

NOTES FROM VISIT WITH DAVID WATSON

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I knew I had to establish prayer. I worked to see prayer coming from every time zone for the Bhojpuri people. Over 100,000 intercessors. I had a coordinator who collected prayer needs and praise reports and distributed them to the group. I asked myself, “What would it take to start a movement?” and used stories to share the principles.

In the beginning, my first trip into my group (the Bhojpuri), my team members were killed. I came back discouraged, angry at God, and decided not to do anything except what I saw in the Word of God. I read it 10 times over and used 4 colored markers:

- Yellow I marked where I saw prayer
- Red I marked direct commands of God
- Blue I marked promises or blessings of God
- Green I marked things about the church

The Holmann Study Bible now is acknowledging movements! Even prayer movements are an act of God—not a work of man!

When we were seeking intercessors, we would call them and ask them how we could pray for them first before we ever asked them to pray for us. Then they would ask how they could pray for us. We set up hotlines with 18 elderly people who called every pastor in Texas. They got turned down 40% of the time when asking about praying for someone. They kept good records. Kathy Hutchins was the coordinator at that time. For six months, we had a call center.

When we start to pray, we move nearer to God. The more we pray, the closer we get until finally we become aligned with His heart and purposes. God moved from calling them servants to friends. Obedience is the key.

We prayed and focused on continuous circles of the “one anothers” passages in the New Testament. We emphasized one each day, not only to pray into that but to practice it. We made it work inside ourselves, in our homes, in our work and in our communities.

We talked about beginning by confessing our sins one to another—lost persons have no problem talking about their sins. It’s hard for believers to confess sins, however.

We worked on honoring one another inside and outside. This is how teams are formed—**Prayer has to be relationship, not ritual.**

Heb. 2:1 “Be careful how you think lest you drift away from God... 1 Chron 16:8-35 prayer of David upon reopening the temple. First part Israel then the rest of the world. Encourage lost people to pray and facilitated discovery Bible studies. Four column studies. Prayer can easily become a ritual and not a relationship. Amos 5.

Justice has to do with our relationships with people. Righteousness has to do with our relationship to God. All prayer is about us in the world and God in us. Draw near to God and He'll draw near to us. Prayer builds our relationship with God. Worship doesn't happen without sacrifice. Romans offer yourselves to God as living sacrifices. Worship is for us; prayer is for God. We can't do anything without Him.

I'm just a Jonah. Jonah was forced into obedience...God assigns you people to pray for, to care for and to love. It isn't in us to do that—we have to have God's empowerment. The first thing is to make a friend. Tampa area—church began to tell its members to build a friendship with their Muslim neighbor. They were not allowed to share the gospel. Focus on being a friend and making a friend. Now imam and pastor are good friends—even when Muslims in his sphere become believers, he isn't upset. He speaks sometimes in the church and the pastor speaks sometimes at the mosque. Relationships first.

John 14-15-16 what the Kingdom is—how our relationships changes with the understanding of the Trinity. People are coming near to God, listening, obeying...

Prayer Discovery—prayers in the Bible, passages about prayer. What is He saying, how do we obey, collectively corporately how do we obey? Don't pray for safety! People come to Christ while they're in crisis. Ask what your country looks like five years from now on the trajectory its on now. Corporate prayer, family prayer, prayer with strangers.

What about your neighbor? This is not about you—get past personal prayer. Your heart becomes so broken for the lost you cannot not pray.

We made lists of 200 – every person in your sphere of influence, even the ones you don't know their names (the guy who sacks your groceries, etc.). Become followers of Christ—what we're going to do...pray about it.

Strategy is given during our prayer times not study times. Strategy comes out of being in God's presence. If you're not in the Word, you can't listen well...Everyone who listens and learns from the Father will come to Christ. Prayer is about the mission. When God gives you a mission, you have no choice. Jonah again.

Relationship with God step 1—in mentoring. Seeing what God is doing in Matthew, what is Jesus doing with His disciples. He who has an ear, let him hear. Listen to God. God walked through the Garden with Adam and Eve calling their names. Began with intimacy.

Shameful geneology—Jesus had a prostitute in His lineage. Honor shame cultures. Obedience to the Word—not just to the prayer passages...it's a complete package—listen and obey.

All 3 relationships change --who people you pray with, who you pray for, and who you pray to. Prayer is a relational word. Widow established a relationship that the judge could no longer ignore. Relationship is everything to God too. That passage is all about relationship.

Prayer is a tactic, not a strategy. Strategy Generals and Colonels. Tactics Majors and Captains. Dwight D. Eisenhower strategy Gen. Patton tactics. Prayer ministry relationships that transform you and God and you and others. The prayer strategist, the prayer warrior...be careful not to outrun your supply lines!

Prayer is a strategy for what? Prayer tactics—how the specifics. What you need to fulfill the goals God has given you. Come to Christ through prayer. If you eliminate prayer, you eliminate salvation—we come to Christ through prayer.

Role of prayer individually, corporately, broadly...pray about where we're going to set our feet...God is retaking His Kingdom in His way. We are involved in something engaged in heavenlies.

Prepping for spiritual warfare 24/7 for 100's of years. Where they are what do they need to know. When you're truly praying for someone, you have to put yourself in their position. "Sharing in the fellowship of Christ's sufferings" You have to have a need and humble yourselves to begin a relationship—be able to receive from them. Reason for looking for the person of peace—the one who offers hospitality and you are in a position of need to receive from them.

Matt. 9 and 10