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A NOTE FROM THE AUTHOR

There is much that can be said and written on the subject of prayer. This book has been written to emphasize **one *particular side of prayer*—the side of working together with God in prayer.**

As you read this book, I pray that your heart would be stirred and that your faith would be strengthened to enter into a greater place of prayer partnership with your Heavenly Father.

— Joseph Kack

The *First* STEP

DO YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE?

The FIRST step to answer God's Call to Prayer is to receive eternal life by accepting Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior, thereby becoming a child of God.

Jesus is the Son of God, who died on the cross and shed His blood to pay the price for the sins of the whole world.

The Bible tells us in Romans 10:13 that "*whoever calls on the name of the Lord [Jesus] shall be saved.*"

The Scripture also tells us in Romans 10:9 "*that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*"

When you call on the name of Jesus and receive Him as your Lord, **YOU RECEIVE ETERNAL LIFE** and you become God's child.

Accepting the gift of Jesus into your heart gives you relationship with the Living God! Only then

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are you in a position to have fellowship with the Father and do business with Him in prayer.

If you have never taken this FIRST STEP, then pray this simple prayer in sincerity from your heart:

“Dear God,

I believe that Jesus is Your Son, and that He died on the cross to pay the penalty for my sins. I believe that Jesus has been raised from the dead and that He is alive!

Right now, I call on the Name of Jesus. Jesus, come into my heart. I receive You as my personal Lord and Savior. Forgive me of my sins and cleanse me by the power of Your blood.

Thank You for saving me and giving me eternal life!

I ask You now to fill me with Your Holy Spirit. I want to experience Your fullness in my life.”

Congratulations! You are now a child of God!

PART 1

**Answering
the Call to Prayer**

A CALL TO PRAYER

*But the end of all things is at hand; therefore
be serious and watchful in your prayers.*

1 Peter 4:7

I believe there is a call from God sounding forth in these last days. It's **A CALL TO PRAYER**. It's a call to join together with the Lord as His partner and "to work with Him" in prayer so that we can see the fullness of His will accomplished on earth in our generation.

The call to prayer is a call to ALL OF GOD'S PEOPLE, in all walks of life, and in every sector of society. Yes, God is calling pastors and church leaders. But He is also calling businessmen, teachers, students, laborers, elected officials, mothers, fathers, and grandparents alike—wherever you find yourself stationed!

We have been given a divine invitation and the privilege to partner with God and **TO SERVE** as His authorizing agents through our prayers. That's what this book is all about.

If ever there were a time to be alert, sober-minded, and watchful in our prayers, it's now! Why? As Peter wrote here by the Spirit of God, "*The end of all things is at hand.*"

And what should our response be? "*Therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers.*" We cannot afford to just sit idly by, taking our liberties for granted and assuming that God's will is going to happen whether we pray or not. Jesus said "*that men always ought to pray and not lose heart.*" [Lk 18:1] The letters of the Apostle Paul charge us to "*Pray without ceasing.*" [1 Thes 5:17]

The Father God is calling upon us to take our place as "watchmen" in prayer, ensuring that **His kingdom business** will be manifest on planet earth as He desires. Our adversary, satan, also knows that his time is short, which is all the more reason we should stand our watch in the spirit, be diligent, and give no place to any of his stealing, killing, and destroying ways. [Rev 12:12; Jn 10:10]

There is also kingdom business at hand for each one of us! There are individual plans and purposes of God for us to actively pursue. And there are things coming on earth that only the Holy Spirit can help us prepare for.

It's God's desire that we each be dialed-in with Him as to our specific roles and places of strategic kingdom assignment in these last days.

Taking our place in prayer is one such strategic role. Being prayerful will help us all to be prepared and positioned for all that is to come!

Living in the last days is “new territory” for every honest and sincere child of God. As the Book of Joshua reminds us—“*you have not passed this way before.*” [Josh 3:4]

In these last days we won't be able to pretend that we know what to do when we really don't. No, we won't be able to fake it! Being a member of a certain church or organization won't guarantee that we have the answers we need. **God alone is THE ANSWER, and He has all the answers for these unprecedented times!** Now is the time for each one of us to draw near to Him.

The Father God is calling us *UNTO HIMSELF* to pray! It's time for us to not only recognize His call, but now to **ANSWER THAT CALL!** Our role in prayer plays such a significant part in the fulfillment of God's will on the earth. That's why I have written this book. Can you hear the Spirit's call?

As we will discuss here, our prayers are essential because they do some of the following:

- They allow us to discover God's will and counsel.
- They allow God's plans to be revealed, built, and processed within us.

- They bring God “on the scene,” creating an eternal impact upon the affairs of mankind.
- They bind up and shut down wicked plans of the evil one, satan.

What a calling! What a privilege! What a responsibility!

WHY PRAY? GOD HAS PLANS!

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me...”

Jeremiah 29:11-12 (NIV)

Most all Christians share a common belief about prayer. They believe that Christians should pray. *“After all, it’s just the Christian thing to do. Right?”* Christians are somehow just expected to pray, often without understanding just how significant their prayers really are.

Prayer is more than just a Christian duty and discipline that we should busy ourselves with. And that’s what this book is about. **Prayer is also A PLACE OF PARTNERSHIP that we take with our Father God.**

Many people only know about prayer from the standpoint of praying whenever they encounter problems, troubles, or emergencies. And these are most certainly valid times to pray! We should definitely pray under such circumstances.

God is always available when we encounter trouble in our lives. And there is no better place for

us to look and to call for help than to call unto the Lord!

- *“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.”* [Ps 46:1]
- God’s eyes are upon the righteous, and *“His ears are open unto their cry.”* [Ps 34:15]
- *“The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles.”* [Ps 34:17]
- *“He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him... I will deliver him and honor him.”* [Ps 91:15]

These are all promises from our loving Father God!

So while it’s certainly valid to pray when we encounter troubling circumstances, we don’t want those times to be the only times and reasons why we pray. **There is another side of prayer, where we come to God for the main purpose of serving Him in prayer. We are coming to work together with Him in prayer.**

We may be facing an obviously urgent or pressing need, or we may not. Either way, we come to find out what’s on God’s heart and in His mind. **We come to make ourselves available to Him!** I believe this side of prayer will become all the more relevant as we move forward in these last days.

Rather than *only* seeing prayer as “a lifeline” to be used in the times of crises, prayer is also an opportunity for service unto God. **Prayer becomes an investment—an eternal investment!** We take our place as “*laborers together with Him.*” [1 Cor 3:9, KJV]

I believe God is calling His children to mature beyond the place of only praying whenever we have needs or problems. He is calling upon us to take our place as well-informed “sons” and *to serve alongside Him* in the place of prayer.

As His covenant partners on earth, God is calling upon us to work with Him in prayer, authorizing what He wants and putting a stop to what He does not want on earth. He’s calling upon us to allow the rivers of His Holy Spirit to flow through us in prayer.

This powerful place of partnership is available to each one of us as we renew our minds to God’s Word, recognizing our place of prayer-service unto The King!

So, why pray? We are no longer praying just because we have trouble and pressing needs—**we also pray because GOD HAS PLANS!** That’s really a revelation! And those plans need some processing. **Prayer processes God’s plans.**

What we are talking about here is the offensive, proactive, investment side of prayer. Rather than

living life *defensively*, with our weight back on our spiritual heels—hoping that nothing bad will happen, and then only praying if and when it does; **INSTEAD** we are living life up on our spiritual toes—*offensively*. We are on the offensive! We aren't waiting for trouble to pray.

We may not even have a particular need at the moment, but we have something greater than our “need” to bring us to prayer. We now have *Bible knowledge!* Our knowledge of The Bible is directing us.

Because *we know* that God has plans, and because *we know* that He is looking for volunteers in the processing of those plans, we joyfully take our place in service to Him—serving God in prayer. [Isa 56:7]

God's Word gives us inside information and knowledge about the reality of His plans.

For example:

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

*“For **I know the plans I have for you,**” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared before hand that we should walk in them.

Psalm 139:16

*Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.
And **in Your book they all were written, the days
fashioned for me**, when as yet there were none of
them.*

1 Corinthians 2:9

*But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear
heard, nor have entered into the heart of man
the things which God has prepared for those
who love Him."*

But God's plans won't just happen automatically because they are God's will. Our prayers are a necessary part of facilitating His plans and all the good things He has prepared for us. There is a process! **This is vital knowledge for the child of God!**

The processing of God's plans through our prayers not only causes the plans of God to be revealed and facilitated WITHIN US, but then our prayers also bring a release of His plans OUT FROM US into the earth realm. **There is both an inward working and an outward working in prayer.** That's awesome stuff there! What we are talking about here is God's unseen kingdom within us, working its way out! [Phil 2:13; Matt 12:35; Lk 17:21]

GOD'S WILL IS NOT AUTOMATICALLY DONE

*“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.
Your kingdom come. Your will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.”*

Matthew 6:9-10

As we continue to mature spiritually and renew our thinking in line with our rightful place of “sonship” with our Heavenly Father, we will find more and more of our prayer lives being carried out from the place of “partnership” being described here, rather than from a place of need and desperation.

Ironically, as we mature we become even more aware that we need the Lord and are totally dependent upon Him, YET we are no longer praying as “the needy.” Instead, we are praying as God’s partner. Can you see the difference?

As we gain understanding of God’s Word and how He works with humanity, we even begin to recognize that God is the One who requires our involvement to do what He wants to do on planet earth. To say it more directly—He needs us! That’s humbling, but true! It really is a partnership. And this is why your prayer life is so essential! God’s will is not automatically done.

God is looking for and calling upon His people to lock arms with Him in the processing of His plans and purposes in prayer. In other words, we have been called into a “joint venture” with Him!

And this makes perfect sense now that we have the Biblical understanding that we are *“heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.”* [Rom 8:17] We really are His partners! He has even given us His Holy Spirit so that we can do so supernaturally.

As we grow in our understanding of God’s Word we will discover that our prayers are necessary because of the authority that they carry and release. **Our prayers give earthly license for heavenly involvement.** Our prayers are an essential part of seeing God’s plans come to pass!

To put it very simply: **God needs someone on earth to ask Him to move!** And you, my friend, are one of those qualified “someones” that God is looking for! If you belong to Jesus Christ, God is calling you!

As you read through the entirety of Scriptures, it’s easy to see that God’s will and plans are not automatically done on earth apart from mankind’s cooperation and involvement. He has always been looking for a man!

- *“Also I heard the voice of the Lord saying: ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?’”* [Isa 6:8]

- “So I sought for a man among them...but I found no one.” [Ezek 22:30]
- “For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth...” [2 Chron 16:9]
- “There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.” [Jn 1:6]
- “And the Lord said, ‘Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing?’” [Gen 18:17]

In fact, there are many things that God wants to do on earth, but He is looking for our cooperation. He needs an invitation from His sons—His covenant partners—to do those things. **Our prayers give Him such an invitation.**

And why would The Sovereign God Almighty need an invitation? Simply put, because of the authority structure which He Himself set in place for earth in the beginning. **God gave mankind dominion and authority on earth.**

This is a major key to understanding The Bible and God’s dealings with humanity. God is not running everything or controlling everything that happens on the planet! [Gen 1:26; Ps 115:16; Ps 8:3-6, NIV]

Now our connection with God through prayer is one of the major ways we give Him *authorized access* and *a place* to come, to move, and to do those things that He desires to do. Our prayers open a

door for Him. [Rev 3:20] I believe this message is stirring your heart to pray!

In Matthew chapters six and seven, **Jesus undeniably connects prayer with the will of the Father being done on earth.** This was in response to the disciples asking Him to teach them to pray.

Jesus instructed His disciples to pray (or ask) that the will of God would be done on earth, even as it is in heaven. He also taught them to “ask” the Father for those good things they had need of—things which Jesus said The Father was already aware of.

Matthew 6:9-10

“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

Matthew 6:7-8; 7:8-11

*“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.**”*

ASK, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who ASKS receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

Or what man is there among you who, if his son ASKS for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he ASKS for a fish, will he give him a serpent?

*If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who **ASK Him!***

From these verses, two valid questions come to mind:

- If the will of God were automatically done, whether we pray or not, then what's the point of prayer? Why even bother?
- If the Father already knows what we need before we ask Him, then why would Jesus tell us to go ahead and ask Him?

Clearly there are some “legal implications” involved here, spiritually speaking. One main reason we need to pray for God's will and TO ASK is because of the place that God has given us on earth to authorize heaven's movement toward us.

The truth is this: **If God's people don't pray, there is much of the will of God on earth that will NOT be done as it is in heaven.** God's will is not automatically done!

It seems that through our prayers and our “asking” there is some sort of “licensing”—or a legal spiritual transaction—that is taking place between us on earth and our Father in heaven, allowing heaven to move upon and influence the earth realm.

With this simple understanding from God's Word, we can more easily grasp this humbling reality: **Our Spirit-led prayers of faith give earthly license for heavenly involvement on planet earth.**

What are prayers of faith? These are prayers that are based upon God's revealed Word and will. [1 Jn 5:14-15]

What are Spirit-led prayers? These are prayers that come from our hearts at the direction and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. [Rom 8:14; Rom 8:26]

James 5:16 (AMPC)

...The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].

This is quite an empowering revelation! Our Spirit-empowered, "heartfelt" prayers of faith give way and make place for God to move and to do on earth what He desires. **Tremendous power is made available!** This is power that otherwise would not be made available unless someone had taken the time to pray.

As "sons of God" and as "salt and light on the earth," we have the honored place to be those people who can ASK God to move, giving way and making place for Him to come and do on earth what He wants to do.

Just imagine the tremendous power that would be made available if only we would ASK:

- *What if we surrender ourselves to Him and ASK for His kingdom plan in our lives?*
- *What if we ASK God for the rain of His Spirit to be poured out upon our homes, our churches, our schools, and our leaders?*
- *What if we ASK God for wisdom and divine order to be poured out upon our leaders and elected officials?*
- *What if we really ASK, and ASK in faith?*

I believe this powerful revelation—**that our prayers authorize heaven on earth**—will not only make you want to pray more, but will also make your prayer life more exciting! You can really make a difference through your prayers—a big difference!

NOTE: For a more thorough explanation and to get more understanding of why we pray, you may refer to Chapter 1: WHY PRAY? of the book *Prayer: Authorizing Heaven on Earth*. You may download a free electronic copy of this book in the JKMI Resource Website (<https://jkmiasia.org/book/prayer-authorizing-heaven-on-earth-2/>)

ALERT AND WATCHFUL IN PRAYER

*Continue earnestly in prayer,
being vigilant in it with
thanksgiving;*
Colossians 4:2

Stop for a moment and think about the freedoms you currently enjoy, especially the freedom to assemble and worship without restriction. It's imperative that we not take any of our freedoms and liberties for granted. **We must remain alert and watchful in prayer!**

You can be sure that whatever liberties you now enjoy (whether natural or spiritual) have not come without a price. They are not cheap! Someone, somewhere, at some time or another was willing to give place to God's will and fight for them. [1 Tim 6:12]

Of course, ultimately all of our liberties are rooted in Christ's obedience and His ultimate sacrifice and victory for us all. Nonetheless, men and women have also played their respective roles. They have gone before us and been courageous enough to stand and operate in the power of Christ's victory.

So Now it's our time! It's our time to stand our watch! It's our time to purposefully stand in the freedom by which Christ has made us free and to serve God from that place! It's our time to occupy our places of victory and freedom in Christ and to give no place to the devil!

It's our time to rise up in prayer, calling for God's kingdom agenda, binding the works of Satan, and loosing the Father's good will and pleasure through our prayers of faith and declaration. Now is our time **TO SERVE GOD IN PRAYER!**

Galatians 1:4

*who gave Himself for our sins, **that He might deliver us from this present evil age**, according to the will of our God and Father,*

We must never forget the reality of where we live and what we have been saved from; otherwise we may find ourselves becoming "friends" with the very fallen age that Jesus came to deliver us from.

Friendship with the world puts us in a place of being at odds with God's kingdom. It also contributes to a sort of "spiritual slumber" and intoxication, where our hearts become weighed down with natural cares, rather than being sharp and responsive to the Holy Spirit. God is calling upon us to be sharp in these days! Now is the time for us to be wide awake! [Jas 4:4; Eph 5:8-14; Lk 21:34]

Whether we like to think about it or not, we were all born into a spiritual war zone! The Bible opens our eyes to the reality of an unseen conflict between light and darkness. This conflict is happening around us on a daily basis.

We live in the midst of what The Bible calls “*a crooked and perverse generation.*” [Phil 2:15] The Scriptures call our days “*the evil days.*” [Eph 5:16] Because of Adam’s fall and original sin in the beginning, we are faced daily with spiritual opposition and challenges as a result of a fallen world around us and an adversary (satan) arrayed against us. **These things must be routinely subdued!**

Thank God, for the child of God, satan has been thoroughly defeated, stripped of his authority, and placed beneath our feet. He has been brought to nought! But we must still remain vigilant in prayer so as not to give him any place that he should not be allowed to have. [Eph 4:27; Jas 4:7; 1 Pet 5:8-9]

We must be on guard against allowing ourselves to become comfortable and somewhat “lulled to sleep” by the liberties we currently enjoy. Otherwise these same liberties can be taken away. We read in the Scriptures that when men cry “*peace and safety*” is the very time that sudden destruction comes upon them. We don’t want to be caught off guard! [1 Thes 5:3]

It's time for us to take our spiritual "posts" and places of service, and be ready to stand and fight for our precious liberties. **Let's not wait for trouble to pray!** Let's not wait for the winds of adversity to blow before we take time to proactively secure our foundations and actually begin to engage with the enemy as necessary. If we wait for trouble before we pray, it could prove to be too late! [Lk 6:47-49]

No! We must not wait. Now is the time! Now is the time for us to pray and to call for God's move in our lives, within our spheres of influence, and upon our generation. Rather than allowing ourselves to become sluggish, **now is the time for us to expand our reach and our territories for the kingdom of God!**

We must not allow ourselves to become overconfident, finding a false sense of security in our doctrines of blessing and privilege in Christ, to the point that we become complacent and apathetic, not standing our watch in prayer. Instead, let's put all of this spiritual blessing, privilege, and authority to work! **Let's use what's been given to us!**

Jesus' work of redemption through the cross may be "a finished work," but WE ARE NOT YET FINISHED here on earth! We must now go forward, standing in the power and authority of that finished work. By His grace, the Father has given us a seat with Christ in heavenly places. But now

is our time to work with God from that place.
[Eph 2:6; Matt 16:19]

Although satan has been defeated by our Lord and Savior Jesus, we are still called to “occupy” until He comes. Part of that occupation includes resisting satan and giving him no place! [Lk 19:13; Jas 4:7]

If we are not standing our watch in prayer and offensively moving forward, you can be sure that the enemy will seize on the opportunity, taking a place and ground that he shouldn't be allowed to take. [Matt 13:25,28]

We must remain VIGILANT in prayer, as God's Word instructs us, never taking our liberties for granted!

RECOGNIZING THE REAL ENEMY

*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.*

Ephesians 6:12

If we are to be effective in our prayer service with and towards God, it's always appropriate that we be reminded of **who the real enemy is**. And it's NOT flesh and blood.

Remembering this is an important key to steering clear of satan's realm of "human drama." This is exactly where the enemy wants our focus to be—on flesh and blood. In other words, he wants us focused on "people."

No matter how it may seem, people are NOT the real enemy. They are NOT the real problem. Given our human inclination to the natural, carnal realm, I'm not sure this can be overstated!

Certainly people and human personalities can be "tools" and instruments that the devil uses to accomplish his purposes, but if we are going to

be effective in our prayer service, we must look beyond them to the real enemy—“*we wrestle not with flesh and blood.*” [Dan 10:12-13]

How about what’s going on behind the scenes?

There are spiritual forces of darkness and wickedness at work behind these people. And we, as the Church of Jesus Christ, have authority over these evil entities. If we as the Church deal with the spirits working behind people, God will see to it that these people are appropriately dealt with. [Rom 12:19]

No, we are not dealing with people. We are dealing with principalities, powers, and rulers of the darkness of this age, all of which we have dominion and authority over in Christ Jesus. The people who we may find ourselves so aggravated with are merely “puppets” of the evil one.

Becoming overly frustrated with people only shows that we are falling for the enemies’ tricks.

He’s trying to relegate us to the natural realm. The devil and his spiritual cohorts are the real problem. He is “the puppet-master.” And we have authority in Jesus’ Name to bind him and to cast him out!

Even if a certain person were removed or eliminated from the equation, we must still ultimately deal with the spirits working behind and through that person. The only real and effective

way to deal with these spiritual forces is by using our spiritual weaponry. These weapons include:

1.) the PREACHING OF THE GOSPEL

and the truths of God's Word

[Mk 16:15-16; Matt 28:18-20]

2.) PRAYER which is rooted in the victory of Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. [Eph 6:13-18]

This is the sort of prayer that the Father is calling us to join Him in. **It's a supernatural, Holy Spirit-inspired, victorious kind of prayer!** We are called to rule and reign with Him!

Can you hear His call to prayer today? When we use the spiritual weapons that we have been entrusted with, the enemy is no match! **JESUS IS LORD!** [2 Cor 10:4-5]

Being consumed with the drama realm of people and personalities is exactly what the enemy wants for us. Thank God! We are no longer ignorant of satan's devices. [2 Cor 2:11]

Do you want to know what the enemy is afraid of? He is afraid of God's people taking their places of service to God in prayer and *actually praying!* Many people spend more time talking *about* leaders and those in authority than they do actually praying *for them* as The Bible directs us. [1 Tim 2:1-2]

This is what the enemy hopes you will lose sight of: **We, the Church of the living God, the Body of Christ, are the most powerful entity on planet earth today!** But we must stay focused on the real battle and what matters most.

And what matters most? We are here to preach the gospel, win the lost, build God's people, and expand the influence of the kingdom of God! None of this can be successfully accomplished if we forfeit our places of prayer service by failing to recognize the real enemy.

Satan wants to keep us preoccupied, fighting among ourselves, running in circles, "chasing our own tails," with a perspective limited to human personalities and the natural things that we observe happening around us. This fixation on the "natural realm" is all a decoy and substitute for what the Father is really calling us to—to operate with Him in prayer as the authorized Church of the Lord Jesus Christ!

James 3:15-16 (KJV)

This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

The enemy wants us to be fussing and fighting with people, either outwardly or even just in our own minds. Have you ever had this sort of noise

going on in your head? The Bible refers to this as satan's realm of "devilish wisdom."

The enemy wants you to be completely consumed with news reports and every possible human drama going on around you. **All of this "strife" is designed to neutralize you** by keeping you out of your high places in prayer, where you can actually make a difference by working together with God in prayer.

IT'S TIME TO TAKE A SEAT

*and raised us up together, and made us
sit together in the heavenly
places in Christ Jesus,*
Ephesians 2:6

Our Father God is now calling us UP—INTO OUR HIGH PLACES with Him. He is calling us into partnership with Him in prayer, where we can make a real difference. **This place of partnership includes A SEAT—a real seat of authority!** He is calling us to “*sit down together with Him in heavenly places in Christ*” where we rightfully belong!

God is calling us all to forsake the “low places” of strife, intrigue, and human drama; and to enter into partnership with Him through the Holy Spirit in prayer. If we will do so, God will be faithful to light our candles, enlighten our darkness, and set each of us upon our high places with Him. He will “*teach our hands to make war*”—real warfare! [Ps 18:28-34]

God will always cause us to be one step ahead of the enemy and whatever he has planned. “*Now thanks be to God who always causes us to triumph in Christ.*” [2 Cor 2:14, KJV]

So, whenever we recognize that the enemy is trying to pull us down from our high places, into his earthly, natural, sensual realm—by directing our focus towards people, personalities, flesh and blood, and human drama—it’s time for us to rise up and bind the devil in Jesus’ Name! We must refuse to stoop down to such low, beggarly places.

“No way, devil! You aren’t going to pull me down there. I bind you in Jesus’ Name!”

We must establish our focus and set our minds where they belong—on things above, where Christ is seated, and where we are seated with Him in heavenly places. [Col 3:1-2] We can do this by once again focusing on God’s Word. This is the only place from where we can pray effectively.

Make no mistake about it: The devil has been stripped of his power! Jesus Christ has recovered all authority lost through Adam’s original trespass—all of it! [Matt 28:18] Through Jesus’ triumph on the cross, satan and his cohorts have been *“disarmed and brought to nought.”* [Col 2:15] That victory is now ours in Christ!

But one thing satan still has within his arsenal is the ability to lie and deceive. He is still just as tricky and deceptive as ever! This is one way that he maintains control over situations and people—**by luring them over into the wrong fight**—against flesh and blood. He does some of his best

work “in disguise,” hiding in the shadows, in hopes that people will fight with one another rather than dealing with him and his lies directly.

ANSWERING THE FATHER'S CALL

*For if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound,
who will prepare for battle?*

1 Corinthians 14:8

Can you hear the Father's call to prayer? The Bible tells us that if the trumpet makes an uncertain sound, no one will prepare for battle. But without question, a certain sound is being made in the spirit realm today! "*He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says.*" Do you hear it?

- The Holy Spirit is calling us to attention, "*Wake up!*"
- He is calling us back to the will of our Father God!
- He is calling us back to our places in prayer with Him!
- He is calling us to "watch and pray."
- He is calling us to work together with Him.

God is calling us out beyond just praying with "our own" in mind—"*me, myself, my family, my business, my needs, my problems.*" There is certainly a time and place for that. But beyond that, God is calling us back UNTO HIM!

My friend, **YOU can really make a difference where you are.** You can be an authorizer of kingdom business right where you are today!

Prayer doesn't have to be difficult. It doesn't have to be a struggle. The Father is presenting a place of "partnership" to you here. You don't have to do it alone. In fact, you can't do it alone! Instead, you will do it *with Him*, and He will do it *with and through you!*

Can you hear The Father calling you? Stop and pray this right now:

"Father God, I hear Your call to me today. I'm willing to take my place with You in prayer!"

Forgive me for any place I have grown cold, fallen asleep on my watch, or allowed myself to be caught up in human drama.

I ask You to fill me with a fresh anointing of Your Holy Spirit and use me for Your purposes in prayer. In Jesus' Name—Amen!"

PART 1

ANSWERING THE CALL TO PRAYER

POWER POINTS

- It's God's desire that we each be dialed-in with Him as to our specific roles and places of strategic kingdom assignment in these last days.
- Prayer is a place of partnership that we take with our Father God.
- Prayer is more than a lifeline to be used in times of crises. Prayer is an opportunity for service unto God. It is an eternal investment.
- Why pray? We don't just pray because we have trouble and needs. We also pray because God has plans! Prayer processes God's plans.
- We have something greater than our need bringing us to prayer. We now have Bible knowledge! We know that God has plans. And we know that our prayers are necessary in the processing of those plans.

- There is both an inward and outward working in prayer. Our prayers not only cause the plans of God to be revealed within us, but they also bring a release of those plans out from us.
- We are no longer praying as “the needy.” We are now praying as God’s partner. We are joint-heirs with Him in the processing of His plans.
- Our prayers carry and release authority. They authorize heaven to move upon the earth.
- God’s will is not automatically done. Our prayers give God an invitation to do those things He wants to do.
- Why does God need an invitation to come and move upon the earth? Because He gave mankind dominion and authority on the earth. This is a major key to understanding The Bible and how God deals with humanity.
- If God’s people don’t pray, there is much of the will of God on earth that will not be done as it is in heaven.
- Our Spirit-led prayers of faith give earthly license for heavenly involvement on planet earth.

- For the child of God, satan has been thoroughly defeated and placed beneath our feet. But we must still remain vigilant in prayer and give him no place!
- We must not wait for trouble to pray. Now is the time to take our spiritual posts and places of service, and be ready to stand and fight for our precious liberties.
- Jesus' work of redemption through the cross is a finished work, but we are not yet finished here on the earth! It's time to put all of our blessing, authority, and victory in Christ to work.
- By God's grace, we have each been given a seat with Christ in heavenly places. Now is the time for us to work together with God from that place.
- Remembering who the real enemy is key to steering clear of Satan's realm of human drama. We don't wrestle against flesh and blood!
- There are spiritual forces at work behind people and personalities. Satan uses men as "puppets" to do his will. If we will deal with the spirits working behind people, God will see to it that these people are appropriately dealt with.

- Becoming frustrated and fixated upon people reveals that we are falling for Satan's tricks. He is trying to relegate us to the natural realm.
- The enemy is afraid of you taking your place of prayer service unto God and actually praying. He only hopes that you would waste your time talking about leaders, rather than praying for them.
- Becoming fixated on the natural realm is a decoy and a substitute for our high call, which is to operate with God in prayer as the authorized Church of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- Through prayer, God will always cause us to be one step ahead of the enemy and whatever he has planned. He always causes us to triumph in Christ!
- The devil has been stripped of his power and authority in our lives. But one thing he still has within his arsenal is the ability to lie and deceive. He maintains control over situations and people by luring them over into the wrong fight—against flesh and blood.
- The Father is calling us to a supernatural, Holy Spirit-inspired, victorious kind of prayer!

- The Father is presenting a place of partnership to you in prayer. He wants to pray with you and through you. You never have to pray alone!

PART 2

“Set It In Order For Me”

(Doing Business with God)

TWO BASIC ASPECTS OF PRAYER

*Thus says the Lord, The Holy One of Israel,
and his Maker: “Ask Me of things to come con-
cerning My sons; and concerning the work of
My hands, you command Me.”*

Isaiah 45:11

As you answer God’s call to prayer, one thing that will serve you well is having an understanding of **the two basic aspects of prayer**. Within this verse in Isaiah, we can see a picture of BOTH of these aspects. And what are these two basic aspects?

- 1.) Fellowship with our Father God
- 2.) Doing business with God (as His partner)

In prayer we do both! First of all, we spend time in fellowship and close communion with our Father God. This allows us to become acquainted with God, to discover His will, and to receive divine insight into those things He desires to do in our lives, on earth, and among His people. We can see this first aspect here in this verse—*“Ask Me of things to come concerning My sons.”*

But then, secondly, from this place of fellowship in prayer, we also have the authorized and privileged place of partnership with God where we “do business with Him.” This is wrapped up in these words—“*concerning the work of my hands YOU COMMAND ME.*”

Can you see it here? We have been invited to take a place of close fellowship with God, such that we discover what He wants to do. The Bible says that “*the secret of the Lord is with those who fear Him.*” Jesus said that when the Holy Spirit comes, He would “*show us things to come.*” [Ps 25:14; Jn 16:13] And then, from this place of fellowship and enlightenment, WE GIVE GOD A PLACE to move among us through our prayers and declarations of faith, based upon what He has shown us—“*You command Me.*”

These two basic aspects of prayer are very different and distinct, yet they often blend together and overlap seamlessly as we spend time with God in prayer. Although these two basic aspects are being separated here for identification purposes, **they really operate together** as a flow with the Holy Spirit, from our innermost being. [Jn 7:38-39]

It’s important that we recognize BOTH aspects of prayer; otherwise some of God’s purposes will go unfulfilled. I have witnessed numerous times over the years when the presence of God manifests during a prayer meeting or church gathering,

but then nothing further happened. No kingdom business was accomplished!

It was as if God's people didn't know what to do. In many cases, something still needed to be said, released, or activated spiritually. Some sort of response was required. It's important to remember that God's presence comes with a purpose—there's business at hand!

FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD: THE FIRST ASPECT OF PRAYER

Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons.

Mark 3:14-15

Notice here, that when Jesus appointed the twelve disciples, He appointed them “*that they might be with Him.*” This was **FIRST**, before Jesus sent them out to do signs and wonders and to execute His counsel and will. After all, how could they successfully carry out His mission without knowing His wishes?

First, they were called to be WITH HIM. This was their *first* and *highest calling*. And this is also the first and highest calling of every believer in Christ—fellowship with God! [1 Cor 1:9; 1 Jn 1:3]

Through fellowship we discover the Father’s heart and His will, so that we can successfully execute His counsel through our prayers. The Bible teaches that two individuals can only walk together if they are in agreement. [Amos 3:3]

Spending time in fellowship with our Father God enables us to come into alignment with

Him. This is very important if we are going to successfully “do business” with and for Him.

Fellowship with God can consist of some of the following:

- Spending time with God through His Word
- Enjoying God’s presence through worship
- Consecrating and offering ourselves to Him
- Aligning our will to the will of God
- Speaking mysteries to Him in tongues

It’s during these times of fellowship that we also take time TO INQUIRE OF THE LORD regarding His plans and purposes. We are seeking REVELATION knowledge of His will and counsel.

“Father God, I ask You to give me the spirit of wisdom and REVELATION in the knowledge of You. Flood the eyes of my understanding with Your light!” [Eph 1:17-18]

“Father, fill me with the knowledge of YOUR WILL in all wisdom and spiritual understanding. Show me my part and my role.” [Col 1:9]

“Dear Father, Your word says, ‘Call unto Me, and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know.’ I ask You to show me those things I

don't know—those things You want done and how You want them done.” [Jer 33:3]

“Father God, give me supernatural utterance now by Your Holy Spirit in tongues, to pray about Your plans and purposes.” [Eph 6:19; Acts 2:4]

Sure enough, the words of Jesus prove true! As we seek, we do find! As we draw near to God, He draws near to us. As we call unto Him, He answers us. [Matt 7:7; Jas 4:8] Through these precious and intimate times with God, we begin to discover His will.

Sometimes this discovery comes as a “flash” across our consciousness in a moment of time. It suddenly dawns on us! Other times it builds up within us, progressively taking form and shape within our hearts *as we persevere in prayer*, yielding to the Holy Spirit.

It's through this fellowship that we receive what The Bible identifies as “*the mind of Christ.*” We gain access to “*the mind of the Spirit.*” In other words, we see something! We know something! We become aware of something from God in our hearts! We have a knowing within us of what God wants said or done. [1 Cor 2:16; Rom 8:27; 1 Jn 2:20]

The revelation that we receive from this place of fellowship with the Father enables us to *align our-*

selves with Him. This alignment is very important! It puts us in a strong, fortified, and “authorized” place from which we can successfully carry out this second aspect of prayer—“doing business with God.”

John 15:7

“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”

Jesus said that if we abide in Him and His words abide in us, then we can ask whatever we desire and it will be done for us in prayer. These words paint the perfect picture of “fellowship”— **where our desires become aligned with the desires of our Father God.** This is also the perfect platform from which we can successfully do business with God in prayer. From this place we are able to successfully ask whatever we desire.

DOING BUSINESS WITH GOD: THE SECOND ASPECT OF PRAYER

*And He said to them, “Why did you seek Me?
Did you not know that I must be about
My Father’s business?”*

Luke 2:49

How wonderful it is to fellowship with The Living God! How wonderful it is to “soak” in His presence and to become one with Him in heart and mind. What peace, comfort, and security it brings to us! In His presence is fullness of joy! Without a doubt, we all require this on a regular basis.

Yet, as wonderful as it is to enjoy sweet communion and fellowship with our Father God, not all prayer should end here—with us being comforted, knowing God’s will, and just “feeling better.” There’s also some business that needs to take place!

- Some things need to be *activated, released, and set in motion.*
- Some requests and petitions need to be made known.
- Some divine secrets need to be spoken forth in tongues.
- Some things need to be *bound up and shut down* in Jesus’ Name.

Now that we know God's heart, it's time to get some things done on His behalf! There is also a time and a place *TO SERVE GOD IN PRAYER*.

There is a time when we pray this way:

"My Father in Heaven, I worship Your Holy Name. And I ask and declare that Your kingdom come. I ask and declare that Your will be done—on earth as it is in heaven!"

[Matt 6:9-10]

This aspect of doing business with God is **the legal side of prayer**, where we make some "legal spiritual transactions" from earth that activate and release A SUPPLY from God in heaven, upon and within the earth realm. [Phil 1:19; Matt 16:19]

You see, because we are God's children on earth, and because we are spiritually in union and aligned with Him, we have the "legal place" to authorize kingdom movement towards the earth. We are like "gatekeepers" on earth, with the ability and responsibility "to swing the door wide open" to the Father's kingdom will and His agenda, through our prayers.

The Father has much "kingdom business" that He wants accomplished on earth, but in order for His will to be accomplished these sorts of **legal spiritual transactions** need to be made by His authorized ones. God must be given a place!

But notice where it all begins. It begins from the place of FELLOWSHIP, where we come to understand God's will and counsel. From there we are simply taking our authorized place in prayer and SERVING in the facilitation of what He has revealed.

In prayer, we become *administrators and facilitators* of God's heavenly business! In this manner, we are helping God. We are giving voice to what He wants. We are working together *WITH HIM*.

The more you understand this, the more you will find yourself taking a much more active and aggressive posture in prayer.

Through YOUR prayers you are authorizing "*HIS KINGDOM COME!*" Through YOUR prayers, you are authorizing "*HIS WILL BE DONE*"—for your life, your church, your family, your nation, your leaders, your schools, your places of employment—or in whatever sphere the Holy Spirit directs you to pray. **You are asking of the Father and calling forth His will!** Imagine the impact your heartfelt participation will make!

As one of God's blood-washed "sons" and partners on earth, you are AUTHORIZED to come boldly before God's throne of grace and mercy, to make such transactions. **You are finding out what the Father wants and then asking Him to do it!**

[Heb 4:16; Heb 10:19] This is part of our sacred, entrusted role of “partnership with God in prayer.” This is one way we serve God in Prayer. We are doing business with our Father!

As God’s authorized agents, ***we make way and we give place for the plan of God through our prayers***—a way and a place that God wouldn’t have unless somebody on earth prayed and asked Him to move.

That’s why it’s important that we take our place in prayer,

- Under the authority of God’s Word,
- In submission to the will of God,
- Filled with the Holy Spirit,

And allow God *to pray through us* and *yield ourselves to His Spirit*, so that He can do what He wants to do on earth.

We are not praying our own will. We are praying HIS WILL! And the Spirit of God has anointed each of us for this very thing!

The more we learn and understand about prayer from a legal, business aspect—*that we are God’s authorizers*—we will more readily see that there are some things which absolutely must be transacted in prayer. Someone needs to step up to God’s throne of grace and ASK!

It needs to be officially “on record” in heaven that someone on earth asked, and that they asked “in faith.” [Jas 1:6; Matt 21:22] Kingdom business is taking place! There are legal implications at hand.

The devil is a legalist. He knows how God set things up in the beginning, and he knows what's allowed and what's not allowed on earth. If God were to come and move upon the earth without authorization, the devil would cry “*foul!*” He knows that God would be unjust to come and move without an invitation. And because our God is always “just,” He won't ever violate the framework which He set in place for the earth. He won't break His own rules!

This is why it's vital for us to take our place in prayer, understand how heaven works with earth, and ASK. **Our asking gives The Father the legal place required for Him to do what He so eagerly desires.** Remember: our prayers give earthly license for heavenly involvement.

This knowledge will also give you greater understanding as to why the enemy does anything, absolutely anything he can, to keep you out of the place of effective prayer. He will do whatever he can to distract you!

When God's people fail to show up in service to Him in prayer, things begin to slow down

from a kingdom perspective on earth. God's kingdom agenda is always "ON" full blast in heaven, but His agenda can be more or less manifest on earth depending upon the cooperation of God's chosen ones. [Ps 119:89]

So, what are we discovering here? It's through our fellowship with God that we come to learn and understand His counsel. And then, from that place of fellowship we "execute God's counsel" as His partners and representatives.

EXECUTING GOD'S COUNSEL

*“Remember the former things of old for I am God and there is no other; I am God and there is none like Me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘**My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,**’ calling a bird of prey from the east, **the man who executes My counsel,** from a far country...”*

Isaiah 46:9-11

Here are just a few of the ways we do business with God in prayer, **executing His counsel:**

- Asking and commanding
- Binding and loosing
- Releasing words in “tongues”
- Praising and giving thanks

By now, **the significance of ASKING** should be carrying more weight in our thinking.

- The Bible says “*we don’t have because we don’t ASK.*” [Jas 4:2]
- Jesus said, “*ASK and it shall be given to you.*” [Matt 7:7]
- Paul wrote to the Philippians, “*Let YOUR REQUESTS be made known to God.*” [Phil 4:6]

And why is it so important for our requests *to be made known*? Because our asking authorizes Heaven on earth! That's why it's important to STEP UP AND ASK once the Father reveals His will. These are kingdom business items! God's counsel is being executed!

And how about our authority and the place we have to **COMMAND and DECREE** in Jesus' Name! Remember, as His partners, God is calling upon us — "*Concerning the works of My hands, YOU COMMAND ME!*"

Please don't misunderstand. It's not as if we are ordering God around in prayer. That's a ridiculous suggestion! **BUT we are definitely issuing "heavenly orders" on His behalf!** If God's people won't rise up by the Holy Spirit and decree God's Word, there are times and places where God's plans cannot and will not be established for us.

The Bible says "*You shall DECREE a thing and it shall be established for you.*" [Job 22:28, KJV]

God is looking for a group of people in these last days who will rise up in agreement with Him and issue some DECREES, "*God's counsel shall stand! God's plans shall stand! And we stand with God's plans!*"

Any faithless person can stand by and complain about the problem, stating the obvious and de-

declaring what they see and feel. But we are different! We are called by God TO SPEAK FORTH His Word!

We have been chosen for this time to speak light in the midst of darkness! We are called by God to work together with Him, “*declaring the end from the beginning!*” Let’s not relinquish our authority to the enemy by speaking his words. Let’s give God something He can work with through our decree.

SET IT IN ORDER FOR ME!

*“And who can proclaim as I do?
Then let him declare it and
set it in order for Me...”*

Isaiah 44:7

I believe this is what the Spirit of God is saying to His people in these last days:

“Set it in order for Me! Take your heavenly places in prayer with Me! Allow Me to fill your mouth, so that you can declare My Word, and set things in order for Me!”

“Ask Me for those things, that I show you to ask for! Bind what I want bound! Release and loose what I want loosed!”

“Declare the end from the beginning! Declare the way things shall be!”

This is a powerful revelation! There are some things that absolutely must be set in order. God's people must lift up their voices! [Isa 40:9; Isa 46:10]

Jeremiah 1:9-10

Then the Lord put forth His hand and touched my mouth, and the Lord said to me: “Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. See, I have

this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant.”

In the case of Jeremiah, once God had touched His mouth, and once God’s words were in His mouth, then Jeremiah was in a position to set things in order for the Lord—“*rooting out and pulling down, building and planting.*” [Jer 1:9-10]

You might say, “*But Jeremiah was a prophet!*” Yes, it’s true that Jeremiah was a prophet of God, but Jesus said that the least member in the kingdom of God has a greater standing than any of the Old Testament prophets. [Lk 7:28] My friend, this is your territory too!

How often God’s people have stood around waiting for something to happen, or even grumbling and complaining because it seems nothing is happening; and all the while Jesus has given us the keys of the kingdom and **the power to BIND and LOOSE.**

Matthew 16:19

*“And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and **whatever you bind on earth** will be bound in heaven, and **whatever you loose on earth** will be loosed in heaven.”*

The context of this verse makes it clear that heaven is responding to *what we forbid* and *what we*

allow, so long as we are acting based upon what our Father has revealed to us. [Matt 16:16-19, NLT]

My friend, this puts US in the driver's seat, as we take our cues from the Holy Spirit. We are calling the shots, and God is calling upon us to set things in order for Him!

OUR PLACE OF AUTHORITY AS THE CHURCH

*to the intent that now the manifold wisdom
of God might be **made known by the church**
to the principalities and powers in the
heavenly places, according to the eternal
purpose which He accomplished
in Christ Jesus our Lord,
Ephesians 3:10-11*

The reality and responsibility of executing God's counsel and setting things in order on His behalf becomes all the more real and relevant when you consider **who we are in Christ**.

Let's talk about KINGDOM IDENTITY for a moment. We, the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, are not a bunch of helpless beggars!

- We are the Lord's anointed body!
[Eph 1:22-23]
- We are the Lord's hands, His feet, and His voice upon the earth! [Mk 16:15-18]
- We are the Lord's ruling, serving, administrative arm on the earth! [Ps 110:2-3]

After Jesus' resurrection and ascension He appeared to His disciples and let them know that

He had recovered “*all authority in heaven and on earth.*” All of it! And then He proceeded to delegate that authority to His representatives— “*Go therefore.*” [Matt 28:18-19]

From that point on, spiritual “new birth” was made available to all mankind, everywhere through the gospel. **This new birth in Christ brings us into spiritual union and oneness with the living God!** Perfect righteousness is restored to us. We are now “In Him” and He is “In us.” Stop and think about that for a moment! [1 Cor 6:17; Jn 14:17]

So now the same life, the same victory, and the same authority that flows through the Vine (Jesus) also flows through His branches (The Church). On top of that, Jesus has poured out His mighty Holy Spirit within and upon us, to lead and guide us in the administration of His kingdom business on earth. The Holy Spirit has been given that we might know His counsel and be empowered to carry it out! [Jn 15:1; Acts 1:8; 1 Cor 2:12]

So, no! We are not a bunch of helpless beggars throwing around a few meager prayer requests in times of crises.

- We are God’s beloved!
- We are THE authorized CHURCH of the Lord Jesus Christ!

- We are the Body of Christ—joined and united with our spiritual Head—the resurrected Lord of Glory!
- We are Christ’s ambassadors on earth, representing the Lord’s holy kingdom nation! [2 Cor 5:20; 1 Pet 2:9; Phil 3:20]
- We are part of an unseen kingdom that rules over all! [Ps 103:19]

God has chosen that the reality of Christ’s eternal victory should be revealed to principalities and powers “*THROUGH THE CHURCH.*” That’s us! He has chosen that we would be the ones to do it, with Christ as our Head.

This is a truth that satan wants hidden from God’s people:

We, the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ, (operating under the authority of our Head—Jesus Christ, and empowered and directed by the Holy Spirit) have been placed IN CHARGE on planet earth.

We, the Church, are to be “calling the shots” on earth from a place of union and fellowship with our Father in heaven. It’s very important to point out here that we are not acting on our own in prayer, like some sort of “rogue” spiritual agents. But instead:

- We are in communion with our Father.

- We are operating under His influence and command.
- We are praying and doing business with Him AS HIS REPRESENTATIVES.

That's why we have taken the time to outline TWO ASPECTS of prayer—the first of which is fellowship.

We are now *asking and commanding* on the basis of our Father's revealed will. We are now *binding and loosing* on the basis of God's Word and the leading of His Spirit. But nonetheless, **we are the ones doing it!** We are the ones issuing the heavenly decrees. We are the ones declaring what shall be allowed and what shall be forbidden in Jesus' Name.

It's important to remember this: **we, the Church of Jesus Christ, are the most powerful force to be reckoned with on planet earth!** The Bible reveals that we are the restraining force that is ultimately keeping back complete lawlessness. [2 Thes 2:7]

Let's not forget:

- The GREATER ONE is in the Church. He is the mighty Holy Spirit of God!
- GREATER is He who is in us (the believer) than he (satan) who is in the world!
[1 Jn 4:4]

- The gates of hell shall not prevail against the Church of Jesus Christ! [Matt 16:18]

The enemy recognizes who we are, but now **it's time for us TO KNOW who we are in Christ**. It's time for us to take our places of partnership with God in prayer, and to set things in order for Him!

The enemy is afraid of the Church. He is afraid of us taking our place in prayer. This is why he works so hard to entice God's people into sin, strife, competition, division, and finger-pointing. All of this is designed to distract and neutralize the most powerful force on planet earth today—**THE CHURCH OF THE LIVING GOD!**

"LEND ME YOUR AUTHORITY"

*Death and life are
in the power of the tongue,
and those who love it will eat its fruit.*

Proverbs 18:21

We as the Church of the Lord Jesus Christ have more authority than we have realized, and it's time to put that authority to work in prayer!

One of the most basic and primary ways we release our authority is **through the words of our mouth**—by speaking words that originate from our hearts. Think of it this way:

Heart + Mouth = Authority

This is how we have been designed by God as free-will spiritual beings, living in a physical body. **Both death and life have been placed under the jurisdiction of our tongues and what we say.** [Rom 10:9-10; Mk 11:23; Matt 12:37]

This is why it's so powerful when we issue **commands** and **decrees** in prayer according to the Word of God.

Here's something to consider:

What if we took this same authority and allowed God to use it in one of the most pure and highest ways possible?

What if we allowed the Holy Spirit to fill us, and then we intentionally yielded our tongues (our authority) to Him, by speaking the words He gave us?

This is exactly what we are doing when we open up our mouths and speak in our supernatural, heavenly prayer language—"TONGUES." The Bible reveals that when we speak the supernatural utterances which the Spirit of God gives us:

- we are speaking from our hearts (spirits)
[1 Cor 14:14]
- we are speaking directly to the Father
[1 Cor 14:2]
- we are speaking God's secret, hidden truths (mysteries) [1 Cor 14:2]
- we are speaking God's will
[Rom 8:26-27]

In a sense, when we speak in tongues regarding any situation or over any person, we are lending God our authority in that area. Our words from our hearts carry the authority, since we are the ones here on the earth. And when we use

“tongues” we are allowing God to provide us with the words. What a combination!— Our hearts and our mouths, together with GOD’S supernatural utterances flowing from our hearts!

That’s a thought that the Lord communicated to me one time regarding this revelation of praying in tongues:

***“Lend Me your tongue.
Lend Me your authority.”***

It was as if the Lord was saying, *“Could I use your tongue for a moment? And would you mind connecting your tongue to your spirit and release the words that I give you about this situation?”*

There are many things that we will face in life and that are happening on planet earth today that are “far above our pay grade” to figure out. We may as well get used to it! But thanks be to God, that does not mean we are stuck or without remedy. Far from it! We have God’s Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit has been sent to help us pray, especially in these types of scenarios. In fact, He specializes in them!

Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Rather than getting stuck in the futile realm of what we may or may not be able to figure out, instead **we can freely enter into the Spirit's higher realm through praying in tongues.** This proves to be A GREAT TOOL by which we can serve God and His purposes in prayer.

After praying all that we know to pray with our understanding, according to the written Word of God, *we can then move beyond our understanding by shifting over to tongues.* We can begin to pray something like this:

“Father God, You know all that needs to be spoken and released in this matter. I’m going to lay aside my understanding of this situation for a few moments and allow You to pray through me. I’m going to lend You my tongue for a while by yielding it to the supernatural utterances that Your Spirit gives me.

Father, I ask You to give me the words to speak over this area in tongues. Father, I’m lending You my tongue. I’m lending You my authority. Your kingdom come! Your will be done—in Jesus’ Name!”

We can ask for and declare God’s kingdom agenda over whatever area or issue we desire, *and then AIM and OFFER our tongues in that same direction.* This is powerful! When we do this “by faith”

relying upon the Spirit of God to give us the words, He will always help us to pray God's perfect will. This is the image and picture God wants us to have in our minds when we are doing this: **We are releasing perfect, authorized utterances!**

And if we will stick with it, **the Holy Spirit will always help us to pray until we reach a place of joy and victory in our hearts.** In other words, we will know that we know that our prayers have been successful in giving God the place required to move and bring about His will.

This is often made evident through a sense of joy and praise that begins to come forth from our hearts—from the very same place that the tongues came from. He truly makes us joyful in the house of prayer! [Isa 56:7]

Imagine what would happen if we would “lend God our authority” to speak His perfect utterances over leaders, nations, governments, churches, schools, or whatever personal situations that may arise. And even greater than that, imagine what would happen if we would do it TOGETHER as a body of believers! There would be a multiplied effect and even a unifying effect! We would begin to enjoy the benefits of “*the unity of the Spirit.*” [Eph 4:3]

Intentionally using *this TOOL of “tongues”* can be a significant contributor to seeing God's king-

dom agenda manifest on earth. And I believe that the use of this tool will prove increasingly necessary as we navigate the challenges of these last days!

This is yet another way, we can work together with the Holy Spirit, and *SET THINGS IN ORDER* for Him. **Through tongues we are participating with Him in the execution of His counsel—praying the perfect will of God!**

A JOYFUL PROCESS

“Even them I will bring to My holy mountain,
And **make them joyful in My house of prayer.**
Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will
be accepted on My altar; for My house
shall be called a house of prayer
for all nations.”

Isaiah 56:7

Our Father God is calling us to pray. But as was mentioned previously, the kind of prayer He is calling us to is a supernatural, Holy Spirit-inspired, victorious kind of prayer! “*The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous!*” [Ps 118:15]

And what makes this such a joyful proposition?

Well, we aren’t doing it alone! We are doing it in partnership *WITH HIM*—fueled by *HIS WORD*, and empowered by *HIS SPIRIT*. We are joining Him!

We aren’t praying our own will. There’s no need for that. His will is better! We are praying *HIS WILL*. And we are doing so with *HIS ABILITY*!

Joy and thanksgiving will be a marker of God’s end-time, praying people. As we give ourselves

to Him, He will make us “*joyful in the house of prayer.*” Those who join God in this partnership will discover **the joyful process of prayer.**

Thanksgiving is our entry point in prayer—*“Enter into His gates **with thanksgiving**, and into His courts with praise.”* [Ps 100:4] And thanksgiving is the companion and accompaniment of every request and petition we make—*“in everything by prayer and supplication **with thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known to God.”* [Phil 4:6]

And why so thankful?

- We are praying from a position of victory in Christ.
- We are praying from our heavenly seat with Christ.
- We are praying in The Name which is above all others.
- We are praying with the answer on our lips—His Word.
- We are praying with the power of the Holy Spirit.

His ears are open to the prayers of the righteous, and we are the righteousness of God in Him!

A PROPHETIC WORD

Without question there are some challenging times ahead of us. As Paul wrote, “*In the last days perilous times will come.*” [2 Tim 3:1] But we in the Church shall prevail! We have been given everything necessary to overcome. “*Through God we shall do valiantly!*” [Ps 108:13]

In these last days, prayer will flow through God’s people like a mighty river! There will be a supernatural flow! And it will be full of victory!

But we won’t be praying only. *There will be plenty of movement too!* There is also other kingdom work for us to do!

We will “*pray and move*” and “*move and pray.*” Our prayers will fuel our movement as we walk in step with the Spirit of the living God!

JESUS IS LORD!

PART 2

“SET IT IN ORDER FOR ME” (Doing Business with God)

POWER POINTS

- Our first and highest calling is to fellowship with God. This is where we discover His will and receive divine insight into His plans and purposes.
- From the place of fellowship we are able to give God a place to move among us through our prayers and declarations of faith.
- Spending time in fellowship with our Father God enables us to come into alignment with Him. This enables us to successfully “do business” with Him in prayer.
- Once we discover God’s heart through fellowship, there is also kingdom business that needs to take place. Some things need to be done in prayer on His behalf.
- Doing business with God is the legal side of prayer. Legal spiritual transactions are made which activate and release a supply from God in heaven upon and within the earth realm.

- Because we are God’s children on earth, we have the legal place to authorize kingdom movement towards the earth through our prayers. We are God’s partners in prayer.
- In prayer, we are administrators and facilitators of God’s heavenly business. We are authorizing “His kingdom come” and “His will be done.” In this way, we are serving God in prayer.
- Through prayer we find out what God wants to do and then we ask Him to do it. We are making way and giving place for God’s plans on earth.
- God is looking for some partners in prayer to join Him in executing His counsel.
- Kingdom business is taking place when we ASK in prayer. It needs to be officially on record in heaven that someone on earth asked God in faith.
- God is just and will not violate the framework which He set in place for the earth. That’s why it’s important for someone on earth to ASK.
- Our prayers give God the legal place required for Him to do what He so eagerly desires.

- God's kingdom agenda is always on full blast in heaven, but His agenda can be more or less manifest on earth depending upon our cooperation with Him in prayer.
- We have been authorized to command and decree in Jesus' Name. What we decree shall be established for us.
- When we issue commands in prayer, we are not ordering God around, but we are issuing heavenly orders on His behalf. We are setting things in order for Him!
- Heaven will respond to whatever we bind and whatever we loose, when we are acting based upon God's revelation to us.
- Understanding our kingdom identity will make the reality of executing God's counsel on His behalf all the more relevant. We must have a revelation of who we are in Christ.
- God has chosen that the reality of Christ's eternal victory should be revealed to principalities and powers through the Church. That's us!
- The Church of the Lord Jesus Christ has been placed in charge on planet earth, under the authority of our Head—Jesus Christ.

- The Church of Jesus Christ is the most powerful force to be reckoned with on planet earth. We are the restraining force which is keeping back lawlessness.
- One of the primary ways we release our authority is through the words of our mouth, by speaking words which originate from our hearts.
- Both death and life have been placed under the jurisdiction of our tongues. This is why it's so powerful when we issue commands and decrees in prayer according to God's Word.
- When we speak in tongues we are releasing authority in one of the highest and most pure ways possible. We are speaking words from our hearts which the Holy Spirit gives us.
- We can lend God our authority by allowing Him to fill us with His Spirit and then releasing the utterances that He gives us in tongues.
- Even when we face situations that we cannot figure out, we are never without remedy. The Holy Spirit has been sent to help us pray in our weaknesses.
- When we trust the Holy Spirit to give us words in prayer, He will always help us to pray

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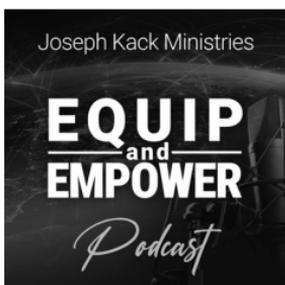
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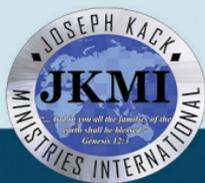
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