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Part 3: The Power of United Prayer

Acts 1:1-9, 12-14; 2:1-4, 42-47

God's power is released in great measure when we pray together.

I. New Series – Review

- A. Prayer is the distinctive mark of God's people (Matthew 21:13).
- B. Jesus is our model and teacher. For Jesus and us, prayer unites our hearts to the heart of Father.

"Jesus invites us into a life built on prayer: intimate, corporate, listening, confessing and healing conversations with the Father, guided by the Spirit." "The Invitations of Jesus – A Discipleship Guide" p. 53

"Prayer is simply the medium through which we experience and connect with God." Paul Miller, "A Praying Life"

"Truly, as we grow in prayer, which is to say, as we grow up in our relationship with God, prayer becomes less something we do and more a way of being with God." AJ Sherrill, "Quiet"

"Prayer is intimacy with God that brings about his purposes." Alvin Reid

II. The Power of Praying Together

While our own prayer life is vital, this series is focused more on our call to be a praying community - a people who pray for one another and with one another to see God's Kingdom and power manifested in and through us.

"People ask, 'Which is more important-private prayer or corporate prayer?' The answer is yes. This is like asking, 'Which is more important for walking-your right leg or your left leg?'" Daniel Henderson, "21 days of Breakthrough Prayer" Day 15

We learn how to pray by praying with others.

- A. The necessity of God's power (Acts 1:1-8).
Knowledge of the truth about God is not enough. We need the power of the Holy Spirit.
- B. God's power is received through asking (Acts 1:12-14, 2:1-4).
- C. God's power is sustained through asking (Acts 2:42-47; 4:23-31; 6:4; 12:5-12; 13:1-2).
- D. Next Steps
 1. Who is praying for you (2 Corinthians 1:8-11)?
 2. Who are you praying with?
Spouse, children, friends, church family, small group ...
 3. Who are you praying for?
We need intercessors to pray for the ministries of Greenwood: kids, students, adults (women, men, marriages, small groups), healing, worship, and missions/evangelism (sign the card).

III. We Need the Spirit's Help: The Call to Anguish (Nehemiah 1:1-4, Hebrews 5:7-10)

See YouTube video "A Call to Anguish" by David Wilkerson.

Discussion Questions:



Consider the above quote by Daniel Henderson. Read Acts 1:14, 2:42-47, and 4:23-31. What can we learn from the early Church about praying together? What are the kinds of prayers they pray?



What has been your experience praying with other Christians? Has it been more encouraging or discouraging? Have you observed God answering these prayers?



What is the next step for you to grow in praying with others? What are your concerns? Pray for one another now 😊.

Recommended:

Greenwood's Staff and Elders are discussing the podcast – *This Cultural Moment: Episode 16 – Q & A with Mark Sayers, Jon Tyson & Pete Hughes*.

Memory Verse:

Know that the Lord has set apart His faithful servant for Himself; the Lord hears when I call to Him. Psalm 4:3