

# SEQUOIA NOTES

## Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

### The Necessity of Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

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Happy Father's Day!



Acts 1:12-14 Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, a distance of half a mile. When they arrived, they went to the upstairs room of the house where they were staying. Here are the names of those who were present: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (the zealot), and Judas (son of James). They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.

- **Prayer is everywhere in the book of Acts.**
- **Prayer is the continuation of a conversation that God has started with us.**
- **Biblically and historically, the one non-negotiable, universal ingredient in times of spiritual renewal is corporate, prevailing, intensive and kingdom-centered prayer.**
- **Corporate - Our Father in heaven ~ Jesus**

- **Prevailing/Intensive**

Luke 18:1-8 One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. 2 "There was a judge in a certain city," he said, "who neither feared God nor cared about people. 3 A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, 'Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.' 4 The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, 'I don't fear God or care about people, 5 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!'" 6 Then the Lord said, "Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. 7 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? 8 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?"

- **God wants faith-filled prayers.**
- **Praying with faith is believing that God will do what He promises to do, and that He is able to do everything else.**
- **Kingdom-centred**

Hallowed be Your Name, Your Kingdom come, Your Will be done on earth as it is in heaven ~ Jesus

**BIG IDEA: We will not see spiritual renewal without corporate, prevailing, kingdom-centred prayer.**



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- In what ways have we been living like family recently? How will we live out our family identity in the coming week?
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- How have we lived on mission where we live, work, play, or went this past week? Who do we know that needs to hear the good news of Jesus?

2) How did the message resonate with you? What questions or comments did it raise for you? What was your most significant takeaway?

3) What do you think of the teaching that we can do nothing of lasting eternal value without Jesus? Does that bother you? Excite you? Give you hope? Reflect on John 15:5.

4) Read Acts 1:12-14. Describe the prayer life of the early believers? Describe your prayer life. Do you pray regularly? Persist in prayer? Pray with faith? If not, why not?

5) Read Luke 18:1-8. What can we learn about God and prayer from this scripture? Do you pray Kingdom prayers or maintenance prayers? Why?

6) In what ways does unbelief, cynicism, pride, and apathy impact your prayer life? How can we combat these prayer killers in our lives and grow in our commitment to prayer?

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