

Prayer School Series! Part 8: "When Prayers Go Bust!"

Finalizing a "School of Prayer" series... Connecting with God, *hearing* and *obeying* His voice, is the most important thing in our lives! Connection is what took Jesus where He went... and we will go nowhere without it! Prayer is knowing the mind of God for our lives and for this world!

Our world... *Needing to be saved!* Harvest card praying already beginning to bear fruit! Today is the day we fill out the cards again! [Blue!] ***Turning a corner! Bruce Jenner's debacle...*** Surgery does not change DNA ladder! His desire does not change God's mind! **"Why do the unsaved gather together and rage and the people imagine vain things... saying let us break away?" Ps2** Opening the door to a "cisgender" society "I am only what I agree I am!" And a "transabled" segment: "I will disable myself according to what I think about myself..." **Muslim case against Abercrombie/Fitch...** Lead attorney: "If they don't want to hire someone because they don't want to deal with a change in their policy, they will be liable for that." "If you don't give up your way for ours..."

So here we are connecting with God to rightly connect to our world with the power to influence situations as they arise!

Elements of Successful Prayer... *Intimacy with God OUR Father!* Lk 11.2 No one is going to have long term power or prayer effectiveness without it! ***Connection by the Holy Spirit!*** Lk11.13 He knows the mind and heart of God! And asking, seeking and knocking until established if the connection gets fuzzy! ***Conferecing with God until we get an answer/attain end goal!*** 1Tim2.1 Is59 The heart of intercession/ intervention! ***Engaging as many people as necessary to meet a need, crisis!*** Mt 18.18,19 Passions must be engaged by pray-ers... *must be praying from the heart!* X3.7-10 ***Must be willing to labor until the work is done!*** Nehemiah

See the trouble, carry the burden, conference with God, ask for the help, bring what you have, meet the resistance head on and "don't quit til the day is done!"

But what about when "BOOM" goes "BUST" and we don't get an answer?

Prayer School... Asking amiss! *"Ask in faith without doubting* because the one that doubts is a person driven and tossed around. Don't let that one think he's going to receive anything from the Lord." **Jam 1.6-7** "You do not have, because you ask not God. When you ask, you do not receive, ***because you ask with wrong motives***, that you may spend what you get on your lusts (hedones/hedonism)." **Jam 4.2,3** ***"Without faith*** it is impossible to please God for he that comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him!" **Heb 11.6** "Faith, hope and love live on... but if I can move mountains with faith and don't have love, it's all in vain!" **1Cor 13** Many times people pray "in hope" but it's *by faith* that we receive! ***Praying against someone's will!*** "As they did not want to acknowledge God in their knowledge, He gave them over to their desires..." **Rom 1.28** "My people would not listen to Me and wanted none of Me so I gave them up to their own hearts lusts and they walked in their own counsels. Oh that they would have listened to Me... I would have delivered and cared for them! **Ps81.11ff**

Sometimes when we don't get answers, see the power to change things, it's because God is at work on someone's heart/will! And if He can't change them, we can't change them, and see the desire of our hearts!

Asides... (Application of the larger body of truth form the series) When Alexis approached me... had no idea how hard it was going to hit! She was the third person... in as many days, who God was using to get to me! **Had been "seeing" the coming break down for months! Carrying the burden of next steps! Conferencing with God!** Now that it was here, mourning, praying, saddened... needing next steps...

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protection (prayer)... Remembering that only God can pave the way for the good work! **If we can all see the good work... then we will experience the “more than enough/too much... for the work!**

Exodus 35.4,21 “This is the thing the Lord has said, ‘take an offering unto the Lord from whoever is of a willing heart... and all the people left... and they came back, every one whose heart stirred him up and whose spirit was willing and they brought the Lord's offering for the work of the tabernacle of the congregation...”

Exodus 36.3,21 “And they received all the offering which they had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it, and the people brought free will offerings every morning... and the workers worked... and they said to Moses, ‘the people have brought more than enough for the work the Lord has commanded,’ and Moses said, ‘Let no one work any more for the offering of the sanctuary and the people were restrained from bringing any more...”

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He has given us the ministry of reconciliation, and has committed to us the word of reconciliation. 2Cor5.17-20

And we cannot do what we've been called to do without... A strong connection with God... A people connected in heart... A place to serve the saved!