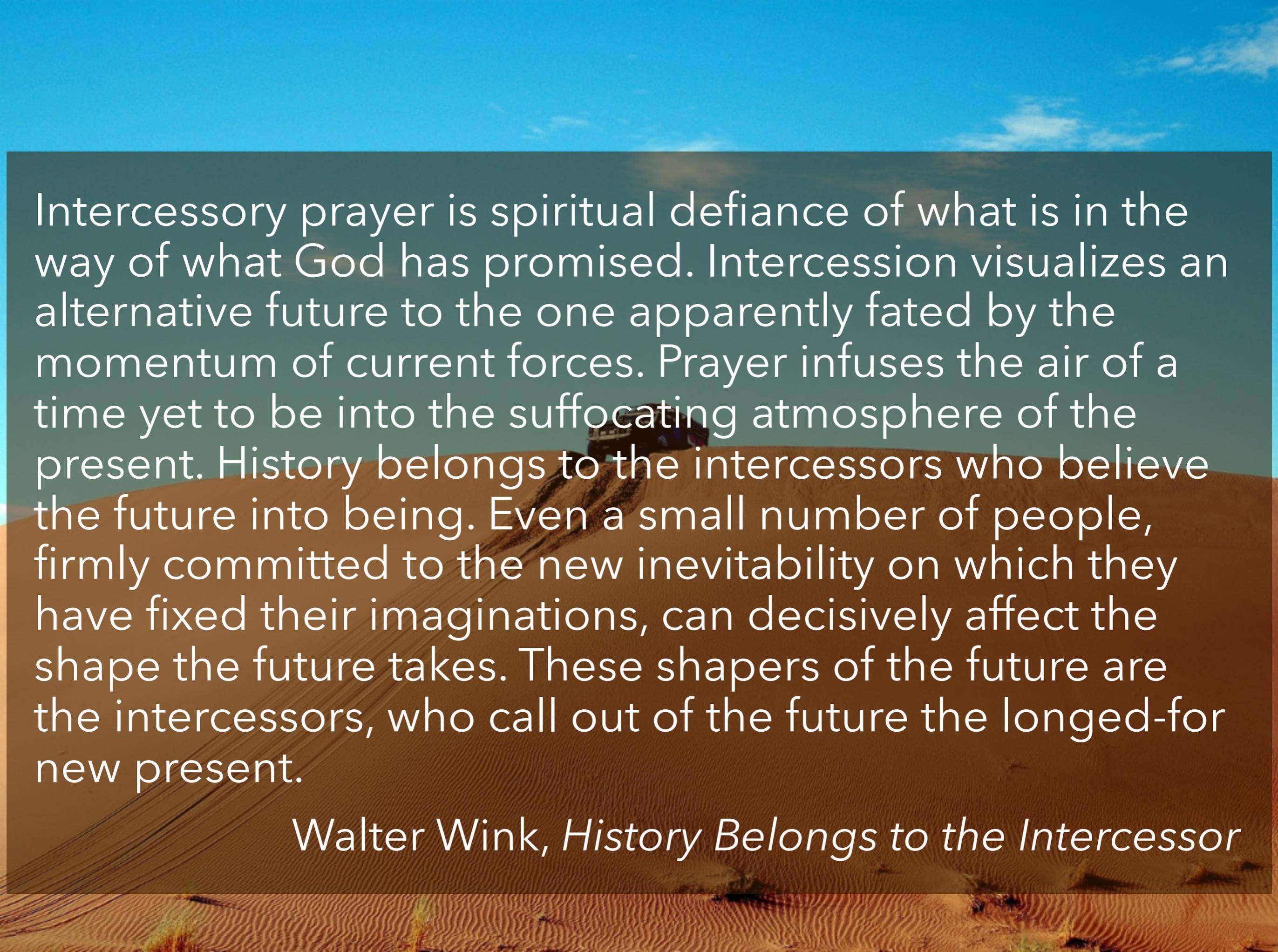


A 4x4 vehicle is positioned at the crest of a large sand dune. The dune's surface is marked with numerous tracks from the vehicle. The sky is a clear, bright blue with a few wispy clouds.

F O R E R U N N E R S

PREPARING THE WAY THROUGH INTERCESSION



Intercessory prayer is spiritual defiance of what is in the way of what God has promised. Intercession visualizes an alternative future to the one apparently fated by the momentum of current forces. Prayer infuses the air of a time yet to be into the suffocating atmosphere of the present. History belongs to the intercessors who believe the future into being. Even a small number of people, firmly committed to the new inevitability on which they have fixed their imaginations, can decisively affect the shape the future takes. These shapers of the future are the intercessors, who call out of the future the longed-for new present.

Walter Wink, *History Belongs to the Intercessor*

Luke 1

⁷⁶ And to you I prophesy, my little son, you will be known as the prophet of the glorious God. For **you will be a forerunner, going before the face of the Master, Yahweh, to prepare hearts** to embrace His ways.

⁷⁷ You will **preach to his people the revelation of salvation life**, the cancellation of all our sins, to bring us back to God.

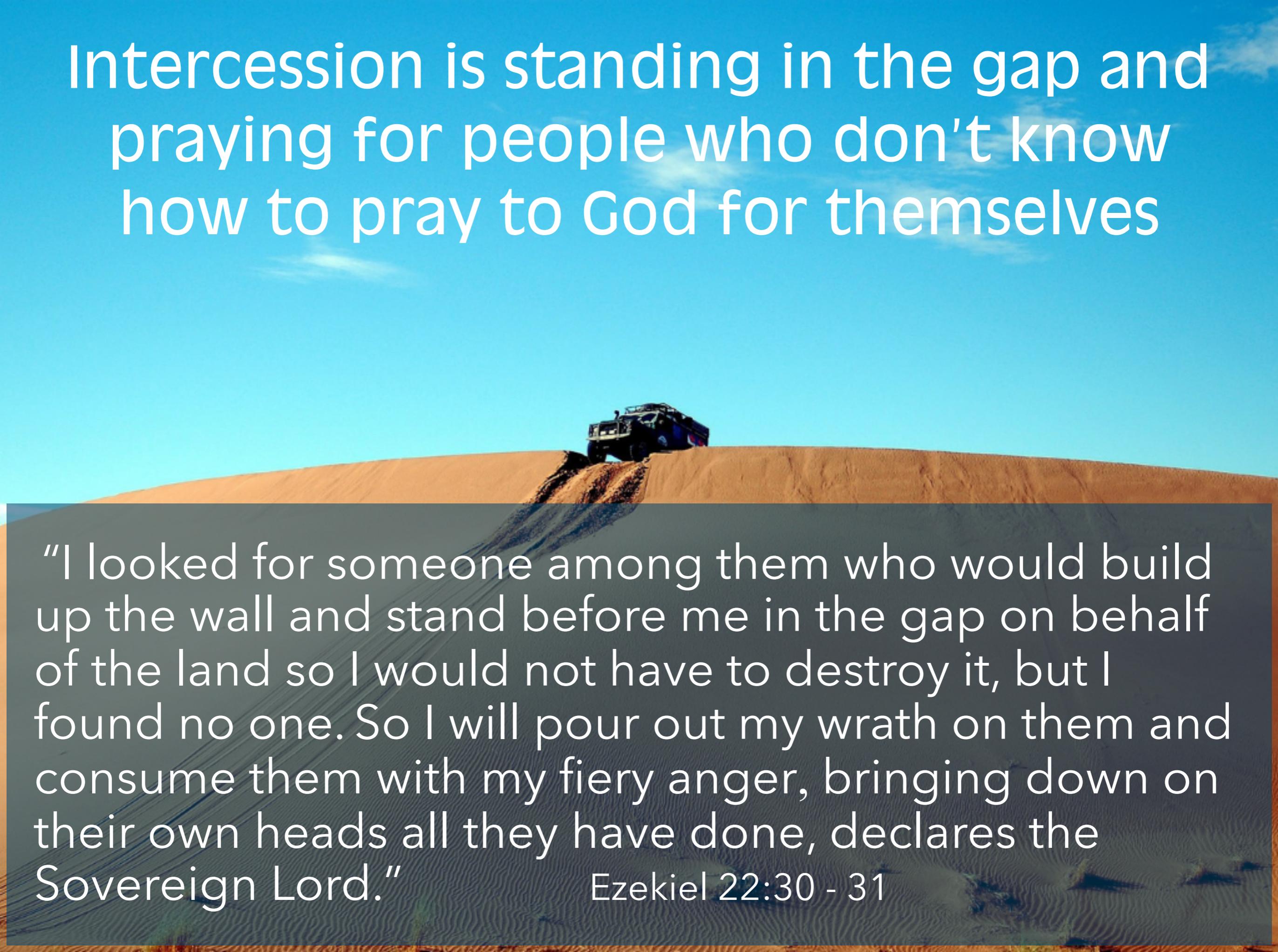
What Forerunners do:

1. Go before the face of God to prepare hearts to receive Jesus
2. Share the good news of Jesus and disciple those who receive Him



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A photograph of a truck driving on a sand dune under a clear blue sky. The truck is positioned on the crest of the dune, and its tracks are visible in the sand. The sky is a vibrant blue with a few wispy clouds. The overall scene is bright and clear.

Intercession is standing in the gap and
praying for people who don't know
how to pray to God for themselves

"I looked for someone among them who would build up the wall and stand before me in the gap on behalf of the land so I would not have to destroy it, but I found no one. So I will pour out my wrath on them and consume them with my fiery anger, bringing down on their own heads all they have done, declares the Sovereign Lord."

Ezekiel 22:30 - 31

Intercession is the spiritual weapon God has given us to do spiritual work

A photograph of a dark-colored truck driving on the crest of a large, smooth sand dune. The truck is moving from left to right, leaving a trail of sand behind it. The sky is a clear, bright blue with a few wispy clouds. The overall scene is bright and clear.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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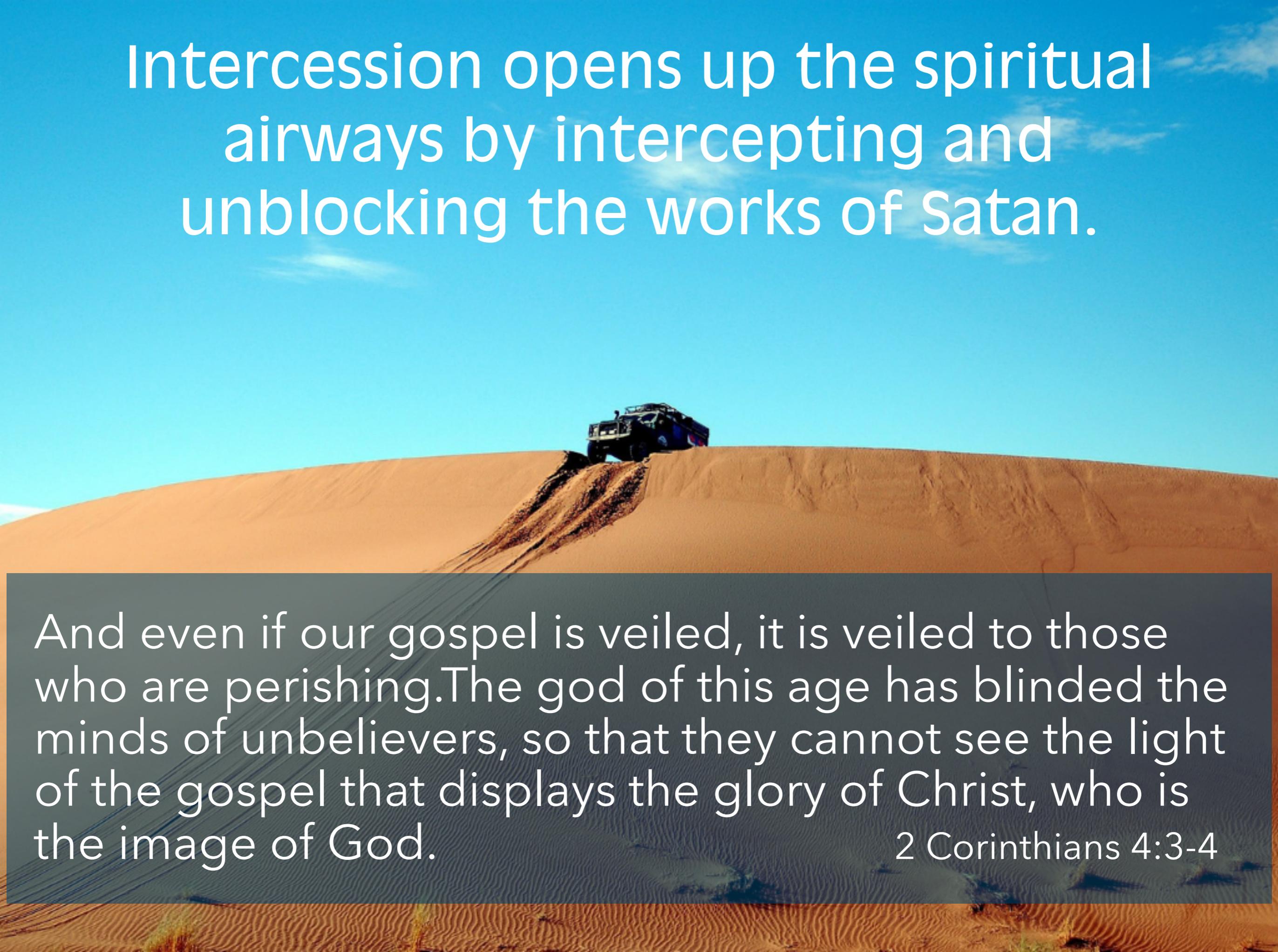
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And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.
Ephesians 6:10-12



When Jesus taught us, "Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven." How do we see this manifest in the marketplace, in our workplace, office or business?

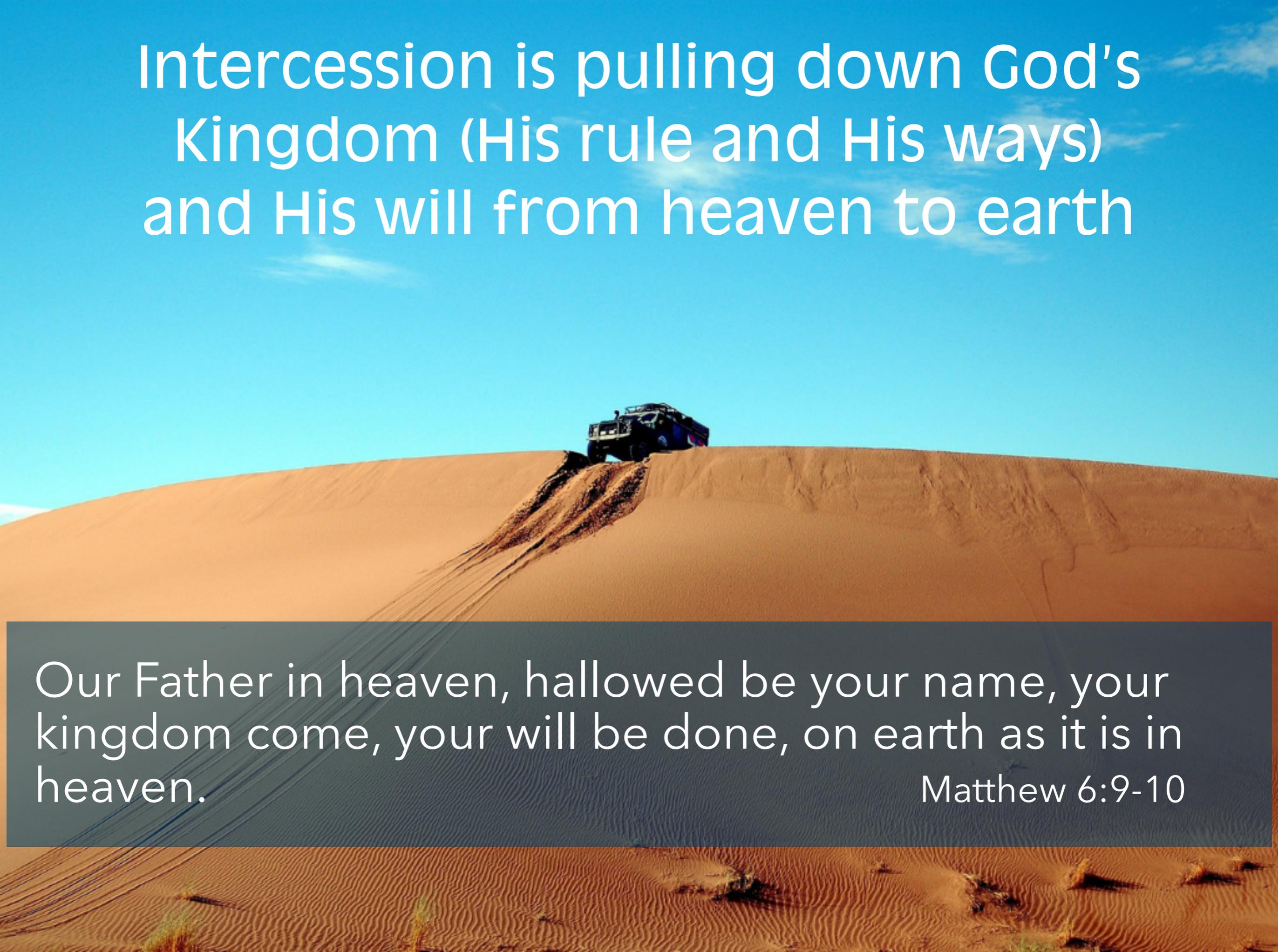
God's kingdom is ready to manifest itself through us in our workplace. He has called to be atmosphere changers. When we are willing to be on our knee praying for His kingdom to invade our workplace, the gate of Hades cannot prevail. People are hungry for spiritual truth and attracted to the light we carry. God can use our lunch hour to feed spiritual food to those who are hungry.

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Intercession opens up the spiritual
airways by intercepting and
unblocking the works of Satan.

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

A photograph of a dark-colored truck driving on the crest of a large, smooth sand dune. The dune is a rich orange-brown color. The sky is a clear, bright blue with a few wispy white clouds. The truck is positioned in the center of the frame, moving from left to right. The overall scene is bright and clear, suggesting a sunny day in a desert environment.

Intercession is pulling down God's
Kingdom (His rule and His ways)
and His will from heaven to earth

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:9-10

Practicals

Praying for the Places
God has placed us in

Praying for the
people God has placed

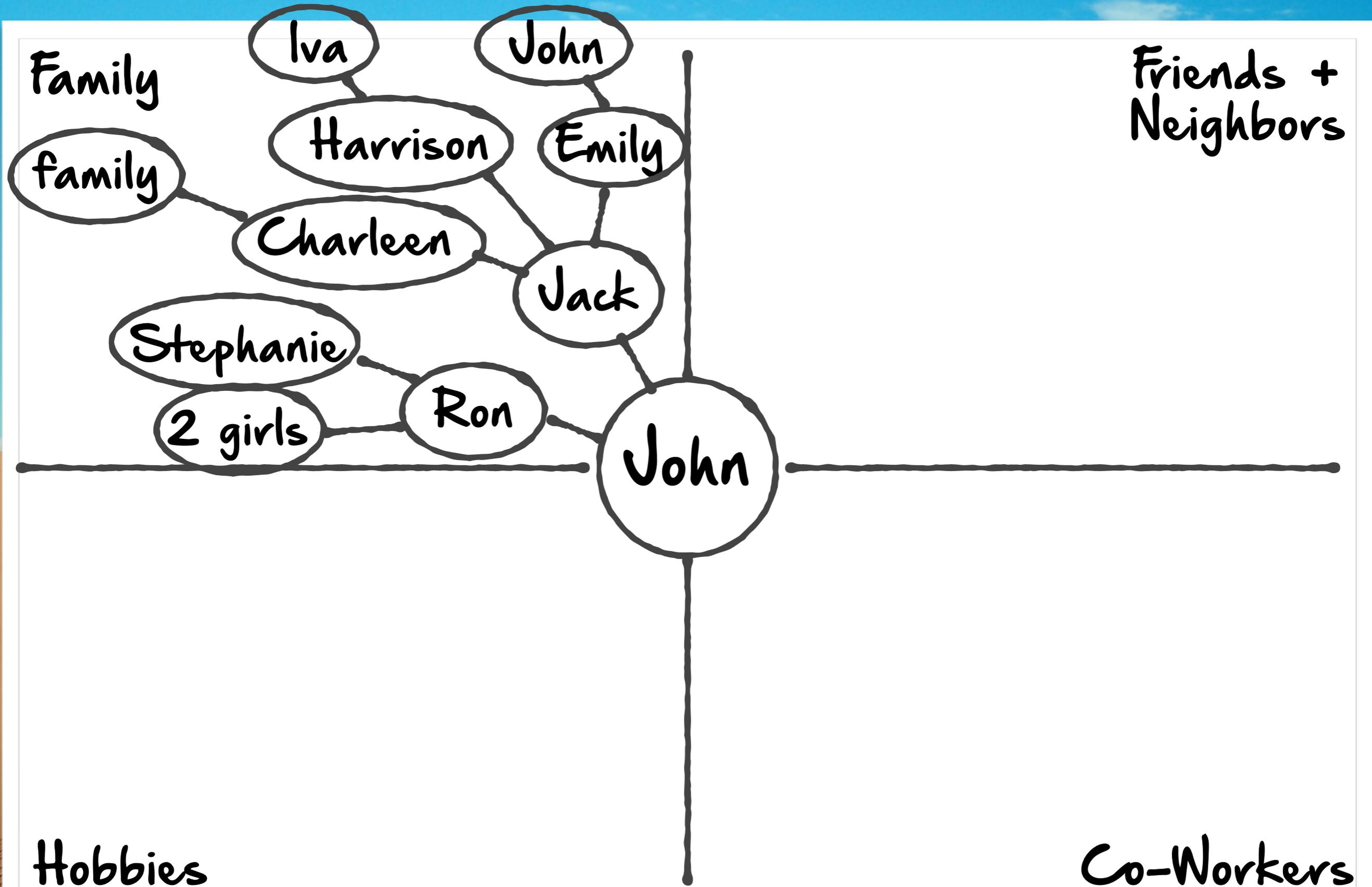
"Atmosphere Changer"

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characteristics at the
place you spend most of
your time?

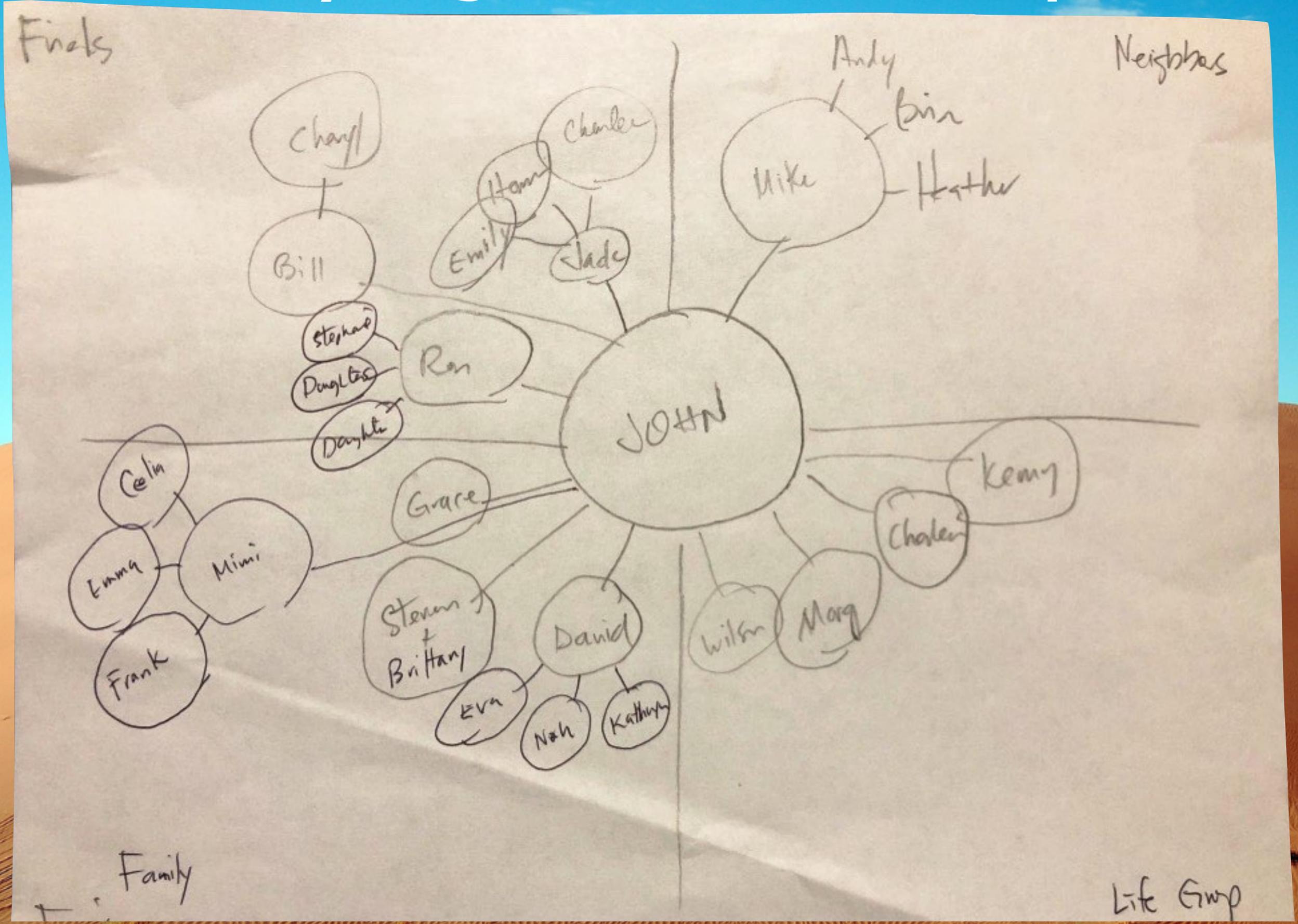
Pray the opposite

Do the opposite

Praying for our Peeps



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Practicals on Praying for Your Peeps

Be ready to pray for people right then and there

- so you can model what prayer is for them
- so they know when God answered

Make it understandable and not weird to them

- keep it short and use words they know
- tell them they don't have to close their eyes

Be quiet for a little bit and ask God if there's something else he wants you to pray about or say

- do it gently and lovingly

Thank them warmly

Continue to pray for them. Get ready to say "there He is!"



receive Jesus

confess sin

be filled with Holy Spirit

need healing