

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PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, am I truly seeking direction from You? Help me to trust that you are directing the course of my life when I follow Your direction.
- God am I totally relying upon You for every step in life? Help me to trust that You know the best path for my feet.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- God You know the people that I am praying over and I pray today that You will help guide my prayers over them, and that they in turn would have a sense of direction from You.



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MONDAY, AUGUST 19 DAY 3

RON GRAY
FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

“Then the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its King and it’s fighting men.”

Joshua 6:2 NIV

TODAY’S PRAYER THOUGHT:

God had already defeated Jericho’s warriors before the people of Israel had even begun their conquest of the Promised Land. However, the Lord told Joshua that the Israelites had work to do. (Joshua 6) If they had not completed the task God had given them, they would not have realized the victory.

God has already defeated Satan, by sending Jesus to the cross. Our battles have already been won, even though sometimes we don’t act like it. However, God has certain tasks for each of us to do. If we do our part, we will realize the victory.

Just as individuals have certain tasks assigned to them by God, each church has certain assignments. The enemy has already been defeated, but churches act as if they are defeated due to the culture of today’s society.

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PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, please help me to be able to discern your will for my life.
- God, please help me to complete the task that you have set before me.
- God, give me courage in the confidence of your victory over my enemy



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- God, please help every family on my list to see you at work in their lives.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

DAY 4

NELSON YOUNGBLOOD
REFRESHING SPRINGS MINISTRIES

"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

John 15:1-7 NKJV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

We live in a completely connected world. We almost don't know how to handle it when we find ourselves in a place where there isn't any cellular service. The realization that we are cut off from the rest of the world is something we rarely deal with nowadays. I'm reminded of a mission trip I went on to Honduras. Everything was ok as I traveled. I was able to get on an international cellular plan and still connect with love ones as well as the internet. However, when we arrived at our destination, we were so remote that we were unable to receive service. After going through a litany of ridiculous antics attempting to gain just one bar of service, our efforts were in vain. It wasn't until we were able to get to a location that had WiFi that we were able to reconnect to the world and resemble some form of productivity. In this passage we learn that our ability to produce and be productive requires that we maintain our connection with God, who is the sole source of everything that we need. We are nothing outside of God. We must have a connection with God! Just like without a cellular connection our phones were useless at our cabin in Honduras, so is life without God. Keep your connection secure with God through prayer and the study of His word.

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PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, help us to keep a secure connection as you lead us through this life. God, don't let us lose our connection to you. Cause us to remain close to you; for without our connection to you we are as useless as a cellular phone without any service. We love you. In Jesus Name, Amen.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- God, please help every family on my list to find a connection in you



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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

DAY 5

SAM COLEMAN
SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH UNION CITY

"And Elisha said to her, "What do you want me to do for you? Tell me: What have you in the house?" And she said, "Your servant has nothing in the house except a jar of oil."

2 Kings 4:1-7 (emphasis vs. 2) ESV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

The biggest hindrance to the power of God in our lives is our own unwillingness to trust Him to meet our most basic needs. The widow in this passage had a basic need: the protection of her sons. At the very core it's not a story of oil or money, it's a story of protection. When she cries out to Elisha for help, he gives her specific instructions in verse 3.

The first is simply to "Go outside." She needed to get up and do something about the situation. God would provide the needed oil, but she must first prepare the vessels to receive it. God has an action for each of us to do. We must be willing to step out and Go.

Secondly, she needed the help of her neighbors. Thankfully she had men and women surrounding her that either knew of her predicament or at least cared enough about her to help in any way they could. It was up to her to ask for their help in the first place. We must both be willing to accept help from others and extend help to our fellow man.

Finally, she needed to not limit God. She is told to get "empty vessels and not too few." The limit of God's blessing on her was her faith in Him to provide. If she trusted him with two vessels, He would have filled them up. The only limit was her faith. The oil did not stop flowing until she ran out of vessels. In the end, she had enough not only to pay her debts, but enough to provide them a means of income for the future.

We limit God when we withhold our trust in Him. We desire for His great spiritual blessing in our lives, but we only gather a few vessels for Him to fill up. We're only willing to trust Him with small parts of our lives. But what if we gave Him "empty vessels and not too few?" What if we gave Him ALL of our life? God's desire is to pour out an abundance of His Spirit on His children. The question is, do you desire to receive it? Go now and gather your vessels!

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PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that your life would be the vessel God uses to help others.
- Ask God to help you be mindful of your neighbor today and how you can serve them.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- God, please help my life be a life that draws people toward you.



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

DAY 6

DAN HUGGINS
REFUGE CHURCH

*"Hear me, Lord, my plea is just; listen to my cry.
Hear my prayer— it does not rise from deceitful
lips. Let my vindication come from you; may
your eyes see what is right."*

Psalm 17:1-2 NIV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

Ever had a hard time sleeping because of stress? You feel like the walls are closing in on you? Who hasn't? As David is being pursued by Saul, as he's being accused falsely by his enemies, he turns to the ONE who can save him and give him some peace. He cries out to God in his distress and ask God to examine him to see if there's anything false in him. David recognizes that the only refuge from enemies in this world is the LORD. Read Ps. 17

David begs God to "Rise up... Show wonders of your great love!" Even though David had slain a lion, a bear, and a giant... David realizes this situation is beyond his control, and God alone will be able to save him. Toward the end of his prayer, it seems that a calming peace comes over David. "As for me, I will be vindicated and will see your face; when I awake, I will be satisfied with seeing your likeness."

Vs. 15.

If you're human you've certainly faced situations that are stressful and beyond your control. You've probably had sleepless nights feeling that there was no escape. Or maybe you were concerned to the point of grief over a loved one who was on a dead end road and lost without Christ.

Cry out to GOD! Ask God to examine your motives. God will hear your cries for help! Ask God to RISE UP and SHOW WONDERS OF HIS GREAT LOVE! God Will Hear and Answer! Pray and have peace. God has this!

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PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

• Look at my heart and see if there is something false in me. I have made up my heart; I'll be right where you are. I call on you, oh God for you will answer me. Give ear to my cries your help is all I need. Show wonders of your great love for those who follow you. Rise up for me oh Lord and I will see what you do. You slay the lion and those who surrounded me. You are my refuge, Lord. You are enough for me. Now you have ransomed me. My life has been reborn. I know I'll see your face when I awake at dawn.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

• God, I pray for these who don't know you and your grace. Slay the enemy and move them with the Spirit that I might lift up Christ before them so that they will come to know you and see the wonders of your great love.



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FRIDAY, AUGUST 23
DAY 7

JODI POWELL
CROSSWIND CHURCH

"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. "

John 14:26-27 ESV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

Our awareness of the comfort that comes from the Holy Spirit is often forgotten and ignored. The truth that Jesus (the Son in the Trinity) didn't leave His followers alone, but gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit is both mind boggling and humbling. In our culture, we take comfort in things that are tactile, that are visible, that are audible, that are actually present. So anxiety, fear, and doubt thrive in a world where there is separation, and absence both audibly and visibly. Yet, we must go back and reread these promises that Christ spoke so clearly to all who are choosing to follow Him. Peace is here, if we trust and believe that He is here. It is when we doubt him, we fall into seeking the comforts of this world.

The world has exposed us to impatient methods of soothing to grant temporary comfort that only leads to greater angst and deeper pain. (Ex. Smoking, Drinking, Shopping, Gossiping, Escaping into Social Media, Sleeping, Stress Eating, etc.). It also causes an expansion in the chasm between the Father's love for us and our own love for self. We love because He first love. That includes self. Loving self starts with seeking comfort in the presence of the Almighty that is right here with you every second of every minute of every day. Pause and recognize that gift. Cherish it before reaching for an impatient and dissatisfying method of comfort. Trust that this world can never achieve the peace for you found in the Holy Spirit - a priceless gift given from your Creator.

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PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- Ask God to reveal to you areas of your life where you seek comfort from things of the world and not of Him.
- Ask God to give you physical awareness when you are beginning to fall into that impatient habit so that you can pause.
- Allow God to speak comfort to you in areas that have robbed you of peace.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

• Lord, I know that these precious souls were created by you just as intently as I was created by you. Therefore, I am now even more aware that the desire to find comfort lies within them just as I know it does in me. Forgive me for misunderstanding their choices for comfort and assuming they are any different from myself. I pray that they come to a relationship with you that is genuine and a rescue from sin just as I have been granted. I pray they can come to have peace from the indwelling of the Holy Spirit that I so take for granted. Impress upon me the vastness of your love and the saturation of your comfort so that I may radiate it for all with whom I come in contact. May curiosity be sparked in these today as I pray over their names.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24 DAY 8

GLENN WATTS
UNION CITY CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"Let God transform you into a new person by
changing the way you think..."*

Romans 12:2a NLT

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

If we want to see God transform our community, we need to get ourselves aligned with His heart, and His agenda.

Scripture shows us that throughout history God has followed a surprisingly clear pattern when He is preparing to bring revival to His people. **First, God decides to move.** Note that God is the one who sets the agenda -- whatever the circumstances, it is God whose will and purposes matter most. We may have many desires, thoughts, and plans which, in and of themselves, sound good to us. But God is the one who decides what's best. **Second, God will choose and call someone through whom He wants to accomplish His will.** He equips and enables that person, however weak or seemingly unfit, and as they walk in prayerful obedience to Him, an entire generation may be eternally affected, and God gets the glory.

We have been given a glorious privilege to be able to approach God in prayer, asking Him to bring revival to our community. **If we will be sure to take time to listen in prayer, God will use our time with Him to literally transform our way of thinking and living.**

So, tell God what's on your heart, but then be sure to take the time to listen for what's on His heart, too. And always have the spirit of submission, agreeing that however He might lead you in prayer, you will immediately obey. This kind of praying will shape us into people He can use to change our churches, our community, and even the world.

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PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, please help me to be sensitive to what You want to do in and thru me.
- God, please help me to trust that You know best in all things, and that You can equip and enable me for whatever you call me to do.
- God, give me courage to believe that You not only hear my prayers, but that You will also guide me when I make time to listen for what's on your heart.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- God, please help every family on my list to be open to your leading.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

DAY 9

JEREMY POWELL
CROSSWIND CHURCH

"So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

Luke 11:9-10 NIV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

When Jesus was teaching his disciples to pray, after sharing with them the Lord's Prayer, he told them a story about praying with persistence. As he concludes the story, he gives them these two verses that many of us memorized when we were kids, but most of our modern translations miss something. In the original language, the verbs, **ask, seek, and knock**, are present active imperatives. The tense in the Greek denotes an ongoing action. The HCSB translates this well, "keep asking," "keep seeking," and "keep knocking." The idea is that Jesus doesn't want us to give up -- persistence in prayer is something he values.

I think too often we stop praying for the desires of our hearts when the answer doesn't come as quickly as we would like, or in a time frame that we deem suitable--but Jesus asks us to remain persistent. He would even set for us an example of persistence when praying in the garden the night of his arrest.

You've completed just a little over a week of Awaken NWTN, and you may begin wondering if praying for the same people over and over again is doing any good at all. Today, I want you to be encouraged. Jesus teaches his disciples that everyone who keeps asking, receives; everyone who keeps seeking, finds; and everyone who keeps knocking, the door is opened.

In His timing, not ours.

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PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, please help me to be persistent in my commitment to pray for these 15 families.
- God, please help me to trust that You know best in all things, and that your timing is the best timing.
- God, renew in my heart my commitment to pray for the duration of Awaken.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- God, please help every family on my list to realize what that they are seeking is You.
- Father, please open doors for the families on my list to know you and experience your love and grace



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MONDAY, AUGUST 26

DAY 10

JACK LONG
BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

"Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." "Look!" he answered, "I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God." Then Nebuchadnezzar went near the mouth of the burning fiery furnace and spoke, saying, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here." Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego came from the midst of the fire. And the satraps, administrators, governors, and the king's counselors gathered together, and they saw these men on whose bodies the fire had no power; the hair of their head was not singed nor were their garments affected, and the smell of fire was not on them. Nebuchadnezzar spoke, saying, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego, who sent His Angel and delivered His servants who trusted in Him, and they have frustrated the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they should not serve nor worship any god except their own God! Therefore I make a decree that any people, nation, or language which speaks any-thing amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego shall be cut in pieces, and their houses shall be made an ash heap; because there is no other God who can deliver like this." Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego in the province of Babylon "

Daniel 3:24-30 NKJV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

Nebuchadnezzar issued a decree for all of Babylon to worship a golden image of himself. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego refused to worship anyone but the real God, even when their lives were at stake. These three Hebrews took a stand for their God. They did not bow to the power of the government, they did not bend their religious convictions, nor break their pledge to God. Instead, they trusted God to deliver them, and He did. None of us are facing the threat of death for our convictions but we are under attack. Let's stand together on The Word of God and see what our God can do. Revival is always a result of God's people trusting God when all around us chaos exists.

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PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, help me to never compromise my faith because the world threatens to harm me for standing on your word.
- God, grant me boldness to witness even when there is opposition.
- God, give me a heart to love my community.
- God, show yourself in a mighty way to everyone in our community.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- God, may each one on my prayer list see your power displayed in our community.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27
DAY 11

GLENN WATTS
UNION CITY CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Whoever is ashamed of me and my words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels."

Luke 9:26 NIV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

As a child in school, there is an understood fear that comes with the phrase, "Do I need to call your mother?" Perhaps you heard that uttered by one of your grade school teachers. If not, then you have had success. More often than not though, this phrase is stated to a student after previous warnings and discipline tactics have been issued. It causes most students to re-evaluate their behavior and turn from their transgressions.

In an ideal classroom, a teacher should never have to give such warning. If parameters are established and expectations are explained, a student is aware of where their freedom lies, what behaviors merit reward and celebration, and what behavior delays progress for the student and sometimes even delays progress for the entire class.

In an ideal world, the rabbi should never have to give such warning. Scripture presents the gifts and freedoms extended to all who place their trust in Jesus. The enormous celebration of the gifts of glory can be an every day experience. However, our sinful hearts sometimes cause delay in our progress to the inheritance and unfortunately that sinful desire can even cause delay for those who are in our wake. When we choose to ignore the truth and grace that has been clearly and directly given to us, we are displaying shame for the relationship we have with God. Jesus says that the we are ashamed of Him, He will then be ashamed of us when He reports to the Heavenly Father.

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PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, may I daily recognize the choices we make to cause celebration for ourselves and those around us or delay and shame.
- God, forgive us for the times when we do not boldly proclaim your truth to a world dying and in need of rescue. That is seen by your heart as shame.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- Lord, we pray for those who do or do not know you to come to understand that you are interceding for us to the God, in Heaven who delights in their existence and longs to receive them into the kingdom.



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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

DAY 12

JEREMY POWELL
CROSSWIND CHURCH

*"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies
proclaim the work of his hands"*

Psalm 19:1 NIV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

When I began graduate school I was studying microbiology, specifically viruses. As I dove into the minutia of the inner-workings of the cell, and the more that I learned about it, I realized just how much is still unknown. So much of nature and creation is still a mystery, and although mankind can discover so much and although we have already learned so much, it is my estimation that much of it will remain a mystery until Christ returns.

These unknowns didn't push me away from God, but instead drew me closer to Him. Realizing that "he is before all things and in him all things hold together" **Colossians 1:17**

Unfortunately, this isn't the case for many. Many look at creation and don't see the glory of God. They look at the fragile ecosystems around us and don't see the work of His hands. They have used knowledge and intellect to reject God as creator and sustainer of life.

But all of creation shouts out to us that there is a God (**Romans 1:20**), and we are told that if we keep our voices silent of praising God that the rocks will cry out their praise to the God that made them (**Luke 19:40**). Today when you walk outside take notice of the air that fills your lungs. Pause to watch the birds flying over your house and the squirrels playing in your yard. Observe the green leaves on the trees and although you may not understand it all (I certainly don't), think about the fact that photosynthesis is at work transforming light energy and carbon dioxide into the oxygen that you breathe. All of these things and more we routinely take for granted, but each and every one of them declare the glory of God and proclaim the work of His hands.

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PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, please help me to realize the works of your hands that surround me every day.
- Help me to give you glory for all that you have and continue to do in our world and in my life. Help me to never take it for granted.
- God, thank you for being an amazing creator and sustainer. Thank you for filling my lungs with air and allowing me to enjoy your creation for another day!



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- God, help the families on my list to become aware of the glory of your creation today. Help them to recognize your presence in something they see, smell, touch or experience today.



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THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

DAY 13

JEREMY POWELL
CROSSWIND CHURCH

"Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

Luke 11:11-13 NIV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

As I am writing this, I am on a plane flying back from Paris. I have just spent 10 days traveling through 7 countries with 10 high school seniors and my wife, Jodi. Touring so many countries in such a short amount of time is quite exhausting and a bit overwhelming. There is so much history on this continent and so many sights to see that there is no way that it could all be taken in during the allotted time.

At first I was frustrated when the kids would set foot in a new country and immediately want to go to the gift shop. It is as if the thousands of years of history staring them in the face in London took a back seat to keychains featuring the Union Jack, chocolates from Switzerland, or horizontally striped shirts from Italy. And then I realized-- they were buying gifts for their family. Gifts to carry home, to let a loved one know that they were thinking of them, even if they weren't there with them. Everyone, knows the value of a giving a good gift.

When I think about all the good gifts God has already given, it is a bit overwhelming to think that he desires to give even more. It is amazing to think that he desires good things for me. It is so unbelievable that often times I don't ask Him for what I need or want. Maybe you are the same? All too often we say things like, "God doesn't want to hear from me," or "my prayer is so insignificant, there are others with bigger problems," but God not only wants to hear from you, he promises to give the best gifts to those who ask. And the proof is in the gifts he has already given: His Son for your salvation, the Holy Spirit for your comfort and direction, His forgiveness, His grace, His mercy.... the list goes on and on. What are you hesitant to ask of God? It may be that he has the best gift waiting for you, He is just waiting on you to ask!

AWAKEN



PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, thank you for the gifts that you have already given me.
- God, give me the courage to ask you for the things I REALLY need and the desires that weigh heavy on my heart.
- God, help me to realize that you love me enough to listen, and that you want to hear from me.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- Pray that the families on your list would see the gifts that God has given them.
- God, help the families on my list to realize that you want good things for them, and have provided the greatest gift of all, your son, to all who would call on you.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

AWAKEN

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

DAY 14

JACK LONG
BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

"In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: 'Holy, Holy, Holy is the LORD of host; the whole earth is full of His glory!' And the post of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: 'Woe is me, for I am undone! Because i am a man of unclean lips and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of host.' Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it and said: Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity has been taken away and your sin purged.' Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying: 'whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?' Then I said, 'Here I am! Send me.'"

Isaiah 6:1-8

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

In Isaiah's vision of meeting God, he came away with a sense of God's Holiness, which led to a sob of helplessness, "Woe is me." God's response was to cleanse him which led to a shout of happiness. When God cried out, "Whom shall I send", Isaiah responded with a step of helpfulness, "Here am I, send me." If real revival comes, you and I must catch a new vision of God's holiness, we must confess our sinfulness, thank God for his forgiveness and start working for Him.

AWAKEN



PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, help me understand what your holiness means to me.
- God, help me see my sin, both public and private, so I can repent
- God, send me out to share the good news with family, friends and even strangers



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- God, may your holiness convict each one on my list of their sin and need for you.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31 DAY 15

GLENN WATTS
UNION CITY CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, **ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.**"*

John 15:7 ESV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

Jesus said that the more we let His words soak into our minds, our hearts, and our lives, then we will be able to ask whatever we wish, and "it will be done for you" -- in other words, it starts **not** with us deciding or declaring what we would like or think is best -- it starts with Jesus speaking into our lives, into our spirits, guiding us day by day. We're talking about the living Word of God dwelling within us, inspiring us, empowering us, and sanctifying us -- the more we let that happen, and the more we allow our minds to be transformed by the Spirit, the more we'll begin to see our prayers answered, because our prayers will be in perfect sync with Jesus' heart.

It's been said that there are two mistakes we often make about this. **FIRST, we think that "perfection" is required before God will answer our prayers** -- that's simply never been true. God surely calls us to move in the direction of holiness -- but we will never achieve absolute perfection in this life, and no one would ever have had an answer to prayer if it depended on us being perfect. **SECOND, we sometimes think that our obedience somehow "earns" answers from God.** This is probably the more sinister mistake, because it's very alluring to think that, "I've been so good these last few weeks, why can't I have this prayer answered?!?" We should be obedient, because we're God's children, and we love Him. But our obedience doesn't earn us a right to get whatever it is we personally want, no matter how "unselfish" we feel our petitions are, or how strong our desires.

Of course, God is still sovereign. He is still the One who decides when and how He will answer our prayers, and in the end we defer to His knowledge and wisdom and goodness and love, and we say, from our hearts, "Your will be done, Lord!"

AWAKEN



PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, please fill my life and heart with the wisdom and power of Jesus' Word.
- God, please remind me that you love me even when I'm far from perfect.
- God, give me a heart that can truly say, "Your will be done in everything!"



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- God, may Your will be done in every household on my prayer list.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 DAY 16

TOMMY HALL
FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

"Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father who is in heaven."

Matthew 5:16 MEV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

Every morning we crawl out of bed and prepare for the day ahead and one of the first things we do is look into the mirror. We look into the mirror as we brush our teeth and groom ourselves in preparation for the day. The mirror helps us prepare because without it, we cannot see to prepare. We need the assistance of the reflection.

In the same way, the deeds we do, the things we say, the way we conduct our life are all a reflection of who we really are and that is what people really see when they look at us. As a disciple of Christ, people need to see Jesus in us through the good deeds we do, the things we say and the way we conduct our life. As you look in the mirror today, who do you see?

AWAKEN



PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, am I truly reflecting who You are to the people that I encounter everyday?
- God, do the people I encounter through the course of my day, feel Your love, grace and mercy flowing through me?
- God I pray that you would do a greater work in me in such a way that I truly become a reflection of who You are. Help me to be “Jesus with skin on” to the people I encounter.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- I pray for the people on my list today with this thought in mind, whether they encounter me by chance, or whether it be other Christians in our community, may they see Jesus in us. May they experience Your love, grace and mercy today.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

AWAKEN

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

DAY 17

RON GRAY
FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

"But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, took him to an inn and took care of him.

Luke 10:33-34 NIV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

Prayer Samaritans,

There are without a doubt men hurting people in Obion County.

Good people injured by living in a sin broken world, others broken by bad choices they made and, sadly, many beaten, stripped and left half-dead by addictive behavior. IN TRUTH WE ALL HAVE OUR WOUNDS!

Our Obion County neighbors need our assistance. Let's commit ourselves to be 'PRAYER SAMARITANS' – praying each day for the hurting people of Obion County. Like the 'Good Samaritan' of Luke 10, let's lay aside all judgment and prejudice to pray earnestly for the spiritually, physically, emotionally, relationally and financially broken of our area.

AWAKEN



PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray for God's Spirit to soothe and cleanse the wounds in people's hearts and minds.
- Pray for God's love to bandage those wounds against further infection and begin the healing process.
- Carry the burden for those who are weak to the throne of grace each day, believing in God's power to heal and restore each of them over time.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- God, may my prayers bring comfort and healing to the people on my list through your Spirit and AWAKEN them to your love.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

AWAKEN

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

DAY 18

JODI POWELL
CROSSWIND CHURCH

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you. "

1 Peter 1:3-4 ESV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

When I was a little girl, my mother honored my desire to have a baby doll that closely resembled that of a real baby. It was named Giuseppe. That baby doll went everywhere with me - EVERYWHERE. But as I grew up, Giuseppe found his way to storage in the basement to await the anticipated day where I would pass him on to my own children. Luck would have it that God blessed me with two girls, and luck would have it, I had saved most all of my dolls to share with my children. Luck would not have it that they would survive storage.

During the pregnancy of my first born, I made my way to the basement of my parent's home to reclaim Giuseppe and prepare him for my daughter. Through the years, my parent's basement had experienced decay and damage from weather elements. So had the contents. Giuseppe, my beloved doll, the treasure that I found to grant as an inheritance to my own was destroyed. I was devastated.

Yet, my heart was able to recover as the Holy Spirit living within me reminded me of an inheritance I still have to leave with my children. Giving her a doll would be sentimental and treasured. Giving her awareness of a treasured gift that will never erode, tear, rot, or perish was priceless.

We store up things here on this earth to hoard for self or for inheritance. Often they can grant temporary comfort and provide sustaining wealth to those who follow, but they will not go with us or with them. They are visible and tactile treasures that cause false security, imbalanced hope, and situational peace. Peter reminds us of a gift that he witnessed first hand of an eternal peace that covers all situations and an endless hope that breathes newness into us each morning. Peter, who did not grasp the value of this gift until days later, speaks with true voice of the mercy extended to himself and all who choose to call on the name of the Lord.

AWAKEN



PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- Seek to understand how powerful Peter’s truth is as he denied Christ at the very moment of the extending of this gift. What gift have you invalidated?
- Let God remind you that He has so much more for you than what you are currently experiencing.
- Thank God for the temporary and the eternal.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

• God, we thank you for Peter who was still willing to swallow his pride and come out of hiding not only speaking of your gift and your presence, but also to boldly proclaim how this gift is for all. We pray for your truth to penetrate the hearts of those who are not in a relationship with you at this time and open their understanding to temporary and perishable treasures. For those who do have knowledge of you, we pray they model for those still finding curiosity what true hope in eternity looks like. May their souls be open and filled with your love so much so that it overflows to those in their presence.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

DAY 19

JEREMY POWELL
CROSSWIND CHURCH

"When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.'"

Mark 2:5 NIV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

Have you ever recognized a problem so large that you thought there is no way in the world that you alone could make a difference? When I was a child, there were anti-litter campaigns that were waged in our school system in an effort to clean up not only the community I lived in, but the country as a whole. The message was simple: If everyone does their part to pick up litter and stop littering then the whole area would benefit. As a child I can remember being skeptical that my little effort could make such a huge difference.

I think sometimes we feel that way about our faith as well. We wonder if my prayers will *REALLY* be that affective, I mean after all, I'm just a "nobody from nowhere!"

And then I read the story about the four friends that brought a paralyzed man to Jesus. Faced with a crowded room, they could have easily given up on their efforts to get their friend to Jesus, but something in them just *knew* that if they got him to Jesus, Jesus could do something about his physical condition. So they dug a hole in the roof and lowered the man down to Jesus on his mat. I can only imagine what Jesus saw when he looked up at the newly made skylight in Peter's house. I imagine it was the dirty, sweaty faces of some men who believed beyond a doubt that their efforts could make a difference in the life of their friend. That's what makes this verse so powerful and so mysterious to me. It says "When Jesus saw *THEIR* faith,.." I am not certain how, but in some way the faith of not only the paralyzed man, but also the faith of his *friends* made him whole that day.

It may be that your persistence and your faith could make a difference in the life of someone on your list, or in your circle today. The question is: will you be persistent to carry them to Jesus, either on a mat, in prayer, or both?

AWAKEN



PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, please impress on my heart the reality that my faith can impact the faith and the lives of others
- Father, please help me to be aware of how I reflect You in my daily activities, attitudes and decisions
- God, give me the endurance to carry my friends, and the families on my list to you, either on a mat, in prayer, or both.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- God, I pray that you would place someone in the lives of the families on my list that can carry them to Jesus through whatever means are necessary.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

AWAKEN

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

DAY 20

RICK ROBERTS
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH TROY

"Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, 'Why could we not cast it out?' And He said to them, 'Because of the littleness of your faith; for truly I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it shall move; and nothing shall be impossible to you. 'But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.'"

Matthew 17:19-21 NASB

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

Two things Jesus told the disciples were necessary for confronting Satan and his minions, the dark powers who seek to enslave and destroy, these are genuine faith and prayer with fasting. We can understand the need for faith. We can readily see that a complete trust in God's Word that is unshakable would necessarily be required for spiritual warfare. However, we don't often as readily see the need for prayer along with fasting. I imagine all of us, as believers, would whole heartedly agree with the need for prayer when engaging in spiritual warfare but perhaps not so many would see the need for fasting. The question may be fairly put, "What's the point of denying myself food to pray?" and I would have to answer that I don't know. Let me give you some thoughts about fasting and prayer. First of all I have been on numerous extended times of prayer and fasting and I can only report to you that there is something deeply mysterious and spiritual about the experience. There is a closeness with God that develops through fasting and prayer that I can only describe as incredibly powerful and wonderful. The one fasting finds that he or she is protected by the hand of God and is strengthened and empowered by the presence of God. Yes, it really is that powerful. Second of all, Jesus said that sometimes when facing the dark powers one must be fortified with prayer and fasting. Simply put, Jesus said to do it and that is good enough reason. I pray that as we focus on people in Northwest Tennessee, we will realize we are in combat with the enemy and that we prepare for that battle. May the blessings of God be with you today!

AWAKEN



PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- Pray that God will help you see prayer and fasting as an act of war against our enemy.
- Pray that God would strengthen your faith over the 30 days of fasting.
- Pray that God will help you remain faithful to your 30 commitment to prayer and fasting.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- Dear Heavenly Father, Help us to see the real war we are engaged in as we pray and fast or the people of Northwest Tennessee. May we be granted a measure of Grace to not grow weary but to persevere in faith and pray and in our fasting to draw closer to and be empowered by You.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

AWAKEN

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

DAY 21

JODI POWELL
CROSSWIND CHURCH

"I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control."

2 Timothy 1:5-7 ESV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

So many things we carry through our family tree, but yet there are still characteristics that make us unique individuals. Our faith is one that can often have an origin as well. Often, your family has a patterned history of not only their faith, but even more specifically the way in which they practice their faith. However, sometimes the origin of faith practice is actually rooted in you.

Paul's respect for Timothy began long before his relationship with Timothy. He had a deep affection for the devotion of women who were a part of Timothy's development - Lois and Eunice. Paul knew that Timothy had not only been taught orally the traditions of truth that are the gifts from God through Jesus Christ. He also knew that Timothy had witnessed and experienced the practice of these two devoted followers of the gospel.

We live in a world that beckons for us to go on adventures. God invites us to go on an adventure. His adventure is life-changing and empowering with His guidance and provision. The world will entice fearlessness with the absence of self-control leaving us life-changed for worse, not better. Boldness is not arrogance when paired with love and self-control. No matter where you are in your development of faith, He has given you the Spirit of power, love, and self-control. Do not fear. Continue the adventure, for you will one day be someone else's Lois.

AWAKEN



PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- Ask God for a heart reveal of where you are in your development of your faith.
- Ask God to help you respect and revere those who have gone before you.
- Ask God to reveal to you the next right step in the fearlessness He is inviting you to experience.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

• Lord, we take for granted those who have gone before us to preserve and protect our faith. Forgive us for not being faithful heirs to your great kingdom. Help us to be a Eunice or Lois not only for those who you bless to be in our actual line of inheritance, but also for those who are falling into our wake as new followers into your kingdom. May they accept the gift of your power and love and self-control in such a way that gives them boldness to embrace the adventure of being a part of your kingdom. Place these people in the pathway of multiple Eunice and Lois leaders so that they will have no doubt of your truth and grace.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

DAY 22

TOMMY HALL
FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

"My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me, and to finish His work. 35 Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest! 36 And he who reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit for eternal life, that both he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together."

John 4:34-36 NKJV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

We've all watched as the farmers around our area harvest the corn crops as well as the beans and the crops that receive the right amount of attention and the right amount of rainfall and the right amount of sunshine will produce the greatest harvest . But the harvest began months earlier with soil preparation, machinery preparation, and eventually the planting. All of the preliminary preparations and plant are all part of the harvest.

In the same way, Jesus looked across the landscape from the well in Samaria and saw a spiritual harvest and said, *"..the harvest is plentiful."* That spiritual harvest continues even into our day as a perpetual harvest of people receiving the Gospel message of Christ and stepping into a new life, born again! It's rewarding to see someone accepting Christ and turning from their life of sin. It's awesome to watch them blossom into the spiritual champion of God. And as awesome as all of that is, there is a principle of God of sowing and reaping. That requires us doing our part in prayer and sharing Christ with others. It's all part of the harvest.

AWAKEN



PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, I desire to do more in the area of kingdom harvest. If that be just sowing seeds through the prayers I pray, to the words I share, let me be more aware of the kingdom of heaven enterprise.
- God help me to be faithful with the little things such as sowing a word here or there and praying in the secret place, doing the little things that may never be seen by others. Today I pray for the kingdom of heaven harvest.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- I pray over the people on my list. I do not know their spiritual walk, but I cover them with prayer, knowing that You will bring the increase. For those who are lost, may the seed of salvation be sown in their hearts some time over the course of these 30 days of prayer. May another water the seed and may we see a tremendous harvest as a result of these prayers.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

AWAKEN

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

DAY 23

JODI POWELL
CROSSWIND CHURCH

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life - the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us - that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete."

1 JOHN 1:1-4 ESV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

Our faith fathers testify to witnessing the very existence of Christ in the flesh. They had the validation that our human mind desires to have a belief in the existence of something or someone. A few millennia later, the argument is often that our generation of believers do not have visible and palpable encounters with Jesus as the followers of 30 A.D. may have had.

Yet we do.

We have chosen to devalue that which are Christ's miracles: Jesus' practical wisdom, Holy Spirit's omnipresence, and God's never ending mercy. When we distance ourselves from a relationship with anyone, we tend to know them less and find ourselves guessing at their motives, and inevitably trusting them less. So the miracle of childbirth is no longer a miracle, but simply a practice of every day living...until it gets complicated and we find ourselves questioning the motives of God when it is not the same as we expected. The wisdom of money management is forgone when we are given the freedom to spend more than our income on a monthly basis and we question where blessings are when we cannot pay our mortgage. We ask where the Holy Spirit is when we feel lonely because we have given our souls to a temporary fixation instead of finding peace and solace in a firm foundation.

We cannot complete our joy in all circumstances when we do not trust the Creator of all things and the one who will never abandon or forsake us. We cannot trust who we do not know - do not have fellowship.

AWAKEN



PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, please help me to see the miracles all around me.
- God, please help me to see your mercy given to me every day.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

• Father, you grant miracles even to those who do not yet have a relationship with you. You desire those relationships long before we do and delight when they come to be. We pray, today, that your gifts that are tangible, visible, and audible be made clear to those we have been blessed to pray for during this time. May they see your strength in the delicacy of a blossoming flower. May they revere your voice as the ocean obeys to only come so far. May they experience your touch as they breathe in and out through the miracle of a functioning respiratory system. Be real and present today.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 DAY 24

JEREMY POWELL
CROSSWIND CHURCH

"Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?"

Luke 15:4 NIV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

I habitually lose things. I misplace my keys and wallet and phone so much that for Christmas Jodi bought me special bluetooth devices to attach to each one so that I could always find them. There is nothing more frustrating than losing your keys or wallet or phone, and I've spent hours of my life looking for lost things that have been misplaced. Think with me for a minute. If you lost your wallet or keys or phone you would likely spend hours looking for them, but eventually you would give up. You can have other keys made. You can purchase another phone.

But have you ever been at a supermarket with your kids only to turn around and find one of them missing? Maybe you've called your children in from outside playing and for a moment you couldn't see them. Have you ever felt that leap in your heart when you thought something of such value to you could be lost? In those moments you realize that you wouldn't just spend hours of life looking for your lost child. You realize that you wouldn't just give up the search. You realize that if necessary, you would spend the rest of your life looking for your beloved child that had gone missing.

Now I want you to focus on the reality that there are thousands of men and women and children who live and work in our community who are lost. Don't you think that God would use every resource at his disposal to bring them into a relationship with him? What if God wants to use us to seek them out and find them? Every day, those that are lost find their way into our path. We work with them, live with them, carpool with them, go to class with them. They check us out at the grocery store, we serve them in our places of business, and teach them in our classrooms. Would you be willing to show them the way home? Would you be willing to help them reunite with their Heavenly Father?

AWAKEN



PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, remind me that I was once lost and you found me.
- God, grow in me an empathy for those that are lost. Help me to realize the urgency with which the Father seeks them.
- God, use me in whatever way you need to draw the lost into a relationship with you.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- God, for those families on my list that are lost, I pray that you would place individuals in their path that can show them the way into a relationship with you.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 DAY 25

JEREMY POWELL
CROSSWIND CHURCH

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:34-35 NIV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

Before we ever leave our children in the care of another adult, or whenever they head off to camp or school we always make sure that they know some really important things. We want them to know that we love them; we want them to know that they need to be mindful and respectful of whoever is in charge while we are gone; and we as they get older, we may even have some instructions for tasks that need to be completed before we return. There may be other things we share with them, but those last minute words are so incredibly important.

In this passage we find Jesus in his last night on this earth. He has celebrated the last supper with his disciples, has washed their feet, and now gives some final instructions. Just like our last minute talks with our kids have great value, so do these final words of Jesus to his followers.

The criteria by which the world will judge our relationship with Jesus is how well we love each other. It's easy to substitute any other important aspect of theology, practice, or tradition. It would be simple to add church attendance or giving or some other spiritual discipline. Make no mistake about it, those things are important, but they are not the criteria by which the world will judge our relationship with Jesus. That criteria is love-- of each other.

But in our society it has become easy to bash the church down the street, to talk bad about their music program, or their lack of programming for a particular age group. As a result we see more and more people who are far from Jesus reject the gospel message because they see a bunch of people who claim to love and be loved by Jesus refuse to love each other. Be careful of the message your words or actions proclaim to the world, for it will be the way that they can tell Jesus transforms lives-- and can transform theirs.

AWAKEN



PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, please help me to be sensitive the message my actions and words speak about other believers.
- God, please help me reflect the love of Christ in my life as I love others.
- God, forgive me for the times when my life hasn't reflected the love you have poured out on me.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- God, please help the families on my list to not reject you because of Christians who fail to follow this command of Christ. Place people in their lives who will love as they have been loved.
- God, for the families that have already walked away from the faith, please draw them back towards a relationship with You.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

AWAKEN

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

DAY 26

JACK LONG
BEULAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

"Oh, that You would rend the heavens! That You would come down! That the mountains might shake at Your presence-- As fire burns brushwood, As fire causes water to boil-- To make Your name known to Your adversaries, That the nations may tremble at Your presence! When You did awesome things for which we did not look, You came down, The mountains shook at Your presence. For since the beginning of the world Men have not heard nor perceived by the ear, Nor has the eye seen any God besides You, Who acts for the one who waits for Him. You meet him who rejoices and does righteousness, Who remembers You in Your ways. You are indeed angry, for we have sinned-- In these ways we continue; And we need to be saved. But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. And there is no one who calls on Your name, Who stirs himself up to take hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us, And have consumed us because of our iniquities. But now, O Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand. "

Isaiah 64:1-8 NKJV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

Isaiah teaches us that Revival never comes until God's people cry out to Him in desperation (vv. 1-3). Isaiah's plea was for God to show up and to show out. In verse 4, Isaiah recognizes that God can and will do great things when His people rejoice in Him. (vv. 5-7)- Revival never comes until God's people deal with their sin (vs.5), their self-righteousness (vs.6), and their laziness (vs.7). Verse 8, declares God's ability to remake us even as a potter often reforms his handiwork.

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PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, help me to become desperate about my need for revival.
- God, convict our community of it's need to experience a fresh encounter with you.
- God, convict me of my sin so I can repent and experience a fresh anointing of your Spirit.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- God, help every family on my list to experience you either for the first time, or in a time of renewal.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

DAY 27

DAN HUGGINS
REFUGE CHURCH

"... Be still and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth"

Psalm 46 NIV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

I don't know about you but sometimes, my life gets going so fast, it's a blur! And because of my personality, I have a very hard time being still. Just being still long enough to meditate, contemplate, and reflect on all that God has done in my past, doing now in my present, and will do for me in my future. The Psalmist wrote a song conveying an attitude that is healthy and reassuring for all who listen and heed this advice.

Read Psalm 46 Paraphrasing: God you are my refuge and my strength in times of trouble when my faith is weak. And even if the earth crumbles and melts, You are still God at the end of the day! I know there is a River of life that flows and that's where I'm going. You will not allow it to fall. I've seen what you have done in my life. How you have brought down the strong, given grace to the weak, and turned mourning to song. You've reminded me, "Be still, know that I am God and that I will be exalted." So, I exalt you God, You are my REFUGE!

As a Kingdom of God that we are set out on this communitive mission of lifting up Jesus Christ to our community, may we take some time to be still and reflect, contemplate, and remember all that God has already done. Dream and think about our eternal place with Him. And pray that He will bring down the strong forces of evil in our community so that others may experience the grace He has shown to us through Jesus our Savior! It may seem like a daunting task praying for a whole community and trying to "Awaken" a whole County, but remember, who our GOD IS!

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PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- FATHER, YOU ARE MY REFUGE. YOU ARE MY STRENGTH IN TIMES OF TROUBLE WHEN MY FAITH GROWS WEAK. BUT STILL I WILL NOT FEAR THOUGH THE EARTH GIVES WAY. FOR MY GOD IS STILL GOD AT THE END OF THE DAY.. WATERS WILL ROAR AND MOUNTAINS MAY SHAKE. BUT THE RIVER STILL FLOWS THAT LEADS THE WAY. GOD IS WITH US AND WE WILL NOT FALL.
- THOUGH THE EARTH WILL MELT STILL THROUGH IT ALL, BE STILL AND KNOW JUST BE STILL AND KNOW, HE IS OUR GOD.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- God, please help every family on my list to know the peace that comes from following you. Help them to experience that peace today.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
DAY 28

NELSON YOUNGBLOOD
REFRESHING SPRINGS MINISTRIES

"And the LORD, He is the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed."

Deuteronomy 31:8 NKJV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

So many times we worry about the issues of life. Our lives are filled with so much chaos it causes us to worry about how things will work out. God is so concerned about us. His word tells us that He goes before us and ensures that where we are headed is cleared as we go that way. Then, our God is so gracious that He walks with us as we are on our journey. He's with us every step of the way. Trust God's plan; He's already walked out our path and has everything covered. God is with us.

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PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, please clear my pathway
- God, please help me to realize that I have no reason to fear
- God, grant me the peace in knowing that you have all of my fears covered



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

• God we thank you for being a God that has never left us and is so concerned that you will be with us every step of our journey. God help us to continue to trust You as we move through this life. Your Word is our life and strength. Because your Word can't lie, we already have the victory. We thank You for being the God that always provides for His children.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

DAY 29

RON GRAY
FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

"They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciple picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over."

Luke 9:17 NIV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

This story of feeding the 5,000 is one of the most famous stories in the New Testament, one of the many miracles performed by Jesus. (Luke 9:14-17).

The lesson here is that when God blesses, man's efforts are multiplied. Jesus recognized a need and had a desire to satisfy the need; a boy gave up his kids meal size lunch; the impossible task was broken into smaller tasks when the crowd was divided; prayer and thanks were given; the disciples were obedient in distributing the food; the need was met, the multitude was fed and blessed.

These lessons are for us:

1. Do you recognize the need for an AWAKENING in Obion County?
2. Are you willing to be an instrument of God to meet the need?
3. Do you believe God can and will AWAKEN Obion County and satisfy the spiritual need in people's lives?

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PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God, please help me to be sensitive to what steps of obedience you are calling me to.
- God, please help me to trust that You can take my efforts, however small, and multiply them for your glory.
- God, use me as an instrument to spread your Word throughout NW Tennessee



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- God, please help every family on my list to being trusting you with every aspect of their lives.



PERSONAL REFLECTIONS:

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 DAY 30

TOMMY HALL
FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

"For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for peace and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."

Jeremiah 29:11 MEV

TODAY'S PRAYER THOUGHT:

Have you ever caught yourself in a tough situation and feel as though you are facing life all alone? As a believer we can trust in the fact that even in those moments, God has not abandoned us. He is right there in the midst of the situation. While the scripture text this morning is directed at national Israel, it also shows a principle of God, and that is the fact He knows all the thoughts that He thinks toward us, as individuals and as a body of believers. In the middle of your tough situation, God is there for you. He doesn't bail out on you like other people do when things get tough. He wants to be the friend that you know you can trust to be there for you.

God really does know the thoughts that He is thinking for you right now. His desire is to give you a future and a hope. That truth is evident through the love of God that was poured out on the old rugged cross that gives us a future and a hope. It is awesome to know that we can have total trust in God. He has your future.

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PERSONAL PRAYER POINTS:

- God I thank you that I can know you in a real and intimate way, and that I have the knowledge that You are with me at all times, even in the darkest times, even in the loneliest times.
- God help me walk in the trust that you have my future in Your hands, and even when I don't feel Your presence, I can trust that You are working on my behalf.



TODAY'S PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE ON YOUR LIST:

- For the ones that I pray over this morning I pray these things: For the ones that may be lost, I pray that they would sense Your presence in a way that they have never felt before. That it would be felt in such a way that it would cause them to seek out the truth of who You are. For those who are going through a season of loneliness, may they feel the reassurance of Your presence and Your guidance. Bring them all to a place of a future and hope in Christ Jesus.



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