

Prayer School! **Part 2: "Holy Spirit Praying!"**

Never in modern history has it been so important to be connected to God thru "prayer..." Never before has it been so important to be connected to the world thru "prayer..." Thru "connection" we release a flood of God's power onto our world and it draws all men to Him!

"Chuy's" Story...

Currently in an ICE detention center! Flagged at the border for 2005, pre-salvation, DUI... Did his time, paid his fines, case closed... We have his FBI check on file! Gets saved, becomes productive husband, father, businessman, member of Vida, servant of God... Held for more than a month/jail...

More than 200 men have been saved... "I am not ashamed of the gospel..." **R1.16** Four of them have been guards... **A16.30** One of them a Muslim who saw the power of God flow from Chuy... **A8.19** "Teach me how to pray like you prayed!" "Why would God want him out?"

Has he been afraid? Does he miss his wife/family/friends? Does he know it's been hard on them?

To his kids, "You depend on the Lord, not on me nor your mother, you belong to Him and God will provide everything you have need of, He promised..." To his wife... "Honey, I love you and miss you and the kids but do not worry about me, do not worry about what or how you will make it, God will provide, and when the Lord is done with me here, I will return. Until then, continue to serve Him just as if I was there with you, lead the prayer group, help in the bus ministry, pray and minister to the people around you... and tell all my brothers and sisters in the Lord to be strong and have courage, to make their days count for the Kingdom of Heaven, people are lost and they need a Savior, you have the answers and you know the Savior."

Has he found new levels and experiences of faith? Healing, favor, fullness of joy/glory! Has he modeled the faith-life for us? **Esther 4.14** Has his temporary suffering been worth the eternal rewards?

The power to sustain him and keep him on track has come directly from his connection to God connecting him to his world! And every one of us needs the same connection to God thru prayer for our troubled worlds!

Troubled World... Co-pilot of the Germanwings Flight... Two Illinois brothers arrested: "The State has been established and it is our duty to heed the call." 22 military; "content to fight and die here in the cause of Allah whenever the target is set and the order is given..." Three brothers; fight over food... 12 yr old shoots brothers, then himself. The Israel/Iran/Iraq conflict... CO decision, no murder charge...

Just one days newsfeed! How do you relate to that outside a connection with God?

Prayer School... Before we could talk about praying... Had to put a filter in place for *all prayer*... A filter of intimacy with "Our Father!" *Intimacy* changes all forms of prayer! Don't have to beg our "Abba" for help... Don't have to approach Him at special times and places, in special ways... Have assurance that we are heard and that He is moving on our behalf!

Before we can talk about different forms of prayer... Have to talk thru *Holy Spirit prayer*...

"The Spirit Himself helps us in our feeble abilities because we don't know what and how we should pray, but He makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered... and He that searches the hearts knows the mind of the Spirit because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God!"

Romans 8.26

The Holy Spirit is the fountain of all focused, good and answerable prayer!

Our Inabilities/Our Need of Him... Very important prayer phrase... "He helps us because we don't know..."

We don't know the future! So we could be praying in the dark; asking for things now that have no bearing on the future! ***We really don't know what's good for us!*** Almost impossible for us to know what is expedient for us in light of God's plan! *So we pray in the Spirit!*

In the Spirit - Asides... "He that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not to men but to God for no man understands him but to God he speaks mysteries!" **1Cor 14.2** Not describing the "ministry gift!" **1Cor12** Tongues/interp does speak to men! **v6** Xenoglossalia speaks to men! **Acts 2.4-12** "And they were confounded because every man heard them speak in their own language!"

"He that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks not to men but to God for no man understands him but to God he speaks mysteries!" **1Cor 14.2** "He that speaks in an unknown tongue, *edifies* himself..." **v4** "Speak in tongues, but in the church prophesy, for the *edification* of all..." **v5** "So, I will pray/sing in the Spirit and with understanding..." **v15**

Couple **Romans 8** "For we know not how to pray as we should, but the Spirit knows..." with **1Cor 14** "He that speaks in an unknown tongue speaks mysteries with God..." **And you get a sense of significance of the power of spiritual language...And the wisdom of beginning with Spirit prayer before you (or so you can) pray with understanding!**

Last Week... Many people came forward for the Baptism of the Holy Spirit... **Acts 2.38,39** With the promise of speaking in tongues available to "all who believe!" **Acts 8.16, 17 19.2-6** *And all who asked, received!* **Luke 11.13** **But not all spoke with tongues...** Not unusual! Some frustrated/some pained/some wondering...

The Challengers... Misperception! Didn't understand; "they spoke" w/other tongues... **A2.6 10.46** Sometimes waiting to be overshadowed... But "we" do the speaking! Not the Spirit! **Over-processing!** Felt something rising but tried to handle it in the mind! "My spirit prays but my understanding is unfruitful!" **1Cor14.14** Means mind can't "handle" or interpret... Can only shut it down! **1Cor 14.32 Fear!** What if it's fake? Me? "What father, in place of food, will give a child a snake, stone or scorpion? If you, being evil know how to give good gifts, how much more will your Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask? **Lk 11.13** Not fake/counterfeit! "What if I just made it up?" Discern, and stop if you are... **Limitation!** Not just a one time experience... Not just a one line experience... "I thank God that I pray more than you all..." **1Cor 14.18** "But you beloved build up yourselves on your most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit!" **Jude 20**

Language – w/all the components... "speaking" mysteries/downloading strategies with God!

We will never be properly connected to our Father or our broken world without the Holy Spirit!

What He does...

Assures our salvation... **all doubt gone!** **2Cor 1.22 5.5 Eph 1.14 Rom 8.15,16**

Makes us bold... **all fear is gone!** **A2.14 cp A1.14/Mk16.14/J20.19**

Equips us with His gifts... **power assured!** **1Cor 12.4-11**

Tells us things we need to know about Jesus/kingdom/world... **ignorance dispelled!** **J14/16**

Helps us to connect and pray like we should... **with wisdom from above!** **Romans 8/1Cor 14/James 3.17**

EVERYTHING THE HOLY SPIRIT DOES AND BRINGS TO THE TABLE HAS AN AFFECT ON THE WAY WE PRAY!