

Weekly Prayer Strategy

4 Mar – 9 Mar

This week's prayer strategy is based on the sermon by Paul Nyamuda entitled:

Proclaiming Christ Pt I

Prayer Point 1

Gal 1:6-8

⁶ I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel — ⁷ which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ.

⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse!

- Pray that we would a Church that preaches Christ and Christ only and will not turn to a different gospel.

Prayer Point 2

Pray that the following mind shifts will take place in our Church as we proclaim Christ in Centurion:

Shift in citizenship

Phil 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

- Pray for a revelation of the full benefits of our heavenly citizenship and wisdom to know how to activate the blessings of that citizenship.
- Pray that we would be a Church that is relevant in community and society.

Shift in assignment

Acts 16:6-7

Paul and his companions travelled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. When they came to the border of Mysia, they tried to enter Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not allow them to.

- Pray that we would be a Church that is very clear regarding the specific place and people we are called to and that operates within the spiritual jurisdiction that God has called us to.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you answer these questions (as this will help you understand to whom you been called to proclaim Christ?
 - How are you wired?
 - For what do people ask you for advice?
 - What complements do you receive most?
 - What comes to you easily without much training? (Listening, baking, hospitality etc)
 - What can you get up and do at 2am without complaining?
 - What do you get so absorbed doing that you lose track of time?
 - What can you do that requires minimal effort but the results are phenomenal? (getting revelation from the word, writing, developing card games etc).

Shift in Association

Acts 16:13-15

On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. When she and the members of her household were baptized, she invited us to her home. "If you consider me a believer in the Lord," she said, "come and stay at my house." And she persuaded us.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you which relationships to initiate, nurture, rebuild, redefine or terminate. (Truthfully answer these questions and make the necessary changes: Are you spending a few hours with people you should only be spending a few minutes with? Are you spending a few minutes with people you should actually be spending a few hours with?)

Shift in what you confront

Acts 16:16-21

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of

Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!” At that moment the spirit left her. When her owners realized that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace to face the authorities. They brought them before the magistrates and said, “These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an uproar by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practice.”

- Pray for boldness to confront what is not of Christ.
- Pray that you would not become consumed by the love of money.

Shift in what you do

Acts 16:22-28

The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone’s chains came loose. The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted, “Don’t harm yourself! We are all here!”

- Pray that you would be one to praise God and pray regardless of circumstances.

Shift in power

Acts 16:29-37

The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. He then brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?” They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved — you and your household.” Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptized. The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God — he and his whole household. When it was daylight, the magistrates sent their officers to the jailer with the order: “Release those men.” The jailer told Paul, “The magistrates have ordered that you and Silas be released. Now you can leave. Go in peace.” But Paul said to the officers: “They beat us publicly without a trial, even though we are Roman citizens, and threw us into prison. And now do they want to get rid of us quietly? No! Let them come themselves and escort us out.”

- Pray for a revelation of the power and authority God has given you.