

Weekly Prayer Strategy

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This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Paul Nyamuda entitled, The Biblical Basis for Ministering Freedom (Continued).

2. Ministering personal freedom is God's heart for you and central to the ministry of Jesus

Your freedom is a priority for Christ and very central to His mission

Luke 4:16-21

And He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up; and as was His custom, He entered the synagogue on the Sabbath, and stood up to read. [17](#)And the book of the prophet Isaiah was handed to Him. And He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

[18](#)“THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE ANOINTED ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED, [19](#)TO PROCLAIM THE FAVORABLE YEAR OF THE LORD.”

[20](#)And He closed the book, gave it back to the attendant and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on Him. [21](#)And He began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

God wants to exchange your ashes for beauty – Is 61:3. Life is not fixed. Things can change. Do you believe that.

Prayer Point 1

- **Pray that God reveals to you His heart for your freedom.**
- **Thank God that Jesus was anointed for your deliverance and freedom.**
- **Thank God that this ministry is central to Jesus' mission.**

3. Jesus has already paid for your freedom

He has paid for your sanctification and freedom from bondage.

1 Cor 1: 30

But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,

Titus 2:14

who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.

1 Corinthians 6:20

For you have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.

The nature of demonic bondage and mental strongholds is that they hinder the process of glorifying God in your body.

Prayer Point 2

- **Pray that God shows you areas in your life that are not giving glory to God through your body.**
- **Thank God that He bought you for a price and that you are now His possession. Meditate on the fact that He protects His possession. Meditate on the fact that you belong to Him.**
- **Pray that the church may increase in the revelation that we belong to Him.**

4. The only darkness that has power over us is the darkness we allow in.

This is often through lies and wrong views about God.

We can allow darkness to enter our space knowingly or unknowingly.

Ephesians 4:26-28

²⁶“In your anger do not sin”[Ⓜ]; Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold.

The word foothold or place is *topos* which speaks of a marked out geographical territory. We have territories in our lives.

Demons, as a result of the foothold, gain the ability to pressure you to sin in various ways. If you yield to this pressure, footholds are maintained or strengthened—and new footholds may also be developed.

Some examples of likely spiritual footholds:

- Depression.

- Anxiety.
- Bitterness.
- Persistent "hallucinations."
- Addictions (Drugs, pornography, gambling etc.).¹
- Inability to stop thinking about people you don't like.
- Inability to stop worrying.
- Inability to control violent urges.

Eph 6:13

Therefore, take up the full armour of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Prayer Point 3

- **Pray for strength to take back lost territory from the enemy.**
- **Name specific areas where the ground has been lost in your life and in the church. Begin to invite the Lordship of Christ into those areas.**

5. There are consequences to remaining in bondage

We need to maximize on the flow of our ministry and potential. In this series we will identify what's preventing the absolute working of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

Take back ground post salvation that you had previously given over.

Eccl 10:8

He who digs a pit will fall into it, and a serpent will bite him who breaks through a wall.

Identify what is giving the enemy authority to remain operating in your life. What walls of protection are you breaking through?

Prayer Point 4

- **Thank God for His wall of protection over your life.**
- **Pray that He shows you where you might have dug a pit or where you might have stuck your hand through a wall of protection.**

6. The enemy is crafty and ignorance is not bliss.

The enemy is the father of lies and his main strategy to keep Christians in bondage is to have them believe his lies. In ministering freedom we replace lies with truth. Truth about God's heart and nature. Truth about ourselves and truth about others and how the world works.

Isaiah 6:10

“Render the hearts of this people insensitive, Their ears dull, And their eyes dim,

Otherwise they might see with their eyes, Hear with their ears, Understand with their hearts, And return and be healed.”

Understanding with the heart helps the healing process.

John 8:31-32

So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; 32and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free

2 Cor 2:10-11

If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And if I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven it in the presence of Christ for your sake, 11in order that Satan should not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

Isaiah 5:13 KJV

Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.

NIV

Therefore my people will go into exile for lack of understanding; those of high rank will die of hunger and the common people will be parched with thirst.

Matthew 17:18-20

Then Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed from that moment. 19Afterward the disciples came to Jesus privately and asked, “Why couldn’t we drive it out?” 20“Because you have so little faith.” He answered. “For truly I tell you, if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there,’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”...

We need to understand why we don't get breakthrough at times. From there we need to build our knowledge around this area of ministering freedom to ourselves and others, hence this series.

Prayer Point 5

- **Pray that God imparts revelation and knowledge to His people in the areas where they are lacking breakthrough.**
- **Pray that a passion for truth replaces lies in your life and in God's people.**
- **Pray that we remain in the Word.**
- **Pray a strong prayer to renounce counterfeit sources of freedom.**
- **Pray that we begin to see the counterfeits for what they are. Let all counterfeits be exposed.**
- **Pray that more believers would run to Jesus as the Prince of Peace who is the true source of freedom.**

7. Many Christians are pursuing counterfeit sources of freedom

If we are to experience lasting change, Christ must be the source of freedom

John 8:36

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

What are the counterfeit sources of "freedom" in your life?

8. Freedom from bondage is a sign of the Kingdom

Luke 11:20

²⁰ **But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.**

9. God has given us the ability to close doors that allow darkness to enter.

Footholds can allow spiritual pollution to enter. God wants to close the open gates in our spiritual hedge.

There is a covering and a hedge that God has placed around us but if broken we are exposed to demonic interference. It's important to know how to maintain this hedge.

Please note these signs will follow believers not just pastors.

Mark 16:17 - 18

And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues;they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well.

Job 1:9-11

Then Satan answered the LORD, "Does Job fear God for nothing? 10"Have You not made a hedge about him and his house and all that he has, on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11"But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face."...

Job 2:4-10

Satan answered the LORD and said, "Skin for skin! Yes, all that a man has he will give for his life. 5"However, put forth Your hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh; he will curse You to Your face." 6So the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, he is in your power, only spare his life." 7Then Satan went out from the presence of the LORD and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. 8And he took a potsherd to scrape himself while he was sitting among the ashes. 9Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die!" 10But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

Bad things can happen to good people. When this occurs, the enemy wants us to sin with our mouths in order for us to be ensnared by our own words.

2 Cor 10:4-5

The weapons of our warfare are not the weapons of the world. Instead, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5We tear down arguments, and every presumption set up against the knowledge of God; and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

You don't have to stay in bondage. God wants you free.

Prayer Point 6

- **Pray that you grow in boldness to cast our demons.**
- **Pray that you grow in your understanding of the signs of the kingdom, one of which is freedom.**
- **Pray that we all grow in hating evil and loving good. May bondage no longer be the norm.**