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And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” *Matt 16:17-19*

If the foundations are being destroyed; what will the righteous do? *Psalms 11:3*

PLEDGE FOR MEN:

- I pledge to submit my life and my soul to the AUTHORITY of Jesus Christ and the Word of God. I will come under the authority of my spiritual leaders as described in the Word of God.
- I pledge to ALIGN my mind, my heart, and my will to obey the Lord Jesus Christ in my relationship with Him, in my family, in God’s church, at my job, in my government, and as a vital member of the kingdom of God.
- I pledge to make myself ACCOUNTABLE as a man of God to live according the principles in the Word of God – to practice the Christian disciplines of prayer and reading the Bible daily, to bear fruit, to exercise wisdom in what I say and do, to be salt and light by sharing the Gospel with others, and to be an ambassador for Jesus Christ. I pledge to make myself accountable to my spiritual leaders, my spiritual brothers, the church I serve, the families I lead (If married to be the Godly husband and Father as described in Eph 5:21-6:4 and other Scriptures), and the people I have yet to encounter as I witness for Jesus Christ.
- I pledge to live an AUTHENTIC Christian life before the world. I will confess my sins, I will make things right when I am wrong, I will love others as Christ loved me, and I will speak the truth of God in love, share the truth of God with others around me, and be the man of God He has called me to be. I make this pledge before God and this assembly, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

PLEDGE FOR WIVES:

- I pledge to submit my life and my soul to the AUTHORITY of Jesus Christ and the Word of God and submit to the authority of my husband as the spiritual leader in the home as described in God’s Word.
- I pledge to ALIGN my mind, my heart, and my will to obey the Lord Jesus Christ in my relationship with Him, in my family, in God’s church, at my job, in my government, and as a vital member of the kingdom of God.
- I pledge to make myself ACCOUNTABLE as a woman of God to live according to the principles in the Word of God – to listen to God and spend time in prayer and reading the Bible daily, to faithfully pray for my husband – for him to be still and listen to God, to and make myself accountable to God and my husband, the church I serve, the families I lead as a wife and mother, and to the people around me. I will depend on the Holy Spirit to lead me to be submissive to my husband.
- I pledge to live an AUTHENTIC Christian life by confessing my sins, I will make things right when I am wrong, I will love others as Christ loved me, and I will speak the truth of God in love, share the truth of God with others around me, and be the woman of God He has called me to be. I will allow my husband to spend time in prayer and God’s Word. I will not harbor any envy or jealousy for his relationship with his brothers in Christ who support him. I will love and encourage him and allow the Lord to work in and through his life. I make this pledge before God and this assembly, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

PLEDGE FOR SINGLE WOMEN:

- I pledge to submit my life and my soul to the AUTHORITY of Jesus Christ and the Word of God and to submit to the authority of my spiritual leaders as described in the Word of God.
- I pledge to ALIGN my mind, my heart, and my will to obey the Lord Jesus Christ in my relationship with Him, in my family, in God’s church, at my job, in my government, and as a vital member of the kingdom of God.

- I pledge to make myself ACCOUNTABLE as a woman of God to live according to the principles in the Word of God – to listen to God and spend time in prayer and reading the Bible daily, to faithfully pray for the men in my life – for them to be still and listen to God. And I pledge to make myself accountable to God and to the men who are my spiritual leaders, the church I serve, the families, and to the people around me.
- I pledge to live an AUTHENTIC Christian life before the world. I will confess my sins, I will make things right when I am wrong, I will love others as Christ loved me, and I will speak the truth of God in love, share the truth of God with others around me, and be the woman of God He has called me to be. I make this pledge before God and this assembly, in the name of Jesus Christ, amen.

NOW LET'S GO TO POLITICS. There are three branches of government: Executive, Legislative, and Judicial.

HOW TO PRAY FOR OUR PRESIDENT: Pray this prayer with me – Heavenly Father, give President Trump wisdom to guard his words, the light of Scripture to guide his steps, and holy boldness to stand up for Christian values and principles. Surround him with godly men and wise leaders who will counsel him to follow you, Lord!

HOW TO PRAY FOR CONGRESS: Heavenly Father, convict congress men and congress women of the sin of selfish personal interests, special interest groups, power struggles, and the consuming need to seek retribution or revenge because they did not get their way. Stop the gridlock by giving supernatural wisdom to congress to begin genuine reform in healthcare, welfare, control of government spending, protecting our nation from attack, and religious freedom and expression in a godly and orderly manner. Block any satanic influence in legislation that causes division disguised as diversity, perversion disguised as freedom of expression, the assault on Christianity disguised as the need for tolerance, destruction of the family as defined by Scripture disguised as the right to personal choice, and the erosion of foundational Christian principles and practices that are etched on our government buildings, written in government documents, and practiced by the men who founded the United States of America.

HOW TO PRAY FOR OUR JUDGES: Heavenly Father, remind our justice system that they were appointed to uphold the Constitution of the United States of America to protect all rights of freedom of religious expression and not force the beliefs of some on those who oppose them. Give wisdom and courage to every judge to support the truth not twist it, defend the truth not define it, and live according to the truth found in and defined by the Word of God.

HOW TO PRAY FOR OUR SCHOOLS: Heavenly Father, our school systems are out of control. Our teachers and school board members are exhausted trying to keep control in the classroom. Cover our schools with your presence and protection, restore order to our classrooms, give authority back to our school leaders, lead our parents and citizens to support our teachers and leaders in prayer, and re-introduce curriculum based on godly principles and biblical values.

HOW TO PRAY FOR OUR CHURCHES: Heavenly Father, call our churches to a solemn assembly to weep over the sin in our churches and our nation, to love hurting people, to tell others how Christ can set them free from bondage to sin and to stand on and up for the Word of God as it is written not as it is perverted and misinterpreted by the world. Father, convict us of our sin and the need to confess our sin, and lead us to live righteous and holy lives in our homes, at work, in our cities, and in our churches. Restore the church as the beacon of hope for every city around the world.

HOW TO PRAY FOR OUR CITIES: Heavenly Father, re-establish your authority over our city as King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Release your Holy Spirit to move and work in our city unhindered. Bind Satan from every place in this city and keep him from taking any more territory. Raise up your sleeping churches, Father, revive the dead spirits, and lead us to confess our sins and return to you God not as churches of different denominations but as the church in Bartow, every city in Polk County, every city in the United States of America, and every city on every continent around the world.