



**PRAYER**

*through the*

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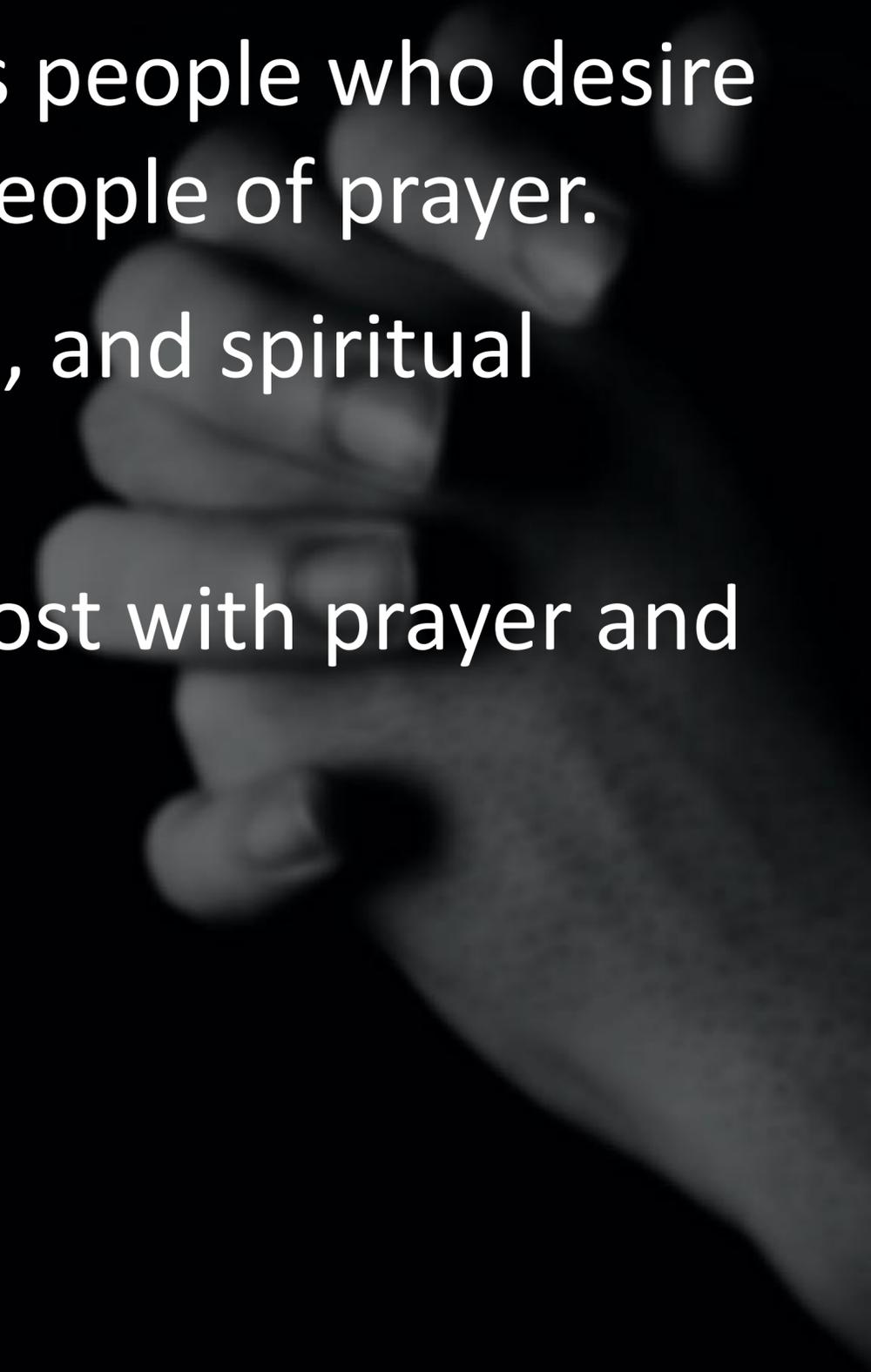
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# PRIORITIZING PRAYER

The only thing that will protect and preserve us as people who desire to experience God's move is to continue to be a people of prayer.

We need to share our physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual needs. We resist the call of isolation.

We are to respond to these needs first and foremost with prayer and support. Prayer is an effective tool.



# WE WILL FIGHT FOR ONE ANOTHER

**Pray** for each other.

**Love** one another with the Love of God.

**Accept** one another as Christ accepts us.

**Forgive** one another as Christ forgave us.



# THE PARABLE OF THE UNJUST JUDGE

**Luke 18:1-8 (NLT)** *One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. There was a judge in a certain city, he said, who neither feared God nor cared about people. A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy. The Judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, I don't fear God or care about people, but this woman is driving me crazy. I'm going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests! Then the Lord said, Learn a lesson from this unjust Judge. Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?*

# THE BATTLE OF WILLS

This is a parable about persistence in the face of injustice, waiting for justice. If an unrighteous judge will hear our appeals, then how much more will our appeals be heard by our heavenly Father, who LOVES US and CARES about us.

(Matthew 18:19-20)

JESUS taught that God's Will and Power CANNOT be bent or controlled by the human will! But when His people BEND THEIR will to His WILL He will endorse and empower their commitment and bring blessing.

# BE PATIENT

Justice will come to an unjust world according to God's Will and Time. Don't let a delay discourage you to pray.

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# REMEMBER JOB

**James 5:7-11** *Dear brothers and sisters, you must be patient as you wait for the Lord's return. Consider the farmers who eagerly look for the rains in the fall and in the spring. They patiently wait for the precious harvest to ripen. You, too, must be patient...We give great honor to those who endure under suffering. Job is an example of a man who endured patiently. From his experience we see how the Lord's plan finally ended in good, for he is full of tenderness and mercy.*

**Job 19:25** *But as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and he will stand upon the earth at last.* **Job 42:12** *So the Lord blessed Job in the second half of his life even more than in the beginning.*

# THE BATTLE IS REAL

The enemy is real, it has purpose, is well-prepared, and is powerful.

**John 10:10** *The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy.*

**1 Peter 5:8** *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

**OUR UNPREPARED DEFENSE WILL BE OUR GREATEST WEAKNESS.**

*Ephesians 6:10-11 ...be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.*

**We Are Fighting To Prevent The Enemy From Gaining Footholds.**

*Ephesians 4:26-27 In your anger do not sin. Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.*

**We Are Fighting Against The Spirit Of Error.**

*1 John 4:6 We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood.*

# PRAYER + FAITH = POWER

*However, when the Son of Man comes will He find faith on earth?*

We will stay loyal, committed and persistent? Will we give up? Will the Lord come back to a bride in waiting WITH JOY?

Today we need an invasion of righteousness into the hearts of the all nations, communities, churches and in us. This can happen around the communion table that He has set for us! He gave us His Body and Blood as our guarantee.

# COMMUNION

**Matthew 26:26-30 (NLT)** *As they were eating, Jesus took some bread and blessed it. Then he broke it in pieces and gave it to the disciples, saying, Take this and eat it, for this is my body. And he took a cup of wine and gave thanks to God for it. He gave it to them and said, Each of you drink from it, for this is my blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to forgive the sins of many.*

