

COVENANT DISCIPLESHIP PRAYER DEVOTION

Numbers 11:14-17 AMPC

[14] I am not able to carry all these people alone, because the burden is too heavy for me. [15] And if this is the way You deal with me, kill me, I pray You, at once, and be granting me a favor and let me not see my wretchedness [in the failure of all my efforts]. [16] And the Lord said to Moses, Gather for Me seventy men of the elders of Israel whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; and bring them to the Tent of Meeting and let them stand there with you. [17] And I will come down and talk with you there; and I will take of the Spirit which is upon you and will put It upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with you, so that you may not have to bear it yourself alone.

These verses show us where we as a congregation are right now today in this prayer meeting. We are facing more challenges before us than we have resources for. Moses gets honest with God, telling Him kill me before I try to disciple anybody without Your help and power. And then the Lord in a supernatural way descends His spirit through a prayer meeting upon people who went to disciple others. And God does all of this in an environment of incredible congregational selfishness and complaining.

I've noticed a shift in my praying based on the environment around me and changing seasons we are in. It has been very noticeable and volatile. To the point I found myself radically trying to focus in prayer like I have not experienced before. We want to discern the atmosphere in times we are praying before we begin

There has been a noticeable increase of self preoccupation with American materialism according to pew research polls. We see this with:

- Our mobile device preoccupation. (daily averages for adults 2 to 5 hours a day)
- Preoccupation with social media issues.
- Increase of hate groups and groups being offended with various popular social issues.
- Increase of opioids and substance abuse
- Isolation self fellowship with no conviction about it.
- Increase of the spirit of insanity, depression and lawlessness.
- And the increase of sexual perversion.

Modern conveniences and creature comforts has put the church of America to sleep spiritually from hungering after the Book of Acts experiences.

The chief reason for this is found in **Revelation, Chapter 13:11-17.**

11 And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon. 12 And he exercised all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. 13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men, 14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they

should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live. 15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed. 16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: 17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

God already has a plan for all of this. He expects us to trust and seek Him for His end time conquering authority and mind.

Jesus says where sin abounds grace much more abounds. We want God's sovereign perspective of endtime events so we pray correctly because darkness and evil is responding to the increase of Gods light in the earth.

Paul said in Corinthians the mystery of praying in tongues (praying in the spirit), cuts through the thickness of end time carnal lawlessness. Tongues are a mystery because they reveal God's hidden plan away from the devil and the beast(mans imbued selfishness.) But we must be honest and recognize it's not Satan we will fight in our prayer meeting. It's the endtime mark if the beast, (man's increased selfishness). So what does this look like in this prayer meeting? God's spirit is here to help you push pass racing uncontrolled thinking. Bringing fear, exhaustion, and pressing deadlines to the brazen altar of worship. His spirit will help you bring your spirit and mind focus to his clarion voice today. But you must practice:

- Trusting and living patience while you work your way beyond the brazen altar in prayer.
- Persist with your tongues until there is a change in your spirit.
- Keep speaking the word while pressing in the opening of prayer.
- Practice hungering with urgency after the affection of His love because His sovereign love already defeated the hell that fights you.

At this stage of our praying let's offer to God in humility any appetites if the flesh that we have not controlled. We do this humility with faith that His grace and love will empower us to become like Him, for overflow evangelism.

Appetites like eating habits out of control, excessive internet and social media use, appetites for anything stronger than God Himself that separates you from intimacy with Him. This is called sanctifying ourselves in prayer.

This requires honest humility between our attitude and God's will for us.

THERE ARE SOME KEY POINTS WE WANT TO PRAY AND HAVE TIME FOR RESPONSE FROM YOU TODAY.

- ★ Successful discipleship comes only with practicing humility towards God and those we disciple.
- ★ Successful discipleship comes only when we model the four levels of wealth towards those we disciple.
- ★ Successful discipleship comes only when we master our daily distractions of our Sanballat and Tobias
- ★ Successful discipleship comes when we have mastered the Joshua Caleb principle.
- ★ Successful discipleship comes only when we recommit ourselves to the blood covenant friendships.

HUMILITY

1 Peter 5:6 AMPC

[6] Therefore humble yourselves [demote, lower yourselves in your own estimation] under the mighty hand of God, that in due time He may exalt you.

The issue of humility is a condition of our attitude towards God and others. This is where we learn to practice and handle real power with God. Humility is godly character controlling power. Focusing on our attitudes towards humility will cause God to deposit more power and authority to us than we have now.

Philippians 2:4-9 AMPC

[4] Let each of you esteem and look upon and be concerned for not [merely] his own interests, but also each for the interests of others. [5] Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example in humility:] [6] Who, although being essentially one with God and in the form of God [possessing the fullness of the attributes which make God God], did not think this equality with God was a thing to be eagerly grasped or retained, [7] But stripped Himself [of all privileges and rightful dignity], so as to assume the guise of a servant (slave), in that He became like men and was born a human being. [8] And after He had appeared in human form, He abased and humbled Himself [still further] and carried His obedience to the extreme of death, even the death of the cross! [9] Therefore [because He stooped so low] God has highly exalted Him and has freely bestowed on Him the name that is above every name.

We can categorize the fruit of showing our humility in six major areas:

1. Humility of will and attitude towards God in how we manage our time for his purpose
2. Our money
3. Our resources
4. In our willingness to fast
5. Our willingness to make daily prayer
6. How we serve others who don't think much of us.

The issue of humility is really about humbling ourselves to the will and ways of Jesus Christ. This is very important because God is attracted to the attitude of humility. It activates his mercies (he gives grace to the humble and resist the proud). Kingdom evangelism is released and throttled through vessels of humility. We must accompany this titled in our daily prayer life in order to hear God's voice.

THE JOSHUA CALEB PRINCIPLE (learning to control our zeal for the sake of those we love)

THEY WERE READY TO TAKE THE LAND.

THEY HAD ZEAL AND OBEDIENCE.

But they did not have God's timing. God's timing for them factors in four important principles for working with local church leadership.

1. Waiting for God to mature the family members, to keep reconnecting with them to make sure they are not left behind. Maintaining compassion and patience for them.
2. Maturity for the saints. We have to learn to work together with each other's flaws and character shortcomings.
3. Maturity for the leaders. This means practicing covering the nakedness of a leader without exposing it to others.
4. To perfect delay palanquin bed daily dependency for yourself. We must model and point people we mentor to prophetic worship.

God delays and goes at difference paces with us for this reason. For this reason God will shut your prayer life down or change frequencies on us.

Jehu is a perfect example of someone with zeal and bad timing, he accomplished a lot but never sought after the highest level of wealth. **2 King 10:29-31**

In **Hosea 1:4**, he was zealously excessive.

Jehu lacked humility and self discipline in following the timing of God with the four levels of wealth. The bottom line is we must demonstrate daily we are walking in the yoke of Christ. The farmers yoke is two ox together. This is a self imposed humility of discipline to walk in dependence upon Gods timing and direction. The ultimate goal is fulfilling Paul's statement to see Christ formed in others as He Himself travails.

Such was the story with Vasthi.

1 Samuel 18:1-4 AMPC

[1] When David had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own life. [2] Saul took David that day and would not let him return to his father's house. [3] Then Jonathan made a covenant with David, because he loved him as his own life. [4] And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was on him and gave it to David, and his armor, even his sword, his bow, and his girdle.3. Blood covenant relations

Blood covenant discipleship

The success of discipleship relationships is rooted in blood covenant commitments because devils, angels, and God recognize the seriousness of the relational soul tie. It puts a more intense and consequential expectation on. Both parties. Where as you won't fall into the temptation of making surface and frivolous commitments. The significance for it lies in the power of the holy ghost that backs up the covenant.

Mastering distractions

These men had one goal in mind, and that was to distract Nehemiah from building the wall. They wanted to snooze them and seduce them into comfort and ease. When that didn't work they harassed them. This is why we must have specific intentionality to love. Otherwise these kinds of spirits seek to distract us from our mission and our priorities for

family and kingdom discipleship. If you have no one to disciple or mentor and you just sit on a pew then distractions will eat you up because you have too much me time to live selfishly.

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