

## **Kingdom Movement:Pray**

*Gen 28:10-17*

### **Intro**

Kingdom Movement - pray, train, go

Why keep talking about prayer?

Prayer is our weapon

Prayer is our strength

Prayer is our strategy

Prayer will fuel our training and prayer will fuel our going

House of prayer

Testimony:

Prayer Hub testimony - saw an altar

Prayer is our strategy

Creating gateways between heaven and earth

Frontline youth

Wanted to do this

We started praying

God did the rest

Young people turning up at the door not knowing why but feeling the need to be here

3 disciple groups started, young people reading the bible with non Christians, Muslims

Leading so many young people to Jesus on the streets

We baptised 10 we have more to be baptised

Young people being filled with Holy Spirit

Started praying for provision and every week we've had testimonies of God's provision

We started praying God did the rest

We're not there yet but we're going to keep pressing in and going for it!

### **Prayer Altars**

Jacobs encounter

*Genesis 28:10-19 NIV*

Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. [11] When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep. [12] He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. [13] There above it stood the LORD, and he said: "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you are lying. [14] Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. [15] I am

with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." [16] When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I was not aware of it." [17] He was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven." [18] Early the next morning Jacob took the stone he had placed under his head and set it up as a pillar and poured oil on top of it. [19] He called that place Bethel, though the city used to be called Luz.

2 generations earlier Abraham built an altar in that spot

God called Abraham to walk through the land and as he did he built prayer altars

Genesis 13:17-18 NIV

Go, walk through the length and breadth of the land, for I am giving it to you." [18] So Abram went to live near the great trees of Mamre at Hebron, where he pitched his tents. There he built an altar to the LORD.

Jacobs revelation was that the place where the prayer altars were were gateways of Heaven and earth

Place where Heaven touches earth

From that space, where heaven touches earth Kingdom activity happens and we see Kingdom movement in our lives, circumstances, families and to those around us

## **What is an Altar?**

1. A place of encounter

Genesis 28:16-17 NIV

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If altars are the gateway between heaven and earth how can they be anything but a place of encounter

1 Kings 18:30-38 NIV

Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come here to me." They came to him, and he repaired the altar of the LORD, which had been torn down. [31] Elijah took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes descended from Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD had come, saying, "Your name shall be Israel." [32] With the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD, and he dug a trench around it large enough to hold two seahs of seed. [33] He arranged the wood, cut the bull into pieces and laid it on the wood. Then he said to them, "Fill four large jars with water and pour it on the offering and on the wood." [34] "Do it again," he said, and they did it again. "Do it a third time," he ordered, and they did it the third time. [35] The water ran down around the altar and even filled the trench. [36] At the time of sacrifice, the prophet Elijah stepped forward and prayed: "LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, let it be known today that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant and have done all these things at your command. [37] Answer me, LORD, answer me, so these people will know that you,

LORD, are God, and that you are turning their hearts back again." [38] Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench.

The place of Pentecost was a prayer altar

Acts 1:12-14 NIV

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. [13] When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. [14] They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

Acts 2:1-4 NIV

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. [2] Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. [3] They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. [4] All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.

This is the place where we receive power from on high  
Praying in tongues for an hour then going  
If you want an encounter with the Lord build a prayer altar

## 2. A place of instruction

Luke 6:12-13 NIV

One of those days Jesus went out to a mountainside to pray, and spent the night praying to God. [13] When morning came, he called his disciples to him and chose twelve of them, whom he also designated apostles:

Acts 13:1-3 NIV

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen (who had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch) and Saul. [2] While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." [3] So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

We are called to go

We must put legs on our prayers

If you want an encounter with the Lord build a prayer altar  
If you want instruction from the Lord build a prayer altar

## 3. A place of revelation

### Genesis 28:12-15 NIV

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God gave revelation and the re affirming of the covenant

### Acts 10:9-10 NIV

About noon the following day as they were on their journey and approaching the city, Peter went up on the roof to pray. [10] He became hungry and wanted something to eat, and while the meal was being prepared, he fell into a trance.

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If you want instruction from the Lord build a prayer altar

If you want revelation from the Lord build a prayer altar

### **Application - how do we build a prayer altar?**

Go home start a prayer altar

#### **Personal Altar**

He is waiting for us and waiting to meet us in our prayer rooms, at our prayer altars.

#### Matthew 6:6 NIV

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

No time limit but ask the Lord what He is asking of you in this season

You have to ask the Lord what your commitment is to that prayer altar

Worship

Word

Prayer

#### **Family Altar**

with Caleb and praying with him

#### **Corporate Altar**

encountered God more in the corporate prayer 21 days more than anyone else, got great friendships now because we've been praying

