You Are God's Human Conduit

Romans 8: 20 – 22 (Amplified)

"I ran after Him!" These were the words of a New York Police officer, Christian Campoverde who rescued a man who was planning to commit suicide on a third story mall. The man turned from the mall ledge shouting at the officer, "<u>I AM GOING TO KILL MYSELF, I NEED HELP</u>!" While holiday shoppers looked on, the police officer moved quickly toward the man and began to hug him. When the man embraced the officer, he began to sob and changed his mind about committing suicide.

- Paul writes in our opening text the whole creation is subjected to futility and condemned to frustration. The whole creation has been moaning together in the pains of labor until now.
- In other words, You and I are experiencing all around us a society a nation and a world groaning for answers over complexed issues it cannot solve.
- Right in our own families and our jobs we face issues and circumstances beyond our control and yet they adversely impact us.
- I am learning God uses my infirmities and my hardships to teach me to be an instrument in His hand for others.
- He uses my issues and my hurts and offenses all for the purpose to be a human conduit for the creation that groans in irrational pain. Read, Romans 8:22 31
- I call this prevailing and traveling prayer.
- Your fasting, your hardships and relationship battles are used by God to get you to freely become a human conduit for prevailing and travailing prayer.

Let me define prevailing and travailing prayer.

Definition

- A) A person driven by God's love and God's word who expresses intense passion through prayer for the wellbeing of others.
- B) A person with a surrendering and broken heart from the hurt of others and for those separated from God's love.
- C) A person longing in anguish for God's love to overcome evil and darkness in their private and public lives.
- D) Prevailing and travailing prayer is one who moans and wails for God's word to become reality in our flesh and relationship.
- E) It's mixed with:
- 1) Faith
- 1) Worship
- 2) Repentance
- 3) moaning
- 4) groaning

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These scriptures fuel our attitude for prevailing and travailing prayer.

- We prevail continuously because the issue of our waiting and not seeing answers to prayer is over defending God's word when we didn't see answers
- Prevailing prayer says stick with, don't quit

Read Galatians 6:9

There are four reasons you and I must learn to practice prevailing and travailing prayer.

1) It builds up our most holy faith (Jude 20)

- A. Prevailing and travailing prayer builds up your most holy faith to help you work through your weakness and flaws. (This is what makes you Apostolic)
- B. It chisels your character
- C. It crucifies the flesh
- D. It perfects love in our attitude and will
- E. It produces boldness in our faith when we are done.

2) It Gets us direction (1 Samuel 16:1)

- A. We can pray wrong over family and friend's relationships because of our love for them and the pain we feel for them (Give example of Brother Jose Flores)
- B. We see this with David lamenting for Absalom.
- C. If we are not careful our own love for people can override God's will for their lives
- D. Prevailing and travailing prayer reveals God's direction and priorities (Acts 13: 2 3)

3) It's where God causes you to feel what others are hurting over

- Story of Mil. Pastor's wife Wendy P.
- Story of Canada Evangelist
 - A. God lets us go through excruciating situations to learn how to travail with empathy for others. (Psalm 51: 12 13 & 1 Corinthians 4: 10 14)
 - B. Prevailing and travailing is God's heart resting on you for other people like Moses when he interceded for Israel. Without you being that human other people are going to die.
 - C. This kind of prayer produces urgency and intensity where complacency and apathy control the carnal will.
 - D. Your burden becomes radical for God's word to be elevated in people's lives. Why? Because the whole earth travails until now

4) It produces the manifested power of God

- A. General patterns and familiar spirit are broken
- B. Miracles and healing are manifested
- C. The gifts of the spirit manifest
- D. This is where we experience boldness.
- E. Where demonic presences are lifted. Charles Finney said prevailing prayer is that which delivers an answer. <u>Saying prayers</u> is not offering prevailing prayer.
- F. People open their heart, their hands, their pockets to promote the work of God. James 5: 16

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What Hinders me from Travailing Prevailing Prayer

- 1. Unconfessed sin 28:10 Prov. Confessing my sins
- 2. Unclean hands Psalms 20:6 Clean hands
- 3. Unforgiveness Matthew 6:12 Forgiving others
- 4. Exercising honest attitude Matthew 6:12
- 5. Settling disputes and arguments 5:23 24
- 6. Closing doors to bad influences Ezekiel 14:3
- 7. Fervency
- The bible says when Zion travails she brings forth children
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- It is where fresh joy returns
- Divine deliverance is manifested
- Demonic powers are lifted

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