

## Sermon Notes 09.18.2022 “We Need to Pray for One Another More”

### My Question Many Years Ago About Becoming More Effective in Ministry

- Lean on God

**Jeremiah 33:2-3** "Thus says the LORD who made *the earth*, the LORD who formed it to establish it, the LORD is His name, 3 **'Call to Me and I will answer you, and I will tell you great and mighty things, which you do not know.'**

- Stop letting people escape from your office without being prayed for

### I Don't Think Much is Going to Happen Without Much Prayer

**Colossians 4:2** Devote yourselves to prayer, keeping alert in it with *an attitude of thanksgiving*;

**1 Thessalonians 5:16** -25 Rejoice always; 17 **pray without ceasing**; 18 in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 19 Do not quench the Spirit; 20 do not despise prophetic utterances. 21 But examine everything *carefully*; hold fast to that which is good; 22 abstain from every form of evil. 23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is He who calls you, and He also will bring it to pass. 25 **Brethren, pray for us.**

**Ephesians 6:18** With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, **be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,**

### What Should We Be Praying for Each Other?

#### Pray That Your Faith Will Not Fail

**Luke 22:32** 22:32 but **I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail**; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers."

#### Pray “That You Do No Wrong & Be Made Complete”

**2 Corinthians 13:7-9** Now **we pray to God that you do no wrong**; not that we ourselves may appear approved, but that you may do what is right, even though we may appear unapproved. 8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but *only* for the truth. 9 For we rejoice when we ourselves are weak but you are strong; this **we also pray for, that you be made complete.**

**Philippians 1:6** For **I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.**

**Psalms 37:37** Mark the blameless *man*, and observe the upright; For **the future of that man is peace.**" (NKJV)

### **Pray for People to Be Filled**

**Colossians 1:9-12a** "...since the day we heard *of it*, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, **10** so that you will walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; **11** strengthened with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously **12** giving thanks to the Father...."

### **Pray for God's Favor on People – That the Name of Jesus Christ Would be Glorified**

**2 Thessalonians 1:11** To this end also we pray for you always, that our God will count you worthy of your calling, and fulfill every desire for goodness and the work of faith with power, **12** so that the name of our Lord Jesus will be glorified in you, and you in Him, according to the grace of our God and *the* Lord Jesus Christ.

### **Pray We Would Have the Word of the Lord and Speak It – The Holy Spirit Empower that Word**

#### **Pray 10 Times More than We Speak**

**2 Thessalonians 3:1** Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord will spread rapidly and be glorified, just as *it did* also with you;

### **Pray that the Good that Christ Put in You Would Rub Off on Others & Lead Them to Christ**

**Philemon 1:4-6** I thank my God always, making mention of you in my prayers, **5** because I hear of your love and of the faith which you have toward the Lord Jesus and toward all the saints; **6** and I pray that the fellowship of your faith may become effective through the knowledge of every good thing which is in you for Christ's sake.

**Hebrews 13:18** Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a good conscience, desiring to conduct ourselves honorably in all things.

### **A Challenge that I Have Pondered and Sought All My Years in Him – The Greatest Hero Was Like Us**

**James 5:14-18** Is anyone among you sick? *Then* he must call for the elders of the church and they are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; **15** and the prayer offered in faith will restore the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up, and if he has committed sins, they will be forgiven him. **16** Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. **17** Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. **18** Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.