

Persevere in Prayer for the Church and the Lost

Outline for crossroad - August 21, 2011

• **Upcoming**

- monday - Andrew and jess leave for china
- Sept 3 - international student picnic
- Sept 10,11- fresh encounters - Rescheduled - rehoboth beach instead
- Sept 11 - first fall crossroads
- Oct 7-9 - bfcya missions training rwr
- Feb. 10-12 - crossroads winter retreat

Prayer in upcoming weeks

- End of august (8/28) - end of summer bar-b-q - thanksgiving - with testimony time
- Labor day weekend (9/4) - eternal prayers of praise from revelations

This **summer of prayer ... call to pray**

- Lords prayer - to father, in heaven, for kingdom, daily needs ... Not as hypocrite or pagan
- Jesus pray for us - to love, be one as he is with father
- James - for any need
- Wait on god I prayer ... For spirit, for power, for freedom, for each other ... For boldness
- For revival - fresh filling and work of the spirit
- For repentance ... With faith in christ
- For renewal - to know the depth of the love of christ and power of god in us
- For spiritual warfare and boldness
- Now to persevere in faith

• **Pray for everything ... Especially the lost**

- ***Do not be anxious pray***

• ***Philippians 4:4-7***

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand;

6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- **Praying for all people ... So people saved**

- **1 Timothy 2:1-8**

*1 First of all, then, I urge that **supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,***

2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,

4 who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

5 For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

6 who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time.

7 For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

8 I desire then that in every place the men should pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;

- **House of prayer ... All nations**

- **Mark 11:15-18**

15 And they came to Jerusalem. And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold and those who bought in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money-changers and the seats of those who sold pigeons.

16 And he would not allow anyone to carry anything through the temple.

*17 And he was teaching them and saying to them, "Is it not written, '**My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations**'? But you have made it a den of robbers."*

18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard it and were seeking a way to destroy him, for they feared him, because all the crowd was astonished at his teaching.

- **Praying with faith and perseverance**

- **Persevere**

- **Luke 18:1-8**

1 *And he told them a parable to the effect that they **ought always to pray and not lose heart.***

2 *He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man.*

3 *And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.'*

4 *For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man,*

5 *yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'"*

6 *And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says.*

7 ***And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them?***

8 *I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"*

- **Praying in faith**

- **James 4:2-3**

2 *...**You do not have, because you do not ask.***

3 ***You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.***

- **James 1:5-8**

5 ***If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God,** who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.*

6 ***But let him ask in faith, with no doubting,** for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind.*

7 *For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord;*

8 *he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.*

- **Praying in faith**

• **Mark 11:19-25**

19 *And when evening came they went out of the city.*

20 *As they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away to its roots.*

21 *And Peter remembered and said to him, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree that you cursed has withered."*

22 *And Jesus answered them, "Have faith in God.*

23 Truly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says will come to pass, it will be done for him.

24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

25 *And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses."*

• **Examples of faith / encouragement to run the race**

• **Hebrews 11-12**

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

2 *For by it the people of old received their commendation.*

3 *By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.*

4 *By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.*

5 *By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God.*

6 *And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.*

7 *By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.*

8 *By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going.*

9 *By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise.*

10 *For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.*

11 *By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised.*

12 Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

13 These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth.

14 For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

15 If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return.

16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises was in the act of offering up his only son,

18 of whom it was said, "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named."

19 He considered that God was able even to raise him from the dead, from which, figuratively speaking, he did receive him back.

20 By faith Isaac invoked future blessings on Jacob and Esau.

21 By faith Jacob, when dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph, bowing in worship over the head of his staff.

22 By faith Joseph, at the end of his life, made mention of the exodus of the Israelites and gave directions concerning his bones.

23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hidden for three months by his parents, because they saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict.

24 By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter,

25 choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin.

26 He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.

27 By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured as seeing him who is invisible.

28 By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

29 By faith the people crossed the Red Sea as on dry land, but the Egyptians, when they attempted to do the same, were drowned.

30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

31 By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had given a friendly welcome to the spies.

32 And what more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-

33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, enforced justice, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions,

34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, were made strong out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight.

35 Women received back their dead by resurrection. Some were tortured, refusing to accept release, so that they might rise again to a better life.

36 Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

37 They were stoned, they were sawn in two, they were killed with the sword.

They went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, afflicted, mistreated-

38 of whom the world was not worthy-wandering about in deserts and mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth.

39 And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised,

40 since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect.

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,

2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted.

4 In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

end by praying in small groups, for all people, and those we know, for salvation ... For other requests and for faith