



# GETTING GOD'S HEART FOR OUR LOST LOVED ONES

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- Last Week We Looked At: **Spiritual Warfare For Your Lost Loved Ones**
- Demolishing The Strongholds
- Breaking The Foundation Of Their Resistance
- **Anything That Sets Itself Up Against God Must Be Demolished; Destroyed And Taken Down**



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- **In Order To Have God's Heart – We Must Be Willing To Bear God's Burden For The Lost**
- The Compassion Of Jesus Caused Him To Act
- “To Have Compassion” Means “To Feel Deep Sympathy.”



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- **(Mat 9:37-38 NIV)** ... "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. (38) Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."
- In Knowing His Heart, We Will Develop His Passion For People
- We Develop The Passion To Pray



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**Why Did Jesus Say To Pray?** Because When We Pray As He Commanded

- *We Will See What He Saw (About The Lost)*
- *We Will Feel What He Felt*
- *We Will Do What He Did (Regarding The Lost)*
  
- We Pray Because Jesus Wants Us To See The World As He Sees It



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- ***Prayer Is The Chosen Vehicle Of Communication With God –The Chosen Vehicle Of Empowerment By The Spirit***

## The Two Greatest Prayer Needs Today:

1. For The Lost To Recognize Their Desperate Condition.
2. For Christians To Follow Christ's Call To Evangelize And To Gather The Harvest



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**When We Carry A Burden For Our Lost Loved Ones To Be Saved, We Are In Effect Bearing A Measure Of God's Burden**

- We Must Allow Ourselves To Receive The Burden Of The Lord.
- We Must Let His Heart For People Become Ours.
- So That When We Pray, It Is Really Him Praying Through Us.
- Sheets, D. (2001). *How to Pray for Lost Loved Ones* (p. 82). Regal; Gospel Light.



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**2 Corinthians 5:18–20 (NIV)** — 18 All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: 19 that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. 20 We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.

- **We Have A Ministry Of Reconciliation**
- **We Are Ambassadors For Christ**





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## A Reconciler / Ambassador Is A "Pray-er":

- We Pray For Opportunities To Be Used Effectively
- We Pray For Seed We Plant To Be Harvested
- We Pray For Others Who Are Reconcilers To Be Impactful
- We Pray For Opportunities To Be Ambassadors w/Christ's Heart
- We Ask For God's Heart Of Passionate Caring



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## Prayer Is The Key

- A Specific Type Of Prayer Is The Prayer Of Intercession
- We Pray And Intercede Because We Are Committed To Moving In God's Will And Plan
- The Vehicle That Will Help Us To Accomplish This Is Prayer



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- **In Intercessory Prayer** We Deal Aggressively With The Enemy On Behalf Of Someone Who Needs Our Prayers And Support. We Pray And Come Against The Enemy In The All-Powerful Name Of The Lord Jesus Christ And With The "Sword Of The Spirit"--The Word Of God.
- We Stand Before God On Behalf Of The Person We Are Praying For -- At The Same Time, We Stand Between The Enemy And The Person For Whom We Are



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- **Intercession Is Covering Someone**, Picking Off The Enemy's Fire -- So They Can Keep Advancing
- Intercession Requires The Help Of The Holy Spirit.
- In This, The Highest Element Of Prayer, God's Spirit Gives Breath To Our Prayers.
- **Intercession Is Standing In The Gap** For Someone In Need Of God's Intervention



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- Things That Are Cold And Lifeless Are Not Too Big Of A Challenge
- We Need The Presence, Power And Breath Of Life, From The Lord
- He Can Change People
- You May Have A Son Or A Daughter Or An Unsaved Spouse -- One Touch, One Breath Of Life Can Change Them.



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- *“People may spurn our appeals, reject our message, oppose our arguments, despise our persons -- but they are helpless against our prayers.”* Sidlow Baxter



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When We Pray, For Our Lost Loved Ones Remember:

- 1. The Love Of God That Wants The Best For Them.
- 2. The Wisdom Of God That Knows What Is Best For Them.
- 3. The Power Of God Will Accomplish What Is Best For Them.
- *ADAPTED: William Barclay, Prodigals and Those Who Love*



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- **(Matthew 18:19-20 NIV)** "Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. (20) For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them."
- **(Matthew 19:26 NIV)** Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible."