

PRAY FIRST- WEEK ONE

Prayer: God, keep my whole heart, for my whole life.

1. A heart that seeks

My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"

Your face, Lord, I will seek.

Psalm 27:8

- A heart that seeks means having an ear that listens
- What is clouding our hearing? What's causing us not to hear the quiet call to seek His face?
- We're all seeking something- question is- what are you seeking?

2. A heart that repents

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10

- A whole heart to God = a repentant posture toward God
- Repentance is simply the lifestyle of the believer
- Repentance means to have a right spirit- righteous, right-standing, nothing in between God and me

3. A heart bound to the altar

The Lord is God, shining upon us. Take the sacrifice and bind it with cords on the altar. You are my God, and I will praise you! You are my God, and I will exalt you!

Psalm 118:27-28

- BIND it to the altar- don't let it back up
- BIND = captivate, taken captive, imprisoned, captured, to hold, to keep, to prepare, to give full authority to
- Is my heart captive to altar of sacrifice? Or is it a sacrifice of convenience?
- What has authority in my heart?
- When we don't bind our hearts to the altar, we leave scattered pieces everywhere
- Binding our hearts to the altar means safety, wholeness and knowing God as MY GOD

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim freedom for the captives
and release from darkness for the prisoners,
Isaiah 61:1

CLOSING:

I prayed to the Lord, and he answered me.
He freed me from all my fears.

⁵ Those who look to him for help will be radiant with joy;
no shadow of shame will darken their faces.

⁶ In my desperation I prayed, and the Lord listened;
he saved me from all my troubles.

⁷ For the angel of the Lord is a guard;
he surrounds and defends all who fear him.

⁸ Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Oh, the joys of those who take refuge in him!

Psalm 34:4-8

1. Have you bound your heart to His altar?
2. Are you seeking His face?
3. Have you embraced a spirit of repentance?
4. Have you given Him your heart?