

52 DAYS OF PRAYER & WORSHIP



DAY 43 – RESTING IN HIS TRUTH

THE WORD Matthew 11:28; Psalm 25:4–5; John 8:32

GLOBAL PRAYER POINT

Pray that the Body of Christ would hunger for truth, abide in the Word, and be set free from deception and hidden bondage.

LIVING OUT THE WORD

Ask the Lord to search your heart. Invite His truth to expose and heal any hidden attitudes or unresolved wounds.

DEVOTIONAL FOCUS

Truth is not merely information—it is the person and character of Christ. Truth stabilizes the soul. The Hebrew word *emet* conveys firmness, reliability, and dependability. God’s truth upholds us from beginning to end and preserves us as we wait upon Him.

To know the truth requires discipline in waiting. Waiting binds our soul to Him in submission and surrender. In this place, the Holy Spirit exposes subtle attitudes, hidden wounds, and iniquities that dull our sensitivity to His voice. Truth brings freedom, but only when we allow it to shine upon every hidden area.

Jesus calls us to abide in His Word. Stability comes not from circumstances changing, but from being yoked together with Him. In His truth, we find rest for our souls.

Day 43 - Resting in His Truth

Days ago, and continuing even now, the Lord and I discussed His people and His plans. He explains:

"I want you to know My TRUTH".

What is Your truth?

"Truth is like My love; it has no end or beginning. My truth is everything that was created from My Word. But My truth is also my love; it is what gives you the rest you need.

Everything you need is in **Matthew 11:28**; come to Me".

Brothers and Sisters, truth is the key element to your soul. Truth comes from Jesus, from who He is in our lives!!!

One of the Hebrew words for truth is emet, which means dependability and reliability.

Psalm 25:4-5 "Show me Your ways, O Lord, Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me, For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait all the day."

One of the Greek words for truth is aletheia, which means reality, accuracy, or integrity.

John 4:24 "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth."

Truth is certainty, stability, and rightness, trustworthiness. The Hebrew word emet derives from the verb aman, meaning to be firm, permanent, and established. Emet conveys a sense of dependability, firmness and reliability. Truth is, therefore, something upon which a person may confidently stake his life. Truth is the STRENGTH of our walk with God; we must be led ONLY by His Word, the truth.

The word emet is spelled with the first, middle, and last letters of the Hebrew alphabet; thus, the rabbis concluded that truth upholds the first and the last of God's creation, and everything in between.

Truth stabilizes our lives as we grow with Him. Stabilize means to make or become unlikely to give way, fail, decline, or overturn. God wants to stabilize us, so we can become overcomers and not turn around during waiting. We must let Him give us the truth to keep and preserve us. We must pray that God's truth would continually preserve us.

Psalm 40:11 "Do not withhold Your tender mercies from me, O LORD; let Your lovingkindness and Your truth continually preserve me."

To know God's truth requires the discipline of waiting upon Him.

One of the meanings of wait is to bind together through a process of intertwining, clearly suggesting the complete submitting of our souls to Him. We must come to Him so He can give us rest/peace for our souls.

Matthew 11:28 “Come to Me all you who labor (work hard) and are heavy laden (heavy load/weighed down), and I will give you rest. Take My yoke (bonded together) upon you and learn from Me.”

Learn means to be taught and to acquire knowledge. What He is saying is, come to Me all of you who are weighed down, let Us bond together so I can teach you My truths that will set you free from the yoke of the enemy.

We must come to Jesus to learn all we need in His truth to be stabilized in Him. Then we must wait upon the Lord, so He will give us the sensitivity to His presence and His prompting. Through our seeking of Him, our hearts become quieter and our minds become more focused.

During this time of waiting, He wants to reveal to us why we are not completely at rest with Him. Waiting and seeking the truth will allow the Holy Spirit to reveal any subtle attitudes or forgotten sins that would dull our sensitivity to His voice.

Psalms 66:18 “If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.”

If we have something in our heart and do not know it is there, we will continue to act and respond to people under the influence of our hurt and wounds. We must allow truth to come into our hearts to set us free. We all have areas that are covered, wounds and burdens of our pasts that we have buried over the years, things forgotten or unfaced. We are also affected by our iniquities; so, refusing to allow the Light of Truth to shine on our past sins and those of our families holds us in bondage. If we remain unaware of the truth, we walk in deception.

John 8:32 “And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

In this freedom, we get to know Christ Jesus in an intimate way, and truth works deep into our hearts and draws us close to Him. He will set us free as we get to know Him.

With our unstable lives, we must come to Him to learn how to receive His truth, so He can lead and guide us in our daily lives. The Lord never wanted to only “get us saved” and then leave us in daily bondage to the past. He wants us to be free, to live free daily, and to be free indeed (completely).

The Lord wants us to be students of the Word, to remain in His presence, and there to see and KNOW His love for us. We must remain and endure, so we can receive everything Jesus has for us. We must become teachable students, positioned before Him, so He may teach us everything we need to overcome.

John 8:31 “Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, If, you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.”

The word, truth, is the same in Hebrew as the word believes. Jehoshaphat cried out to God to save him from his enemies, and God told him He would fight Jehoshaphat's battle.

Do we believe God when He speaks into our lives? Do we then walk in the faith of His Love, which is His truth?

That day, when Jehoshaphat was downcast, he found strength in his own fears because God had spoken truth to his heart, but he had to believe that God was speaking to him. He could have turned the other way and chosen not to believe, but truth touched his heart and caused him to lead the people in the same truth.

2 Chronicles 20: 20 (Jehoshaphat says) "Hear me, O Judah and you inhabitants of Jerusalem: believe in the Lord your God and you shall be established; believe His prophets, and you shall prosper."

John 6:67-69 "Then Jesus said to the twelve, 'Do you also want to go away?' But Simon Peter answered Him, 'Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also, we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.'"

Many of Jesus' disciples left the ministry and discipleship because they could not handle the truth. They only wanted what benefited them. When Jesus looked to the disciples who were close to Him and spent time with Him, He asked them, "...are you going to leave as well?" Peter responded for them, asking "...to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Also, we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Do we likewise trust Him in His Word?

We must learn to recognize and trust His voice by abiding with Him daily, getting to know His Heart.

Do we really know JESUS as the TRUTH, the one who makes us stable and whole?

Where else can we go?

Prayer Focus

- Pray that the body of Christ will hear God's voice and obey it.
- Pray that the body of Christ will know His truths and be set free as they wait upon Him.
- Pray that the body of Christ will yoke up with Christ and truly find rest.

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DAY 44 – SUFFERING FOR THE SAKE OF THE GOSPEL

THE WORD 1 Thessalonians 2:2; Matthew 9:37–38; Ephesians 5:2

GLOBAL PRAYER POINT

Pray for bold and faithful laborers who will preach the Gospel with purity of heart despite opposition.

LIVING OUT THE WORD

Examine your willingness to suffer for Christ. Ask for courage to stand firm in your witness.

DEVOTIONAL FOCUS

Preaching the Gospel brings conflict. Paul endured suffering, rejection, and accusation, yet he continued boldly. Genuine revival invites opposition, and obedience may cost comfort and approval. To imitate Christ is to share in His sufferings. Walking in love requires sacrifice. The Gospel must be entrusted to hearts tested and proven by God—not driven by pleasing men, but by faithfulness to Him.

We die daily to self so that Christ may be revealed through us. The harvest is plentiful, but laborers must be willing to endure hardship with joy and perseverance.

Day 44 - Suffering for the Sake of the Gospel

God has plans for those who are called to share the Gospel; are we willing to suffer for the Gospel to be preached in all nations?

Please read 1Thessalonians 2.

Paul was so glad and thankful for the growth of the Church even though he was forced out from among them. He remembers when he was among them. As I read this passage, I could feel and see the passion Paul had for them as he saw them persevere in their faith in God.

There is much we can learn from Paul in His commitment and passion to preach the Gospel of Christ, during opposition.

1Thessalonians 2:2 “But even after we had suffered before and were spitefully treated at Philippi, as you know, we were bold in our God to speak to you the gospel of God in much conflict.”

We see that when we commit to God to preach the Gospel, it will cause much conflict, struggle, serious disagreement, and argument. Most of us are not ready or willing to accept such rejection from men. We will discover that when we make bold stands for Christ Jesus, it will cost us something in our comfortable lives. There is a price that we must pay.

1 Thessalonians 1:6 “And you became followers of us and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction (something that causes pain and suffering), with joy of the Holy Spirit.”

Paul rejoices in the Work of the Holy Spirit, that the Word was accepted by them as they opened their hearts to the gospel. But at the same time, he also recognizes that much affliction comes as believers minister the Gospel of Jesus.

It is time for us to arise, spread the word of God, and stop hiding in our offices, homes, neighborhoods, and communities. We must take aggressive actions and move forward in sharing the gospel of God with the lost. God wants to equip us and warn us about what it will take to stand strong in our beliefs and convictions.

Paul received the word in much affliction.

1 Thessalonians 2:14 “For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God, which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans.”

Please read more of his journey in **Acts 17:1-13**.

Paul preached to Thessalonica, where there was a synagogue of the Jews, and pleaded the Gospel to them. Many Greeks were persuaded, but the Jews were not persuaded and became envious and sent evil men to come against them.

In **Acts 17:10-13**, Paul and Silas left Thessalonica and went to Berea, where the Jews there “received the word with all readiness and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so”. Many believed, but the enemy still did not want to see the kingdom of God grow. The enemy followed them to Berea and stirred up more conflict among the crowds there.

Do we understand?

When revival really comes to the Church, much conflict will come from those who are close to you. We cannot be moved by our desire to please men, nor can we afford to be distracted by the enemy who will stir the crowds up against the Gospel of God. We must keep going as Paul and Silas did; we cannot stop preaching the Gospel.

Do we think that we can pray this way and not see that the enemy comes up against us with accusations and criticize what the Lord is doing in our midst? We have had it too easy in our walks because, as the Church, we have only thought about numbers when assessing Church growth, not genuine transformation of life that produces the Holy Spirit to move mightily in our midst.

We will suffer the same things that Christ suffered because we have become imitators of Him. We will be witnesses (giving evidence, seeing truth) of Him and will suffer to go to Jerusalem, Samara, Judea, and the outer parts of the world.

The word suffer is pascho, and it means to experience ill treatment, roughness, violence, or outrage, to endure suffering and undergo evils from without.

An imitator is someone who copies the behavior and actions of another person.

We join Christ in suffering for the sake of the Kingdom of God. We ask, "What is happening to me?" Well, brothers and sisters, if we have become imitators of Christ, our obedience will result in like treatment. We will witness, and it comes with a price.

Ephesians 5:2 “And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for an offering, a sacrifice and us to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.”

Let's continue to look at word definitions to better understand scripture:

Given (paradidomi) means to give over or deliver, to hand over or commit.

Offering (prospora) means bringing to, setting before; a gift or something offered up.

An offer is a readiness or intention to do something.

Sacrifice (zabach) is to slay, slaughter; to kill. The Hebrew word for altar, mizbeach, comes from this word. An altar is literally a place of sacrifice.

We have positioned ourselves to die to the old self and embrace the life that is like Christ.

We are killing the flesh so our spirit man can be strong in what God has entrusted us to do by the leading of the Holy Spirit.

We are becoming more like Christ, walking in such love that we willingly give ourselves up to Him as an offering and sacrifice that will please Him alone!

We die daily for the Cause. Is there not a Cause?

2 Thessalonians 2:4 “But as we have been approved by God (proven by God through grace and testing) to be entrusted (assigned the responsibility for something or someone) with the Gospel, even so we speak, not as pleasing men, but God who tests our hearts.”

We must know that God has tested and will test our hearts because He has assigned to us a special task or responsibility in the Kingdom of God to preach the gospel with purity of heart, not to please the heart of man. Are we hearing the call and the passion of God?

We must be moved by compassion and pray for laborers for the sake of the gospel.

Matthew 9:35-38 “Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, ‘The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.’”

Prayer Focus

- Please pray for laborers to be passionate and committed to sharing the Gospel worldwide.
- Please pray that when we encounter suffering for His sake, we will continue to pray and preach the Good News.

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DAY 45 – PURPOSE OF UNITY AND PREPARATION

THE WORD Psalm 107:6; Psalm 107:20

GLOBAL PRAYER POINT

Pray for the lost to be redeemed, rebellious believers to repent, and the faithful to stand firm through testing.

LIVING OUT THE WORD

Cry out to the Lord in your own storm. Choose worship over complaint.

DEVOTIONAL FOCUS

Psalm 107 reveals God's heart for the lost, the rebellious believer, and the tested faithful. Each group must cry out to the Lord—and He delivers them.

The lost need salvation and a dwelling place of love. The rebellious require repentance and healing through the Word. The faithful must endure storms that refine trust and anchor their hearts.

Unity and preparation come through worship, gratitude, and perseverance. God allows seasons of wilderness and fruitfulness to teach dependence. When we cry out to Him rather than fix circumstances ourselves, He calms storms and establishes us.

Day 45 - Purpose of Unity and Preparation

Psalm 107 provides a template for preparing for a fast. The following study was birthed out of a corporate 21-day consecration and fast. Consecration is a specific time set aside for the Body of Christ to come together in prayer and fasting. This is also a time for us individually to abstain from those things of the world that so easily ensnare us and keep us preoccupied. We hope you will be blessed as you walk through these verses in His Word. Our prayer is that you allow the Holy Spirit to prepare your heart and mind to draw you closer to Him.

Please begin by reading **Psalm 107**.

There is a repeated PRAYER all throughout **Psalm 107 in verses 6, 13, 19, and 28**: "Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, and He delivered them out of their distresses."

We see WORSHIP repeated as well, in verses **1, 8, 15, 21, and 31**: "Oh, that man would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men."

The Psalmist identifies three specific groups that we need to focus on in our prayers: the LOST, the REBELLIOUS BELIEVER, and the TESTED FAITHFUL.

This Psalm also takes us on a journey into intimacy with God, showing us His desire for us to be fruitful for His purposes.

THE LOST Come Through Salvation and the Goodness of God – **Psalm 107:2** -

Psalm 107:2-4 "... He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy, and gathered them out of the lands, from the east, and from the west, from the north, and from the south. They wandered in the wilderness, in a desert by the way; they found no city to dwell in."

We must become a city of love. This city of love is not just a physical location to be established in a geographical place, but more importantly, it is what the Lord wants to establish in each of us by His Love. We must be a dwelling place of Almighty God, where others will sense His presence, His peace, and His love! We must see that His love first dwells in us spiritually, and then it will dwell in us naturally.

Psalm 107: 6 "Then they cried to God in their distress, and He delivered them out of their troubles."

We must cry out to God and pray for the lost to cry out to the Lord that salvation may be found by them.

Psalm 107: 7 "And He guided them by the right way, so as to go to a city to live in." The Lost must be able to go to a city for a dwelling place. God will lead you if you let Him, but you must trust Him to lead.

Psalm 107:8 “Oh that men would praise God for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the sons of man!”

Oh, if we can see His wonderful works to the children of men. We should see the goodness and mercy of God and WORSHIP Him.

Psalm 107: 9 “For He satisfies the thirsty soul and fills the hungry soul with good.”

He really does satisfy the longing soul and fills the hungry soul with goodness. THE LOST will be FULFILLED.

REBELLIOUS BELIEVERS Need Deliverance and Healing

Psalm 107:10-14 “Those who sit in the darkness and in the shadow of death, being chained in affliction and iron; because they rebelled against the Words of God and despised the advice of the Most High, and He humbled their heart with labor; they fell down, and none was helping.

Then they cried to God in their distress, and He saved them out of their troubles. He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death and broke their bands in two.”

The lost sit in the darkness and shadow of death because they are bound in affliction and irons because of their rebellion against the Word of God. When we are rebellious towards God because of our sin and iniquity, God will allow tests and trials to cause us to cry out to Him, bringing us back to Him.

Psalm 107:15 “Oh that man would give thanks to the Lord for His goodness and for His wonderful works to the children of men.”

Psalm 107:19 “Then they cried to Jehovah in their distress, and He saved them out of their troubles.”

We must not try to rescue rebellious believers. They must struggle with God for themselves and repent. Instead, we must pray that they will cry out to the Lord for healing, deliverance, and restoration.

Psalm 107:20 “He sent His Word and heals them and delivers them from their pitfalls.”

He sent His Word to heal them, to deliver them from all their destruction.

Psalm 107:21 “Let them praise Jehovah for His goodness, and for His wonderful works to the sons of man!”

We should see the goodness and mercy of God and WORSHIP HIM.

THE FAITHFUL Must be Tested

Please read **Psalm 107:23-32**

God's faithful ones must be tested. Our biggest hurdle in obeying God is that we do not put our entire trust in God. We do not really believe God in all areas of our lives. When God allows the storms in our lives, we must see that He is allowing the discomfort of the storm to test us and make us stronger and immovable in Him, to be anchored in Him. Now those who are close to us will see the works of the Lord and the wonders He is doing on our midst.

Psalm 107:25 - "He commands the storm and waves to rise up in our lives."

This verse is very IMPORTANT. These storms cause us to cry out to God when we are at the depths of despair. Just as the waves at sea rise and go back down again, our prayers rise to heaven and come back to earth to accomplish the Lord's will in our lives and in the lives of others.

Psalm 107:26 "... their soul is melted because of trouble."

Our souls melt when we lose courage and faith. We waver back and forth in our faith like a drunk man who is unstable. When these storms come, we want to give up; we are moved and distracted, and at our wits' end!

Psalm 107: 28-29 "And they cry to God in their trouble, and He brings them out of their troubles. He makes the storm calm, so that its waves are still."

God brings us out and calms the storm when we cry out to Him for help. Repeatedly, in **Psalm 107**, the people did not try to fix the situation but asked God for help.

Psalm 107:30 "And they are glad because they are quiet; so, He brings them to their desired haven."

He brings deliverance and healing when we are where we need to be, both physically, mentally, and spiritually. We are then at rest, this rest is in Him, even if the situation or circumstance does not change! We must praise Him, thank Him, and extol Him.

God will bring us into great fruitfulness after He has taken us into a season of barrenness.

Psalm 107:33 "He sets rivers in a wilderness and water-springs to thirsty ground;"

He can make the rivers in our life, those things that look fruitful, and turn them into a wilderness, and the water springs in our lives into dry ground. At times, He takes what is fruitful and makes it barren to teach us where we truly are in Him and draw us closer to Him.

Psalm 107:35-37 "He turns the wilderness into water-ponds, and dry ground into water-springs. And He makes the hungry dwell there, so that they may prepare a city to live in; and sow the fields, and plant vineyards, which may yield fruits of increase."

He can take those things that look barren and make them fruitful. Those who hunger for Him, He will make them a dwelling place for Himself. God allows those seasons of wilderness experiences so He can establish us. That we may establish a city for a dwelling place, and sow fields and plant vineyards that they may yield a fruitful harvest. God wants a place for the harvest.

Psalm 107:38-40 “He also blesses them, so that they are multiplied greatly; and does not allow their cattle to become few. Again, they have become few and humbled through harshness, affliction, and sorrow. He pours scorn on nobles, and causes them to wander in the wilderness, where there is no path.”

This is a powerful truth for the tested. God comes to bless the faithful and to multiply them greatly. He does not let their cattle decrease. God keeps those who suffer, and when they are diminishing and brought low through oppression, affliction, and sorrow, the Lord pours out His contempt upon the princes and causes them to wander in the wilderness. He deals with our enemies.

GOD’S HEART AND MISSION

Psalm 107:41-42 “But He raises up the poor from affliction and sets families like a flock. The upright shall see and rejoice; and all iniquity shall stop its mouth. Whoever is wise, and will observe these things, they shall understand the mercies of God.”

When the faithful persevere, fruit is produced, and they are FULFILLED.

The Lord takes care of the poor and removes them from their affliction. He makes them draw towards Him like a flock, and He becomes their covering. The righteous see it and rejoice. The faithful and the righteous, through persistent prayers, can stop iniquities from passing from generation to generation. That which has cursed His people stops because of the goodness of God that has brought them in by His Hand.

We must give heed to what God is speaking to us. If we do, we will understand God’s heart and the mercy He has for His people. God gives us windows of opportunity, and we must take the time to accomplish what He desires.

Prayer Focus

- We must pray as never before for the lost, for the rebellious believers, for the faithful to stand strong in increasing storms, and for those in need all over the world.
- We must pray that we will all see the goodness of God in our times of prayer and worship.

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DAY 46 – PASSIONATE WITH HIM

THE WORD Song of Solomon 2:7; 2 Corinthians 5:14

GLOBAL PRAYER POINT

Pray for pure devotion and healing from false loves that compete with wholehearted allegiance to Christ.

LIVING OUT THE WORD

Invite the Holy Spirit to reveal misplaced expectations and ask Him to fill those areas with His love.

DEVOTIONAL FOCUS

God calls us into passionate devotion—not emotional impulse, but covenant love that produces surrender. Passion directed toward Christ produces life; passion directed toward self becomes lust and bondage.

The love of Christ compels us. To be compelled means to be gripped and constrained by devotion. This love requires death to self so that new life may emerge. False expectations placed on others must be surrendered so Christ alone fills every empty place.

True reconciliation begins when we allow His love to expose resentment, false desires, and misplaced loyalties. His love heals and restores.

DAY 46 - Passionate with Him

Song of **Solomon 2:7** "I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, by the gazelles or by the does of the field, do not stir up nor awaken love until it pleases."

Are we ready for the Love that Jesus has for us? When we awaken Him to this Love, we must be ready to please Him in His way. This kind of love we have not encountered in our relationship with man. It is a love requiring death that produces life; a love that sacrifices all to enter His chambers, not the chambers of men. This love is filled with passion and devotion that makes us faithful to Him to the end.

Are we ready to go deeper into this Love? Not very many want this kind of love from Him, because we want Him to do all the work in the relationship and receive the benefits of His love. But this is our season of growing in our relationship with Him. Now He is asking us to arise. He wants us to begin to be ONE with Him in a passionate love affair.

Let's look at some definitions that will help us understand our prayers for today.

Passionate means an intense emotion of an intimate love; intense, strong emotions; compelled by the strong and intense desire; easily aroused. So, passion is an intense, strong emotion or desire that is easily awakened.

Once we think we are in love with a person, we are awakened to strong emotions that consume our thoughts, time, and decisions. Our lives become focused on that person as we passionately pursue that person with these emotions. Something has awakened in you. Many of us are driven by our fleshly desires, not knowing we are producing lust and not love.

Lust is a strong desire for sex; a strong desire that is passionate (longing, craving) for something.

Is it not very interesting that they share such close meanings?

These words, passion and lust, can be used by our spirit man for God (passion) or by our fleshly man for the world or the enemy (lust). Ask, where are your desires? What births them? Love or lust.

I was provoked by this definition of passionate, which means jealousy. For me, this makes perfect sense because of the Word. Repeatedly, God says to us, He is a jealous God. He is zealous and passionate toward me. He has a strong desire for true and pure intimacy with me. Remember, intimacy is not sex. But when we have never known what true, PURE love is in our lives, we replace it with false love. False love has only caused me emptiness; it has never given me fulfillment. How about you?

We must see Christ's Love! He was driven by this love to die so we can live. Are we ready to PLEASE HIM? We will not be driven to please Him if we are moved by our own hurts and disappointments in life. We really want someone else to die for us again, yet

the pain does not stop. We must be willing to die to the desires of our flesh. We must get the healing we need.

We must admit our own pain and the iniquities (wicked acts or things, sin) in our life that keep us from growing in this love. Our own actions and past iniquities hold us in bondage to ourselves. We must recognize this.

Read from 2 Corinthians 5 the explanation of why Jesus had to die so we may receive our healing, deliverance, and restoration. He understood the love of the Father and what He had to sacrifice to bring forth life.

2 Corinthians 5:14 "For the Love of Christ compels us because we judge thus; that if One died for all, then all died."

His love for us, which motivated Him to die for us is the Love of Christ. It is a compelling love.

Christ died as the substitute for all; He died as the representative for all, and all died in Him.

Compel means to hold together, to grip tightly, to constrain, to confine, or to leave no option.

The love of Christ causes us to be totally dedicated to Him, as He was to the Father. He gave Himself wholly and completely. He was devoted to a task or purpose with single-mindedness and loyalty. This loyalty in your heart now says, "I must die that He may live in me so others may see the new creation and glorify the Father."

He has developed in us, according to His love, a person (woman, man, child) that will PLEASE HIM. We must understand we have been called to the same love of Christ, so others may see this love through the ministry of reconciliation.

Consider the words *reconciliation* and *reconciled*. What do they mean to you?

What are you still dealing with that keeps you from seeing yourself and not Him? Are you operating in lust and not love? Remember, lust is not just about sex; it is any strong desire or longing. How do you expect these desires to be fulfilled by man? Do you have dysfunctional relationships with others because you want them to fulfill your needs and desires, and not God?

Our relationships are dysfunctional because we, and others, do not know the fullness of God's Love. For some, they do not know the love of God at all. We desire and pursue a false love because of our emptiness and lack of the love of Christ. We must passionately cry out to God to fill us with HIS LOVE. This is so important, for without it, we will be stuck and unable to move on to the next place that the Lord has for us.

If the people in your life have not encountered this love, then we will have a false love relationship. It is an inadequate substitute for a truly fulfilling love. Without the same love

of God, the individual can only give you what they have learned growing up. Let the Holy Spirit search your heart. What false expectations do you have of others that cause you to lose focus on Him?

Expectation of a father/mother to see your needs and fill them

Expectation of a husband/wife to see your needs and fill them

Expectation of a brother/sister to see your needs and fill them

Expectation of a friend to see your needs and fill them

Expectation of a pastor/leader to see your needs and fill them

These kinds of false expectations cause us to lose sight of who He is and to fill these areas with false hope rather than the hope, faith, and love that can fill us. We must see that He is telling us,

"DO NOT AWAKEN MY LOVE UNTIL IT IS READY TO PLEASE". How can we please Him when we are expecting someone else to fill those areas that will stay empty until we encounter His love?

Prayer Focus

- Please pray that the Lord will open your heart to the truth and that you will receive it. Don't say, "I'm okay" when you still have resentment. Here are markers of resentment:
 - You don't do well in relationships.
 - You don't know how to control your anger.
 - You still compete and compare yourself with others.
 - You don't know how to cut off those strong emotions.
 - You find yourself in dysfunctional relationships.
 - You find yourself trying to be the hero for everyone (co-dependency)
 - You find your worth in your gifts and expect people to see and appreciate them.
 - You find yourself giving up, not enduring, and breaking the covenant.
 - You indulge in self-pity, saying, "Poor me, why don't they see me, why don't they understand me, why do they treat me that way?"
- Please pray that God will speak to you first. Then, when the timing of the Lord is right, you can share with someone you see who is bound in their heart, about this false love, so they can have freedom by His Love.
- Please pray that you will have a passion for being faithful, loyal, and dedicated to Him, focusing on His Love and not on yourself.

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DAY 47 – CHRIST IS POSITIONING HIS BRIDE IN THE BATTLE

THE WORD Colossians 3:1–3; Ephesians 6:12–13

GLOBAL PRAYER POINT
Pray that believers would mature spiritually, stop battling one another, and stand united in heavenly authority.

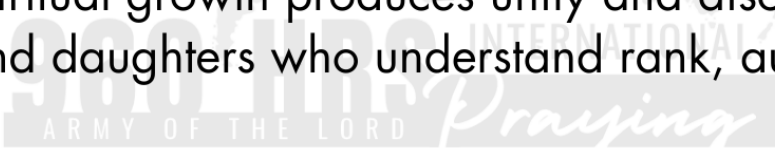
LIVING OUT THE WORD ✓
Choose unity today. Refuse to engage in fleshly conflict and position yourself in prayer, grounded in your identity in Christ.

DEVOTIONAL FOCUS

The Church stands between heaven and earth—seated with Christ in heavenly places while ministering on earth. We are raised with Him and positioned for spiritual warfare.

Our battle is not against flesh and blood but against spiritual powers. To fight effectively, we must stand in our heavenly position and pray with authority from above, not merely from an earthly perspective.

Maturity is required. Carnality produces division and internal conflict, but spiritual growth produces unity and discernment. God is raising sons and daughters who understand rank, authority, and obedience.



DAY 47 - Christ is Positioning His Bride in the Battle

While preparing this study, God gave our church the following books: "Hosting the Presence" by Bill Johnson and "The Prayer Ministry of the Church" by Watchman Nee. The Lord spoke to us, as a ministry, about Abiding in His Presence and the preparation of the Bride, and it is amazing how these books tie in with what we are hearing from God in this hour of prayer. Let's look at a couple of excerpts from these books.

"We all are hearing the heart of God corporately if we are tapped into the river of God.

This picture is quite profound.

The Church is the eternal dwelling place of God, and at this moment in time, it is a building built on the edge of two worlds.

We are dual citizens of both Heaven and Earth.

As such, we are not only those who are to pray for God's Kingdom to come, we are the tools who are often used by God to release that reality into this one.

I'm not sure that we are to always know the magnitude of what we're doing or the impact we are having.

But it's helpful to understand that our obedience always releases His world into this one in a way that is more substantial than we ever thought possible."

Genesis 28:17,19 "And he was afraid and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven...He called the name of that place Bethel...'"

"This is the first mention of the house of God in the Bible. One of the more meaningful principles of Bible interpretation is that the first mention of something in Scripture carries extra weight. It sets a standard for a subject that the rest of Scripture will support and add to. The rather strange part of this example of the house of God is that there is no building there. It's not a tabernacle or tent that is movable, neither is it a temple that is permanent."

"It is God with man on the side of a hill. It's a great picture of reality from God's perspective. It's the house of God. The elements of this story are simple— open Heaven, Father's voice, angels ascending and descending, and the abstract nature of the story that draws me to it. I'm not sure, but I know there is a promise of something so significant here that it will take a very special generation to draw it out completely." (Hosting the Presence: Unveiling Heaven's Agenda by Bill Johnson)

I truly believe there is a promise here so significant that it will take a very special generation to draw it out completely. I also believe it is this generation that will be released to hear the voice of God and know the mysteries of His heart. We are being raised up with Him to reach the top of heaven, through dreams, visions, and the prophetic voice of God.

What does it mean to be raised up?

Colossians 3:1-3 “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”

Ephesians 2:6 “And raised us up together and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.”

Since we have risen with Christ, we benefit from His resurrection by virtue of our union and communion with Him, being justified, sanctified, and glorified. This privilege implies that we must seek to be like Him, with our minds on His kingdom rather than on the concerns of the world. “We must make heaven our scope and aim, seek the favor of God above, keep up our communion with the heavens by faith, and hope, and holy love, and make it our constant care and business to secure our title to and qualifications for the heavenly bliss. And the reason is that Christ sits at the right hand of God.” (The Prayer Ministry of the Church by Watchmen Nee)

The word raise means to cause or help to rise to a standing position; awaken, arouse, stir up; to lift; to place higher in rank or dignity; elevate; to bring to maturity; ascending to higher levels, values, or degrees.

Ascension is defined as rising to an important position or to a higher level.

I like the definition of raise, because it describes what God is doing now. He has awakened and roused us to be stirred up in our spirits to go to a higher position in the Kingdom of God, by growing and maturing us for His upward calling. Now we must prepare for battle, understanding our position.

Ephesians 6:12-13 “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.”

Where does He want us to stand? We spend so much of our time and energy battling each other instead of effectively battling the true enemies. We must make our warfare spiritual and stand in the heavenlies with the Lord of Hosts.

Ephesians 6:18-19 “praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel.”

This is the prayer of spiritual warfare. This kind is different from the ordinary kind. That kind of praying is from earth to heaven, but we must stand in the heavenly realm and pray from heaven down to earth. Authoritative prayer begins in heaven and ends on

earth. For too long we have prayed upward, asking God to supply our needs... But in this hour, we must learn to pray with authority, praying downward.

What is praying downward? It is standing in the heavenly position Christ has given us and using His authority to resist all the works of satan by commanding that which God has commanded must be done. Please study the book of Ephesians. **Chapter 1** shows us our position in Christ; **chapter 2** explains the position of the Church in Christ; and chapter 6 authorizes the Church to stand and walk in her position in Christ. God is looking for His sons and daughters to stand and rule with Him in His kingdom.

Please read **1 Chronicles 12**.

This passage teaches us a lot about standing in a position of authority when it is time to go to battle. Through his many years of testing and trials, mostly at the hands of Saul, David was transformed from a youth to a mature leader who knew how to rule and reign in the right position. David is put in a unique position as a leader; he receives the mighty men and helpers of war who had left Saul's army to join him in battle. David represents Christ in his action of battling the enemy. Those who were once enemies are now coming to join Him to fight David's enemy. David tells those who are coming to battle,

"If you have come peaceably to me to help me, my heart will be united with you; but if to betray me to my enemies, since there is no wrong in my hands, may the God of our fathers look and bring judgment."

As a leader who knew who He was and who He was in His position. He was called to be king of all Israel, which meant reconciling with his former enemies. His focus was to establish the kingdom of God.

Those who were to rule and reign with David in battle and in the kingdom understood their position and rank. They were skilled, and they kept rank (position).

1 Chronicles 12:38 "All these men of war, who could keep ranks, came to Hebron with a loyal heart, to make David king over all Israel; and all the rest of Israel were of one mind to make David (JESUS) King."

Jesus Christ has positioned us to stand together with Him in the heavenly places and to have one heart and mind to conquer for His Kingdom.

David had an open heaven of favor on his life to fulfill the heart of God. He was skilled and mature as a leader, establishing the kingdom as God released the army into his hands. As he built his kingdom, his godly character influenced the character, development, and behavior of those around him.

Today, the Lord is doing the same as He is teaching us His way in this great battle.

We must carry the presence of God in our lives as He matures us as children of God.

Please read **Romans 8:7-14**.

There is a battle between the flesh and the Spirit, and if we do not conquer our flesh, it will cause us to position ourselves to fight each other rather than our real enemy.

God is raising up mature sons and daughters who have the character of the Father, who are led by the Holy Spirit. We are to come into rulership with Him, exercising dominion over our own bodies and over this earth (just as we were told to in the Garden of Eden). As we do this, we must position ourselves in the heavenly places for battle, understanding who we are in Christ Jesus.

We are so wounded and hurt from the influences of our enemies: our flesh, the world, and the devil. They keep us from moving forward because we are not mature (skilled) enough to hear the voice of God over the cries of our flesh.

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 “And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?”

Mere means small or being nothing more than one who has no power or rule in the kingdom of God. We are more than mere men in Christ Jesus; we are sons and daughters who rule and reign with Him in the heavenly places. He wants us to be mature and skilled for the upcoming battle. We cannot let our fleshly carnal nature produce discord, division, and strife among us. We will be fighting the wrong enemy. We are not each other's enemies; we are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Prayer Focus

- Please pray that we will be mature and eat the solid food of the Word of God, so we will be able to discern good and evil.
- Please pray that we will stop battling each other and battle our true enemies.
- Please pray for God to show you the areas of your heart that are immature and that are still battling with others. Repent and ask God to cleanse you of these things.
- Please pray that we will pray authoritative prayers from the Father's heart.

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DAY 48 – CONQUERING TO CONQUER

THE WORD Romans 8:37 Revelation 12:11; Matthew 6:9–10

GLOBAL PRAYER POINT

Pray for the Body of Christ to overcome flesh, worldliness, and deception through intimacy and obedience.

LIVING OUT THE WORD ✓

Enter the secret place today. Pray the Lord's Prayer slowly, aligning your will with His.

DEVOTIONAL FOCUS

We overcome by the blood of the Lamb, the word of our testimony, and by not loving our lives unto death. To conquer requires daily dying—to self, to pride, to fear.

Christ returns as the Faithful and True One, riding in righteousness. We must remain in the secret place, seeking His Kingdom first and praying according to His will.

Authority in prayer flows from intimacy. When we forgive, humble ourselves, and align with the Father's will, we close doors to the enemy and walk in victory.

DAY 48 - Conquering to Conquer

Yesterday, we saw that on the battlefield, we must position ourselves as warriors to know who our enemy is and how to use the weapons God has given us. If we do not know these things, we will kill each other and not the true enemy behind the scenes.

A warrior is a person who engages in warfare and is experienced in it, understanding military struggles with enemies. Our enemies come to separate us from each other and God. We are called into oneness with God to see the kingdom advance and to conquer the territory our enemies have taken from us.

Please read **Romans 8:35 - 39**. There is great encouragement for us in these verses.

First, He reassures us that NOTHING can separate us from His love! Then He tells us that for His sake we will be killed all day long. Paul often spoke of dying for the sake of Christ.

In **1 Corinthians 15:31**, he says, "I die daily".

2 Corinthians 4:11 "For we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus' sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh."

When we daily say no to our fleshly lusts, when we forsake the lure of the world, our old nature is dying, and our new nature shines forth in Christ to God and all who are around us.

Why can we talk about dying daily with such joy? When we encounter God's love, it is worth a thousand deaths. We can surely say, in His love, we are more than conquerors! More than conquerors means we are victorious beyond the norm, having achieved more than an ordinary victory. We have obviously overpowered our enemies in achieving an abundant victory. Christ's love makes us more than conquerors who will win abundantly.

Revelation 2:7 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes..."

In **chapters 2 and 3 of Revelation**, we find messages given to the seven churches in Asia Minor that are so applicable to us today. These messages are full of instructions to prepare us for Christ's return, encouraging us to allow Him to lead us to deeper spiritual maturity, stronger faith, and a higher level of obedience. We encourage you to study these messages in depth on your own, to be encouraged by the exhortations, challenged by the rebukes, and strengthened by the promised rewards given to us when we overcome.

Revelation 12: 11 "And they overcame him (the enemy) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

In these last days, there will be many challenges for the people of God, but He promises us we will overcome if we are washed in His blood, if we have and share our living testimony of how Jesus has changed our lives, and when we demonstrate that we are willing to die for His sake.

Jesus is the One coming to lead us in this great battle, and He is victorious!

Revelation 19:11 - "Now I saw heaven opened and He who sat on the white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war."

Jesus is returning seated on a white horse. When a leader was on a white horse, it meant He was coming to conquer. If he were coming in peace, he would be on a donkey. Jesus came to earth the first time to bring peace, so He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey, but now He is coming to conquer, so He will be riding a white horse.

A white horse also stands for purity, and the One sitting on the white horse is the standard of a pure heart. We cannot overcome if we do not look to that standard in pure obedience to the One riding the white horse. The Lord stands with a sword in His hand. He has spoken of His sword before, yet there is a season of preparation that must precede battle. When hearts are purified and prepared, He entrusts His sword to those who are ready—those whose hearts are open before Him. He reveals whom He will entrust with this responsibility.

The instruction is clear: do not fix your eyes on the darkness. Remain focused on Him alone. Follow His judgments and His statutes.

Stay close to His sword and to Him. Carry the sword, and He Himself will fight the battle. He waves His sword over His people. He moves and turns what surrounds them. He cuts through the darkness in every way. In His appointed hour, He acts.

Arise—He places the sword in the hand of those He has prepared. It is described as a silver sword with a tip of pure gold. The gold tip brings fire and pierces the darkness in the hearts of His people. He cuts away the darkness. Those entrusted with the sword are chosen and commissioned for His purposes.

It must never be used for personal glory. The Lord refines through fire before He releases authority. The sword is given to cut through the darkness in the hearts of His people.

Hear His heart in His Word.

Ezekiel 21:28 "A sword, a sword is drawn, polished for slaughter for consuming, for flashing (shine in bright). The Lord has pulled out His sword and is ready to battle our enemies with a great slaughter as He brings forth the great Light of His coming.

Isaiah 34:5 "For My sword shall be bathed in heaven." A great battle has come and we must be ready.

We are in a season of preparation as an army, so we must start praying all kinds of prayers. **Ephesians 6:18** “praying always with all prayer & supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.”

We have been called by God participate with Him in battle; we must know that He wants to teach us His way of praying for this battle.

Matthew 6:5-8 “And when you pray you shall no shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. Therefore, do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him.”

Many times, we think it is what we do and say that moves the heart of God. But we must know it is not our many words or emotions. He just wants us to seek Him in the secret place.

Matthew 6:33-34 “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.” He wants us to stay focused on Him alone and trust Him.

Please read the Lord’s Prayer with a new perspective in **Luke 11:1-5**.

This prayer shows us to trust totally in Him and not in people, circumstances, or situations. The Father already knows what we need. He has us focused on Him. This prayer is to take us into the secret place of His presence. We must hear His voice in the dwelling place of God and pray in the manner He desires. Jesus, the chief Commander of the Lord of hosts, knows how we should pray.

Let’s go back to the Lord’s Prayer in **Matthew 6:9-13**.

“In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your Kingdom comes. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts (sins), as we forgive our debtors. And to not lead us into temptation but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

Jesus starts this prayer with "Our Father", showing us that we can share in the intimacy He has with our Heavenly Father; we, too, are His sons and daughters. When we understand who we are in Him, we have access to Him and can boldly approach His throne, assured of the pureness of His love and His commitment to us and our prayers. In this time of intimacy, He will share His heart with us, and we will respond out of love for Him to pray that His heart be fulfilled in our lives.

We are asking Him to let His will be done, not ours. When He does it His way and not our way, we must accept what He has placed before us in this season. Remember, we are in a battle, and we must do it His way. The Lord will manifest Himself to us in special ways that we may not understand. He has mysteries in heaven we have not yet tapped into as a Body of Christ. Daily, we must stay in our Word and eat from it, so we can be nourished and anchored in His voice that He speaks to us through His Word.

Revelation 3:20 “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.”

We must position ourselves in the banquet room so we can eat from His table and not the table of the enemy. Please do not be deceived, satan is crafty and a liar in all his ways. To have bold access to the throne room, our hearts must be pure and cleansed. We must forgive one another, for it is the heart of Our Father for us to walk in the complete love He has given us.

When we forgive others, the Father releases a grace over us when we walk in humility and not pride. We know our Father is merciful and forgiving toward us in our weakness, so we should have the same heart. If we ask, He will help us to forgive those who have hurt and wounded us, or who have spoken harshly and sinned against us. We must ask the Father to cover us in His love and keep us from temptation that will cause us to come against Him and our brethren. This will also keep us from the evil one who will try to come in through a gap within us.

Our hearts must be right and pure before the Lord.

We must pray and give Him honor for who He is in all His authority and dominion in the kingdom and the power He has over all principalities and powers.

May the Glory be totally given to Him.

Prayer Focus

- Please pray for the body of Christ to overcome our enemies: our flesh, the world, and the lies of satan.
- Please pray we will all come to the secret place daily to be with the Lord, to dine on His Word, and hear from His heart.
- Please pray that we will allow the Lord to prepare us for the upcoming battles, and keep each other encouraged in the process.

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DAY 49 – DEVOTED TO BE ONE WITH THE LORD JESUS

THE WORD 2 Kings 2:2; John 17:21; Acts 1:8

GLOBAL PRAYER POINT

Pray for devotion, unity, and steadfast loyalty to Christ and to the Body of believers.

LIVING OUT THE WORD

Commit afresh to follow Christ faithfully, resisting distraction and division.

DEVOTIONAL FOCUS

Elisha's devotion to Elijah models covenant loyalty and perseverance. He refused to leave his mentor's side, demonstrating unwavering commitment. Likewise, Christ calls us into devotion that does not waver under testing.

To be devoted is to remain loyal and steadfast. The mantle of authority rests on those who follow faithfully and focus on God rather than man. Unity with Christ and with one another prepares us to carry out His work.

Jesus prayed that we would be one as He and the Father are one. Oneness strengthens witness and prepares us to continue His mission until He returns.

DAY 49 - Devoted to be One with the Lord Jesus

What spirit do we want to fall on us?

Please read **2 Kings 2:2-14**

As we study this passage of scripture, we see that Elijah was preparing to go home with the Lord. We also see that Elisha and all the prophets knew it. During Elijah's time as a prophet, he was responsible for delivering God's message to the people. He was a shadow of the coming King. Just as Jesus came with the Gospel, His Message, He had to test His disciples before He left to see if they would follow Him on the journey. Would they follow Him to the end, until they could not go any further? Jesus told His disciples that He had to go (**John 14:28**), but they were to wait and remain.

Acts 1:4-8 "And being assembled together with [them], He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, which, He said, you have heard from Me; for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now... for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

We must follow Jesus until we can go no further. His Holy Spirit is ready to fall on us with power and authority if we will follow Him to the end. We must be servants, remaining faithful and enduring to the end, just like Elisha, who was determined and devoted to follow his mentor and teacher, whom he even called father.

Are we equally committed to following Jesus, no matter what is set before us? On our journey, God will ask us the same question and will test our hearts to see if we will walk with Him.

Will we be like Elisha and say to the Lord, "As the Lord lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" Just as Elisha, we can follow Him to the next place, no matter where He leads, if we are together. This is devotion and determination before the Lord, to stay with HIM, because we are ONE.

The word devoted means very loving, filled with love and loyalty, and giving and showing firm, constant support and allegiance to someone.

The word allegiance means loyalty and commitment, dedicated to the cause.

Determination is the firmness of purpose, the resolution in decisions.

As Elisha made a resolution in his heart, God is calling us to do the same thing. Now, when God sees our hearts in a similar position, prepared for a covenant with Him, we can be assured He will ask us the same question Elijah asked Elisha, "What may I do for You?"

Elisha was simply a faithful servant, yet he was now to be Elijah's successor. The responsibility would fall upon him to carry through the work God required on Israel's behalf. We must understand the Lord wants us to continue His work, given to us as we bear His mantle on earth as sons and daughters, standing in His place as an intercessor, and to do so until He returns.

Will our response be selfish? Will we, by asking for the double portion of God's Spirit to be upon us, nurse our own selfishness in seeking approval? Will we ask so people will call us anointed? Will we seek recognition from our spouses, children, churches, or require them to change for our comfort, or so we can become famous and wealthy from God's anointing?

This anointing does not belong to a man. Elijah's response to Elisha was, "You have asked a hard thing." But Elijah knew that God's heart had chosen Elisha, and that with God all things were possible. Therefore, while Elijah could not promise Elisha his request, he said, "Nevertheless, if you see me when I am taken from you, it shall be so for you; but if not, it shall not be so."

He was instructing Elisha to remain focused on the Lord and watch for His choice, whether Elijah would be taken up in Elisha's presence, indicating the LORD's favor in allowing Elisha to witness the event, or not, in which case the favor was not given. Just as the disciples waited in the upper room and had no control over the coming of the Holy Spirit, neither Elijah nor Elisha controlled the favor and presence of God.

We must focus on God and not on a man. Man cannot give us anything God has not chosen to give us, and man cannot take away anything God has chosen to give us. God will have us be loyal to our leaders, mentors, teachers, or pastors, but He will not let us think of them as God. We must stay focused on what God is doing and wait to receive instructions from His Holy Spirit in every situation.

When we are focused and determined like Elisha, we will see amazing things from God.

2 Kings 2:12-13 "And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, 'My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen. 'So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces. He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him and returned, standing by the bank of the Jordan.

Elisha saw that Elijah was taken away, and He mourned for the one he loved, the one to whom he was devoted and committed in covenant. Elisha positioned himself for the mantle, the symbol of spiritual authority that had been given.

The Lord longs for a relationship like this, where we can walk closely with Him in His authority. He is standing with us as we walk out this level of faith. Right now, we must walk in the same level of faith Jesus had when He was on the earth. Here is Elisha using the mantle and saying, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah?"

2 Kings 2:14 “Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, ‘Where is the LORD God of Elijah?’ And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over.”

We should be asking as we wear the mantle of Jesus, "Where is the Father God of Jesus?" We must have the same authority that was given to our Lord by the Father, so we can follow Him and finish what He started before He ascended.

Hear the heart of Jesus in this prayer. He prayed to His Father in **John 17:1-4,11, 21** “Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work, which You have given Me to do. And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory, which I had with You before the world was...

Now I am no longer in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father, keep through Your name those whom You have given Me, that they may be one as We are...

That they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me.

I pray with all my heart that you hear the voice of God. He is calling us into ONENESS as we commit to follow Him. Will we make a commitment, a resolution, which will enter us into a covenant with Christ for eternity?

We must be focused on Him, not distracted by other issues or listening to other voices. We must hear only ONE voice, and that is the voice of Christ Jesus. Be glad, He has given us men and women of God who will keep us focused on Him.

Please read **Ephesians 4:11-16**.

This scripture tells us leaders are called to help us in our relationship with the Lord, to grow and mature in all His ways.

We must wisely recognize the things that cause us to separate from one another; we must resist division. The Lord is calling believers to ONENESS in this season. We must be ONE with Him and with one another.

Prayer Focus

- Please pray that we will be devoted to following Jesus, no matter what the future holds for us on Earth, because we are secured in eternity with Christ.
- Please pray that we will be committed to following the leaders God chosen.
- Please pray that we will be ONE, as Christ and His Father are One.