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INTIMACY WITH JESUS

According to the online dictionary, one of the meanings of the word *intimacy* is close familiarity, friendship, or closeness. During Jesus' earthly ministry, He lived a life of intimacy with the Father. He followed Father's instructions intently and was determined to do His will.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging Him, saying, "Rabbi, eat." But He said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples were saying to one another, "No one brought Him anything to eat, did he?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work.

— JOHN 4:31-34, NASB

The disciples were speaking to Jesus about natural food. They were concerned about His strength, urging

Him to eat something to nourish His natural body. In this midst of this exchange, Jesus reveals the secret source of real strength in His life. He says that His food, that which keeps Him, nourishes and strengthens Him, is to do the will of the Father.

He was expressing something that only a person who lives a life of intimacy with the Father can understand. There is a sustaining effect in surrender. There is something about surrender that is so powerful. This is the fruit of one who is planted in the plans of the Father. No matter how much energy is put out, no matter how exhausting the fight is, there is renewal in the presence of God!

The place of presence is the place of surrender. A man or woman who dares to dive deep into prayer will plow open fields of harvest and uncap wells of rich, sustaining power. Jesus had a strength in the midst of the tests, the trials, the lies, and the opposition. There was something that kept Him from quitting. There was something that kept Him from throwing in the towel. There was something that no matter how hard He labored, it refreshed Him. It was doing the will of the Father!

Doing is the result of being! Many people get this backward. They try to live out destiny by the doing. They do exploits for Jesus. They reach people for Jesus. They look for fulfillment by laboring. While it is true that there is something so fulfilling in working with and for the Father, it is also dangerous to labor without

having relationship. It becomes a yoke of bondage instead of an extension of identity.

As we come into full understanding of oneness with the Father and the power of our new nature, we are released into breathtaking realms of glory and power. I do not believe that Jesus was just doing for the sake of doing. His doing was the extension of His being. As He was living in sync with the will and the person of the Father, He was empowered for rich Kingdom ministry. This is a prophetic picture to inspire you and me.

*For in him we live, and move, and have
our being.*

– ACTS 17:28(A)

This is the position of power for a prayer warrior; completely at home in the Father, resting in His glory and grace and positioned in His love. It is in the midst of Him and the fullness of His presence that we pray earth-shaking prayers. We do not pray these prayers outside of the presence of God but in the midst of His presence.

Power prayers are birthed from the place of intimacy. People who are powerful in the realm of the spirit are surrendered and established in the presence of God. His presence is their reward! They pray in the presence of God. They worship in the midst of His glory. They rule and reign as Kingdom ambassadors dwelling in the throne room.

But the news about Him was spreading even farther, and large crowds were gathering to hear Him and to be healed of their sicknesses. But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray.

– LUKE 5:15-16, NASB

As Jesus was moving in power and miracles to shake cities and regions, He revealed something that every servant of God must know. Prayer is more important than service! In fact, without a life lived in the presence of God, service will be empty and ineffective. Jesus withdrew Himself from the people in order to seek the face of the Father.

This was not something unusual! This was the lifestyle of Jesus. He was living a life of close relationship with the Father. The Bible says that He would often retreat from the crowds to get alone with God.

His prayer life so inspired the disciples that they besought Him asking, "Lord teach us to pray." (*Luke 11:1*) You do not pursue a person for mentorship unless they have something that you want. The disciples observed the faithfulness of Jesus, the tenacity of Jesus, and the power of Jesus. They recognized that His prayer life was the key. They wanted what Jesus had, so they were willing to do what Jesus did. This is why they were pursuing Him for instruction.

THE INTERCESSION OF JESUS

Jesus is the great intercessor!

Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

– HEBREWS 7:25, NASB

These passages in the book of Hebrews reveal Jesus as our Great High Priest. His blood has been shed and is presently speaking! His blood is speaking over every sin and bondage. His blood is speaking over nations and regions. His blood is speaking over human failure and weakness. His blood annihilated the powers of darkness over our lives and brought us full circle into our proper position as heirs.

In Charles Wesley's hymn, *Arise My Soul Arise*, the words paint a poignant picture of the intercession of Jesus and the power of the blood. I have emitted part of one stanza to more accurately convey the message as it applies to this teaching.

Arise, my soul, arise; shake off thy guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
Before the throne my surety stands,
Before the throne my surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all-redeeming love,
His precious blood to plead:

Five bleeding wounds He bears, received on
Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead
for me:
"Forgive him, oh, forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, oh, forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

The Father hears Him pray, His dear anointed
One;
He cannot turn away the presence of His Son;
His Spirit answers to the blood,
His Spirit answers to the blood,
And tells me I am born of God.

My God is reconciled; His pard'ning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear:
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

In the Old Testament, the High Priest was responsible to administrate the rituals on the day of atonement. He had to take the blood of the bull and goat into the holy place, sprinkling it and applying it as directed to sanctify the Ark of the Covenant. In this picture in the book of Hebrews, Jesus appears as the interceding High Priest releasing His blood that tears down the walls of sin and bondage. He enters into the Holy Place once and secures redemption for all of humanity. He provides access to the everlasting life and salvation of God for all who call upon His name.

Jesus is the fulfillment of the type and shadow demonstrated through the Passover lamb. His sacrifice replaces that of a natural lamb. He is the Lamb of God who forever paid the price for every person who receives His sacrifice.

*The next day John seeth Jesus coming
unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of
God, which taketh away the sin of the
world.*

-JOHN 1:29

All who dwell on the earth will worship him, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who has been slain.

– REVELATIONS 13:8

THE INTERCESSOR'S ANOINTING

I was asked to speak at a leadership conference and to impart to some of the prayer leaders. The minute I began to pray, I heard the Lord say to me, "I want you to speak on the intercessor's anointing." He began to show me the powerful anointing that is available to propel people into realms and dimensions of uncommon prayer and breakthrough. Intercessors pray earthshaking prayers. Intercessors are given mind-blowing assignments in the spirit realm. Intercessors may not ever physically go to a particular geographical location, but often they are invited to shift and govern a region through their prayers.

Intercession can turn a family around. Intercession can break off curses. Intercession can break bondages. Intercession can release divine plans. Intercession can secure healing and deliverance for others.

*My little children, for whom I labor in birth
again until Christ is formed in you.*

– GALATIANS 4:19

The great Apostle Paul is revealing the intensity of his prayer and travail for his sons and daughters. He was burdened and compelled to enter depths in the spirit realm for them. He was assigned to go in the spirit and give birth to their destiny.

It is the absolute duty and natural reaction of a spiritual father or mother to bathe the destiny of their sons and daughters in prayer. The decisions that must be made to properly execute the assignment of Heaven demands prayer and intercession.

*“No man can do me a truer kindness in this
world than to pray for me.”*

– CHARLES SPURGEON

*“Can Jesus Christ see the agony of His soul
in us? He can’t unless we are so closely
identified with Him that we have His view
concerning the people for whom we pray.
May we learn to intercede so wholeheart-
edly that Jesus Christ will be completely
and overwhelmingly satisfied with us as
intercessors.”*

– OSWALD CHAMBERS

“The church that is not jealously protected by mighty intercession and sacrificial labors will before long become the abode of every evil bird and the hiding place for unsuspected corruption. The creeping wilderness will soon take over that church that trusts in its own strength and forgets to watch and pray.”

– R. W. TOZER

“We may be forced to consume considerable time before the spirit cooperates. For example, God would like to enlarge the scope of our prayer to include the nations in order to defeat all the behind-the-scene works of Satan. Or He may want us to intercede for all sinners worldwide for the entire church.”

– WATCHMAN NEE

Why is it important to embrace the concept of an anointing to pray? To properly address this, we must first define what the anointing is. While this is a complex subject, I will simplify it with this extremely easy to understand definition; anointing is the **super** on your **natural**! It is a divine ability. People who are anointed can do seemingly impossible things with ease.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.

– ISAIAH 10:27

The anointing destroys the yoke! It obliterates demonic ties and bondages to ungodly weights. The power of the anointing brings deliverance and victory. The anointing unlocks glory and power. The anointing releases strength and might.

There is an anointing for prayer and intercession. There is an anointing to stand and believe God. There is an anointing to pray until Heaven shows up. The Holy Spirit wants to partner with you through the power of His anointing to launch a potent prayer assault and unveil God's victorious plans for your house, children, friends, destiny, mind, finances, and health.

And I sought for a man among them, that should build up the wall, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none.

– EZEKIEL 22:30, ASU

Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD

on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare.

– JEREMIAH 29:7 NASB

Now the people became like those who complain of adversity in the hearing of the LORD; and when the LORD heard it, His anger was kindled, and the fire of the LORD burned among them and consumed some of the outskirts of the camp. The people therefore cried out to Moses, and Moses prayed to the LORD and the fire died out.

– NUMBERS 11:1-2 NASB

First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

– 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4, NASB

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, and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel.

– EPHESIANS 6:18-19, NASB

INTERCESSOR'S ANOINTING

- To stand
- To partner with heavenly plans and decrees
- To turn the spiritual tides
- To see what others cannot see
- To birth
- To travail
- To release the rivers - inner rivers and unusual ministry rivers (*John 7:38*)
- Release offices and commissions of others. In *Acts 13*, Paul and Barnabas were divinely appointed for apostolic labor. Without intercession and an atmosphere of prayer, they would never have been released and commissioned. Intercession is the place of cultivation, activation, and release
- To release angelic activity
- To unroll the scrolls of revelation

As we unpack the strategy to assault hell and release the Kingdom, we are going to explore ten types of prayer that cause hell to quake. These prayers enforce the victory of the Kingdom and diminish the influence of hell. They move things from the heavenly sphere into the earthly realm.

**TEN TYPES OF
PRAYERS THAT
DEFEAT HELL AND
CREATE A PRAYER
ASSAULT**

1 | THE PRAYER OF BINDING AND LOOSING

Truly I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven.

– MATTHEW 18:18, NASB

Jesus was speaking here in governmental terms. He was teaching on a realm of authoritative prayer. He was speaking of a realm of prayer that opens things in the Heavens and shifts the status of things on Earth. A man or woman cannot begin to grasp this concept without a proper understanding of their position in Christ and the authority that they have been granted.

Or how can anyone enter the strong man's house and carry off his property,

unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.

– **MATTHEW 12:29, NASB**

The word *bind* in this verse is the Greek word *deō*. It means to tie, bind, imprison, confine, impede, hinder, compel, impel, to declare, to be prohibited and unlawful. Jesus is teaching here that to rule a house, remove a stronghold, and bring forth deliverance, the strong man must be legally bound. Believers are to use the authority of the name of Jesus, the blood of Jesus, and the Word of God to rule the powers of hell null and void.

The words to *bind* and to *loose* mean to forbid by an indisputable authority and to permit by an indisputable authority.

Ministering deliverance to an individual means to rightly identify the chief or ruling spirit and then bind it in order to expel all associated demons. This same principle applies in territorial apostolic/prophetic ministry. For example, an apostolic ministry may be combatting a spirit of poverty in a region. They must pray clearly against the operation of that spirit in the lives of believers, and then boldly teach, preach, and prophesy against it in that region.

This strategy will not be fully effective if they are targeting the wrong ruler. It could very likely be that a spirit of religion is ruling as the strongman but part-

nering with poverty to keep a lid on the territory. It will take prophetic discernment and proper knowledge of warfare strategies to release the chief demon's grip and manifest the Kingdom of God.

Binding and loosing are apostolic strategies. Spirits must be bound. Demonic influence must be bound. Demonic powers and activities must be bound. Binding is a dimension of authority in operation. It is a legal function. When the Eklessia binds something in a region, they are functioning under the mandate given by Heaven to decree and declare. When a believer binds something to bring deliverance in the life of another person, they are functioning as an authorized ambassador of God's majestic Kingdom.

We are also called to loose! When we operate in faith, we release God's power and plans. We tie up and render unlawful the forces of hell as we bind them up. We loose God's power, provision, and glory.

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

– LUKE 10:19

ACTIVATION

Father, I thank you that you have given me power and authority over all the power of the enemy. I stand before you authorized and empowered to decree and declare as your child. I say that my tongue is powerful. My decree is powerful. I walk in boldness and authority. I am not intimidated by the powers of hell. I walk in supernatural power and victory, in Jesus' name. Amen.

I DECREE

My prayers are powerful.

My words are weapons.

Demons flee at the name of Jesus.

Every devil has to obey me, in Jesus' name.

I bind fear.

I bind sickness.

I bind poverty.

I bind anxiety.

I bind rebellion.

I bind perversion.

I bind all demonic attacks.

I bind all the plans of the enemy.

I bind every evil work.

I loose the glory of God.

I loose angels working on my behalf.

I loose health and healing.

I loose miraculous power.

I loose victory.

I loose peace in my mind, home, and family.

I loose revival and awakening in my church and community.

I loose God's plans for my nation.

I loose God's provision for my family.

I loose heavenly wisdom and insight.

I loose peace that passes all understanding.

I loose revelation and wisdom.

I loose divine understanding.

I loose God's power.

I loose prophetic revelation.

2 | THE PRAYER AGREEMENT

Throughout the Word of God agreement is taught as a power principle. When God's people set their faith in agreement, it unblocks victory and power.

The word *agreement* means a harmony of opinion, action, or character; the act or fact of agreeing; an arrangement as to a course of action reached an *agreement* as to how to achieve their goal; treaty a trade *agreement*; a contract duly executed and legally binding, the language or instrument embodying such a contract.

Again I say to you, that if two of you agree on earth about anything that they may ask, it shall be done for them by My Father who is in heaven.

— MATTHEW 18:19, NASB

*Can two walk together, except they be
agreed?*

- AMOS 3:3

God met with Moses! Yahweh became the prayer partner of Moses and they talked face to face. He began to shine with glory as he carried divine substance. Agreement with the eternal will unlock heavenly residue on your life

The prayer of agreement is a prayer that is predicated upon two parties locking their faith on a target. When two believers agree, they have identified the objective, and both said yes. They have come into a covenant around something that they are believing God to do.

This is unlike many other types of prayer. The power in the prayer of agreement is not in the anointing or an experience. It is in the release of faith. Two parties have decided to grab the horns of the altar and not let go until their request manifests. They are laying hold of a promise in the realm of the spirit and refusing to be deterred or denied.

There are several levels to the prayer of agreement. First, those involved must be in unity. You cannot enter the prayer of agreement through strife and division. Agreement means unifying around the desired objective. Second, the target must be identified. The prayer of agreement does not work without pin-

pointing the desired result. I know that this will stir religious demons, but this is one of the most dysfunctional prayer practices in the modern Church.

Religion always aims to abort Kingdom results. One area that this spirit has lied to people is with the '*unspoken prayer request*.' How can two agree when there is no target identified? It is an effort in futility. We can pray for you and loose the anointing or prophesy, but agreement actually requires pinpointing the mountain. If I don't know what we are praying for, there is no agreement. We are just spinning our wheels.

Once the goal of the agreement has been defined, there must be a third step. You must release your faith in some capacity. This can be joining hands and saying a simple prayer together. This can be a time of extended intercession. This can be prayer over the phone. This can happen in a number of ways, but the release of faith is critical. Two parties are coming together based on the Word of God and expecting Heaven to move!

This is a powerful breakthrough prayer. When the enemy is assailing you with all types of demonic attack, you need a prayer partner. You need someone that will stand ready to fight with you. You need someone that will grab hold of the Word of God with you and say no to hell!

I will never forget a time when I was going through one of my worst battles. Hell had shown up to attack our family. My wife and I were praying hard and

believing God, but the warfare was wearing us out. We picked up the phone to call a trusted intercessor. The moment she began to speak, the power of faith hit both of us! She spoke the Word and we set our faith in agreement. That simple prayer call was the beginning of our turn around.

The prayer of agreement can move mountains. The prayer of agreement can secure healing power. The prayer of agreement can move a financial mountain.

Once you agree, you must not allow the enemy to move you. He will come with discouraging reports and negative circumstances. He will attempt to discourage and overwhelm you to move you off the promise of God. You must stay standing and not budge one inch! Do not let go of what Heaven has said. Agreement has secured the victory, now continue to stand.

ACTIVATION

Father, I thank you for covenant people in my life. Thank you for people that I can come into agreement with and move mountains. Thank you for godly friends and family. Thank you for the right people who will stand with me. I recognize the power of agreement. I am going to look for opportunities to agree and release my faith. I am expecting harvest and breakthrough as I pray prayers of agreement, in Jesus' name. Amen.

3 | THE PRAYER OF DECREE

*Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall
be established unto thee: and the light
shall shine upon thy ways.*

– JOB 22:28

We have often heard and read this passage of scripture, but have you meditated on the meaning of this powerful word? This is a bold and strong realm of prayer in which we access the power of God by using our tongues as potent prophetic instruments.

My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

– PSALM 45:1(B)

The tongue is full of power. With our mouths, we stand as gatekeepers in the realm of the spirit; with every word we are releasing power. We can release the

promise of God and the life of God, or we can speak out from a place of pain and frustration, releasing curses in the spirit dimension.

Far too many believers are eating rotten fruit from the declarations that they have made.

*A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit
of his mouth; and with the increase of his
lips shall he be filled.*

- PROVERBS 18:20

Our lives are framed by our words. As prayer warriors, we must realize that there is power in our mouths. We can decree the will of God. We can speak shalom to the storms. We can call our families forth into the Kingdom of God. We can release healing power and victory from our lips. Our lips are our weapons to be used wisely in governing our lives and circumstances. We can use our faith to release Heaven's decree.

On that day, when evening came, He said to them, "Let us go over to the other side." Leaving the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and other boats were with Him. And there arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up. Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said

to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?" And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm. And He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?" They became very much afraid and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?"

– MARK 4:35-41, NASB

In the midst of a storm, how did Jesus pray? Did He kneel in the corner pounding His fist in deep travail? Did He speak mysterious prophetic words? Did He play a song and then prophesy? No! He spoke to the storm directly and precisely. He exercised His authority over the raging winds and sea by decree. This is a pattern for us to follow in the realm of decree.

The word *decree* means: as a rule of law issued by a head of state i.e. president according to certain procedures. It has the force of the law. In biblical times, the king had the ultimate authority to make official decrees. The decree was contained in a written document that was specific and clear. It contained the instruction and desired outcome. It was a legal document containing the authoritative rule of the king in a matter. If the subjects chose not to obey the decree of the king, they faced punishment.

The word *established* means: to set up on a firm or permanent basis, to achieve permanent acceptance or recognition for, to show, reveal to be true based upon the facts.

When we pray prayers of decree, we are also declaring. This is why it has become very common to say, "I decree and declare!" We are ruling and prophesying at the same time. We are establishing things in the realm of the spirit. We are tying up loose ends and establishing the will of God to be carried out by angels!

The word *declare* means: to make known or state clearly, especially in explicit or formal terms, to declare one's position in a controversy, to announce officially; proclaim: to declare a state of emergency; to declare a winner. to state emphatically to show, reveal, or manifest.

ACTIVATION

Thank you, Lord, that you have given me a prophetic tongue. I confess that my mouth is filled with Holy Ghost power. I confess that I speak to storms and they obey. I command mountains to move and they do. I have what I say according to the Word of God. I walk by faith and not by sight. I decree your Word and your will and things shift, in Jesus' name. Amen.

DECREES

I decree that my body is healthy and whole according to *1 Peter 2:24*.

I declare that God's healing power is flowing through my body right now, in the name of Jesus.

I decree that God is upholding me and bringing me out of every attack.

I decree that no demonic weapon formed against me prospers.

I declare that God's mighty hand is upholding me according to *Isaiah 41:10*.

I decree that my family is saved.

I decree that witnesses are being dispatched to every member of my family who needs to hear and receive the gospel of Jesus Christ.

I declare that God's power is drawing my family to salvation according to *John 6:44*.

I decree divine protection and angelic assistance over me today.

I decree that I am led by the Spirit according to *Romans 8:14*.

I decree that I have the mind of Christ.

I decree that I am at peace.

I decree that I walk in love.

I decree that I am strong and not weak.

I declare that God's power is working in my life and the plans of hell are defeated in the name of Jesus.

4 | PRAYERS TO RENOUNCE DEMONIC BONDAGES

I assure you and most solemnly say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be lifted up and thrown into the sea!' and does not doubt in his heart [in God's unlimited power], but believes that what he says is going to take place, it will be done for him [in accordance with God's will]. For this reason I am telling you, whatever things you ask for in prayer [in accordance with God's will], believe [with confident trust] that you have received them, and they will be given to you.

– MARK 11:23-24, AMP

These are the verses that I cut my teeth on concerning the principle of faith and the power of our words. Jesus gives us life-changing instruction here. He shows

us the divine cycle of faith. We first believe and then we speak. As our mouth and heart align, power is released in the realm of the spirit.

On the godly side of things, this is an operation of mountain-moving prayer. We decree the Word of God and release our faith through our words. The mountain is moved. Our words absolutely contain the substance of faith that causes physical matter to move. It causes organs to be healed. It causes finances to come forth. It causes promises to burst forth.

The enemy not only understands spiritual laws, but he must obey them.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

– 1 PETER 5:8

The devil cannot just take one of God's kids out! He must gain legal access. He seeks permission.

One of the most common ways that the devil infiltrates the life of a believer is by sowing fear, pain, or discouragement into their life and then getting them to make some type of agreement with the demonic vow. I was sitting in a conference where a woman of God was preaching. She shared something so profound yet so simple. She said that she had been going through an intense spiritual attack and just could not seem to break free. No matter what she did it would

not totally lift. She would get temporary relief, but the heaviness persisted.

This woman is also a mighty intercessor. She began to seek the Father for wisdom. She pleaded for her freedom. He suddenly illuminated something that she had completely overlooked. In the midst of the attack, while bowing to the pressure of the enemy, she had made a demonic agreement. She had made an inner vow. She had said that she would back off from ministry and the level of power she was walking in if the enemy would just leave her and her family alone.

At that moment the adversary had duped her and got her to make a vow. These vows carry power. Very often it is a vow that is holding the demonic tie in place. These inner vows must be aggressively broken and renounced.

To *renounce* means to formally declare one's abandonment of (a claim, right, or possession), reject, refuse to abide by, repudiate.

Renunciations are prayers of strength, deliverance, and victory. At its core, this prayer is one of power. When a believer breaks ties with the enemy they become free and they close a spiritual door.

In any area of your life where there is an ongoing bondage ask the Holy Spirit to spotlight any confessions that you have made that empower bondage. Ask the Lord to reveal it to you and then listen. It may come in a moment or it may come in days. Be sensitive and seek Him.

ACTIVATION

When an area is revealed, you must intentionally renounce what you previously said and break all ties with that decree. It also helps to get a scripture that pertains to your particular situation and declare it. For example, if you have made a vow of sickness based on family history it will block God's healing power. You may have said something like, "My father had this, everyone in my family gets it." You opened a door that you need to close. Simply enter prayer and say, "I break the inner vow that I made concerning my healing. I renounce all negative words that I have spoken over my body. I believe that Jesus came to heal me according to *Psalms 107:20* and I loose God's healing power over my body. Healing belongs to me, in Jesus' name."

5 | PRAYER OF DEDICATION

This is a form of prayer intended to consecrate people, relationships, ministries, endeavors, and places to the Lord. It is biblical to dedicate all that we have, all that we are and all that we are called to do unto the Lord. To *dedicate* is to set apart (sanctify) and to bless (which is a priestly function).

When believers move into a new home, a prayer of blessing and dedication is powerful. It separates the space and establishes it as a place where the glory of the Lord will dwell. Believers should view their homes as sanctuaries or places of refuge filled with God's presence. The prayer of dedication is a part of that process.

*Now my eyes will be open and my ears
attentive to the prayer that is made in this
place. For now I have chosen and conse-*

crated this house that my name may be there forever. My eyes and my heart will be there for all time.

– 2 CHRONICLES 7:15-16, ESU

And thus you shall greet him: 'Peace be to you, and peace be to your house, and peace be to all that you have.'

– 1 SAMUEL 25:6, ESU

Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!'

– LUKE 10:5, ESU

These verses illustrate the power of the prayer of dedication. When you dedicate a home, a car, place of business, school, or ministry to the Lord, you are invoking your covenant rights. You are serving notice on hell that this is God's property and it will be used for the Kingdom of God.

Another realm of dedication is to pray a prayer of protection. This is a really important prayer to pray over every vehicle and dwelling place. You want to decree God's divine protection and loose the power of the blood of Jesus.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.

*My help cometh from the Lord, which
made heaven and earth.*

*He will not suffer thy foot to be moved: he
that keepeth thee will not slumber.*

*Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither
slumber nor sleep.*

*The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade
upon thy right hand.*

*The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the
moon by night.*

*The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
he shall preserve thy soul.*

*The Lord shall preserve thy going out and
thy coming in from this time forth, and
even for evermore.*

– PSALM 121

God has given us beautiful promises of protection that we can stand upon and claim. These promises form a rock-solid foundation for the prayer of dedication and protection.

When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. The priests could not enter the temple of the Lord because the glory of the Lord filled it.

When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the Lord above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the Lord, saying,

*“He is good; his love endures forever.”
Solomon consecrated the middle part of the courtyard in front of the temple of the Lord, and there he offered burnt offerings and the fat of the fellowship offerings, because the bronze altar he had made could not hold the burnt offerings, the grain offerings and the fat portions.*

– 2 CHRONICLES 7:1-3 & 7, NIV

The glory of God came and filled the temple as it was dedicated. The prayer of dedication is a prayer that invites glory. When churches and spaces are dedicated to the presence of God, His response is to send His presence in like a flood. Often these events are extremely formal without any expectation of the anointing or glory. We should believe for the glory to show up at a dedication.

Not only are buildings, businesses, churches, homes, vehicles, and spaces to be dedicated but we are to lay hands upon people to dedicate them for the Lord’s work. All through the Bible men and women were consecrated, anointed, and sent by the laying

on of hands. As leaders laid hands upon people, they were imparting and providing a measure of authority for a particular work.

It is key to note that in the Bible God never sent one person on an assignment without the anointing! During a prayer of dedication for ministerial work, there is a divine release. The anointing of God flows. This is a biblical principle. The Prophet Samuel anointed both Saul and David to fulfill their kingly duties. He poured the oil upon them. In the New Testament people were anointed and sent. When Jesus ascended up into Heaven, it was a commissioning and dedication; He sent all who would believe. When we get saved and yield to God's plans we are sent with power!

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

- MARK 16:15-18

Another prayer of dedication is the dedication of children to the Lord. When parents have been blessed with the miracle of a new birth, they bring the infant before the Lord and typically have the leader of their church do a dedication. This does not impart salvation but is rather a recognition of the gift of new life, a separation and consecration of the child, and a prayer of impartation, protection, and blessing. Spirit-filled baby dedications ought to be a time to pray and prophesy. God will give prophetic words for the parents to stand on and make war with.

And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.

— MARK 10:13-16

ACTIVATION PRAYERS

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR A NEW VEHICLE

Father, I thank you, that you have given your angels charge over me and I am divinely protected. I thank you for this vehicle. I thank you for provision. I dedicate this vehicle to you and release the power of the blood of Jesus over it. I decree that this vehicle will never be in an accident. I decree your shalom over this vehicle and I claim divine protection for all who ride in it, in Jesus' name. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION FOR A NEW HOUSE

(Take oil and anoint doorways, also pray in the Spirit to see if you get any leading about things to bind and declare. Be sensitive and led by Holy Spirit).

Father, I thank you, for this home. I dedicate it to you. I claim that this is a place of glory. I bind up any and all evil spirits and cast them out of this home, in the name of Jesus. I command every atmosphere of heaviness, strife, or confusion to go from this place. This home is filled with your peace, your joy, and your righteousness. I say that as for me and my house we will serve you, Lord. This is a place of prayer and your presence. I call this place a Rehoboth, a broad place of blessing. I decree your blessings over my home. I decree your victory over my home. I draw a bloodline around this property and space with the precious

blood of Jesus. I forbid evil spirits to enter or inhabit this space. I commission angels to guard my home and property. Thank you, Lord, for this home. I anoint it with oil and dedicate it to you, in the mighty name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OF BUSINESS

(Take oil and anoint doorways, also pray in the Spirit to see if you get any leading about things to bind and declare. Be sensitive and led by Holy Spirit).

Lord I thank you for this _____ (insert office, type of business here). According to *Deuteronomy 8:18*, you have given me the power to get wealth. I decree prosperity in this place. I anoint this place and dedicate it to you. I declare that it is a place of Kingdom blessing, wisdom, and glory. Thank you, Lord, that this business is a witness to you. I plead the blood of Jesus over this property and commission angels to watch over it. I thank you for peace and your glory in this place, in Jesus' name. Amen.

DECREES

I decree my home is blessed.

I decree that my home is filled with God's glory and peace.

I release prosperity and favor over my home.

I decree that my home is a place of prayer and worship.

Father, I invite your presence into my home and say that it is an abiding place of your glory.

I decree that my business is blessed.

I say that *Psalms 5:12* favor surrounds me like a shield and your favor is upon my business.

I decree supernatural ideas and creativity in this place of business.

I decree uncommon peace and teamwork in this place of business.

I decree that this church and ministry is filled with glory.

I decree that this church and ministry is a house of prayer and a dwelling place for God's presence!

I decree that my child or children are blessed.

I decree that my child or children will serve you all the days of their lives.

I decree healing over my child!

I decree your prophetic destiny over my child.

I prophesy that my child will love your glory and serve you radically.

I have not given specific dedication prayers for people being commissioned as that is typically done by their ministerial leader.

I have not given formal prayers for churchwide baby dedication as that is typically done with local fellowship.

6 | WARFARE PRAYERS

Spiritual warfare is a reality of any Christian that properly understands the realm of the spirit. As with any teaching, some people get out of balance. They become paranoid and hyper warfare oriented without proper perspective of the royalty and majesty of King Jesus. The reality is that there must be a healthy balance.

We engage spiritual warfare with three truths in mind.

1. JESUS REIGNS AND IS ABOVE ALL THE POWERS OF HELL.

Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

– COLOSSIANS 2:15, NKJV

Disarmed means that God effectively stripped Satan of all his power and weapons. Jesus rose victoriously from the dead after triumphing over the devil! He secured our victory and made a spectacle of the devil. Hell did not prevail! The Lamb of God stripped the enemy of his authority.

This verse gives insight into the triumph of the cross and the loss of the enemy! Hell was stripped. Principalities were stripped! Powers were stripped. Dominion was taken from the devil and restored to God's people.

2. WE HAVE BEEN GRANTED AUTHORITY OVER DEMONIC POWERS

Behold! I have given you authority and power to trample upon serpents and scorpions, and (physical and mental strength and ability) over all the power that the enemy [possesses], and nothing shall in any way harm you.

— LUKE 10:19, RMPG

Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness,

*and hath translated us into the kingdom of
his dear Son.*

– COLOSSIANS 1:12-13

3. WE MUST DISCERN AND EXPEL DEMONS

*And these signs shall follow them that
believe; In my name shall they cast out
devils..”*

– MARK 16:17

One of the ways that the enemy stays in power in the lives of people is to lie to them and sow seeds of deception. Some people believe that you should not discern demons or demonic activity. The Bible does not teach that! The early Church walked in victory because they followed Jesus' instructions and boldly cast out devils. They were not intimidated or fearful of the power of hell. They were not weak in their faith nor were they afraid of the power of the enemy.

Demons must be clearly exposed and then expelled out of people, places, and situations. Many times, a believer is facing unimaginable pressure and opposition. It feels as though the world around them is caving in. They can feel dizzy, heavy, weak, and overwhelmed. They can feel as though they have lost their anointing and are going under. This description is that of a person under spiritual attack. If the attack is

not seen, exposed, and confronted with the Word of God, it will overtake a person and lead to shipwreck.

In *Acts 16* the Apostle Paul faced a tricky demon. I have written about this in detail in other published works. He was on assignment pressing into the things of God when a possessed young lady showed up. He did not play spiritual patty cake with her! She was following him around. Demons will stalk and bind the anointing.

Anytime that you are advancing in the realm of the spirit, demons will show up. I pray with people every week who tell me how they are under attack. One of the most difficult aspects of the attack is the condemnation and confusion. They often feel as though the weight of the world is on them and they think they have done something wrong. There are certainly times that a devil is on the scene because someone opened a door. In deliverance, slamming the door shut is key. There are other times, like in the life of Paul, that a person is doing the right things. I say in those times, "The warfare is the confirmation!"

Paul addressed the spirit! He cast it out. He used his authority. There are four elements to this story...

Discernment: You have to know what you are up against. I cannot emphasize this enough! Study, learn, and build your arsenal but lean deep into Holy Spirit guidance when facing warfare. A red-hot prayer life is key.

Confrontation: Spiritual warfare is by nature a clash of forces and wills! We must enforce the Kingdom of God. Prayer is one of the vital instruments of enforcement!

Boldness: When you know your authority and the power of the Kingdom of God, you are bold! Jesus came to release us to exploits.

Faith: Deliverance requires faith. You must believe God and His Word. Paul spoke to the spirit and used his faith to cast it out. He was unfazed by the opposition that resulted afterward. Faith is critical in deliverance. A person must know the reality of the Word of God and stand on it without wavering.

There is a vital realm of prayer that engages in spiritual warfare. It confronts demon powers and speaks against them. It binds the operation of hell and releases the plans of Heaven. It praises God for the victory. It stands upon the Word of God and refuses to budge.

Spiritual warfare is strategic! Spiritual warfare is life-giving. Spiritual warfare is critical for the health of a person and ministry. A ministry that does not engage in warfare prayers will be defeated by the enemy. This is one of the enemy's lying strategies to get people to give up and choose to abandon God's promises.

Authority has been granted but it must be enforced. The enemy attempts to hinder Kingdom endeavors and people who are a threat to his evil workings.

*Wherefore we would have come unto you,
even I Paul, once and again; but Satan
hindered us.*

– 1 THESSALONIANS 2:18

Satan attempted to hinder Paul. The devil did not want the gospel going forth with power and anointing. This same reality applies today. Where Satan is threatened, he will attack and attempt to crush spiritual momentum and power! He must be exposed, confronted, and expelled!

This is the three-pronged spiritual warfare prayer strategy.

- Exposure by prayer, insight, gifts of the spirit and discernment. (Lean in, listen strong).
- Confrontation- speak to the demonic power with authority. Authority must be exercised.
- Expel- break the power of the devil. Cast him out!

After these things have been applied, individual believers must resist the devil. The enemy is always looking for a way back in. He must be resisted strong and with authority. Demons only understand authority. They will laugh at passivity.

ACTIVATION PRAYERS

Father, I thank you, that you have given me authority

over all the power of hell. I claim that I walk in boldness and authority, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Thank you that I have eyes to see and ears to hear what you are saying to me. I claim that I operate in the gift of discerning of spirits. I say that I am not deceived but am led by your Spirit, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Thank you, Lord, that I am strong in faith and not moved by the attacks of the devil, in Jesus' name. Amen.

I decree that I pray bold prayers of advance. I decree that I am not moved by the counter attacks of the enemy. I decree that I am strong in faith and give glory to God. I decree that I have authority over all the power of the enemy and nothing by any means harms me. I decree that I walk in wisdom and execute strategic warfare with tremendous results, in Jesus' name. Amen.

7 | WORSHIP, PRAISE & INTIMATE PRAYERS

Those who worship are demonstrating their great love for Jesus and their passion for His Kingdom. Worship is an expression of worth. It is a physical act that demonstrates a spiritual value. Worship draws the presence of the King.

In the vast majority of the miracles of Jesus in the New Testament, someone got His attention and His presence was released. Healing and miracles were the results of Him releasing His presence. This is one of the misunderstood benefits of a lifestyle of intimacy. Those who are continually and intentionally intimate with God enjoy a vibrant flow of His power and glory.

You cannot stay bound in the glory! You cannot stay sick in the glory. The glory brings an infusion of healing power. You cannot stay depressed in the glory. You cannot stay distressed in the glory. You cannot stay confused in the glory. The glory brings

breakthrough. The presence of God brings answers. Miracles erupt in the midst of His presence.

And it came to pass, as he went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off:

And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.

And when he saw them, he said unto them, "Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed."

And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,

And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.

And Jesus answering said, "Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?"

"There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger."

And he said unto him, "Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole."

– LUKE 17:11-19

These ten lepers were the walking dead! They were decaying and rotting. They were not only sick and disfigured, but they were also rejected and abandoned by society. They knew that their only hope was in Jesus. They were not calling Jesus the theologian, Jesus the philosopher, or Jesus the storyteller. They were boldly crying out to Jesus the healer. They had most likely heard about the miracles of Jesus and were determined to get His attention.

I can relate to these lepers in many ways. I remember coming to the Lord as such a broken young man. I had known depression, fear, bondage, lust, despair, and confusion. It seemed as though my situation was hopeless, but I was taught by uncommon people who told me that if I cried out to Jesus long enough and strong enough He would show up. I would lay on my floor for hours worshipping Jesus and His sweet presence would sweep over me. I would attend conferences and cry out to God at the altar. I would go to my Bible college classes and worship God unashamedly and He would touch me. I am convinced that much of what I am living out today is the result of my radical worship as a young person.

My affliction was emotional and spiritual, not physical. The answer was the same! Prayer, praise, worship, and presence. A life filled with presence is one that will be filled with freedom.

These lepers cried aloud and were cleansed! God's healing power burst forth in the midst of their

worship. Worship is a healing strategy and a warfare solution. There is something in this story that reveals a deep truth. The word *cleansed* here indicates that the presence of the disease stopped. They no longer had leprosy. What it does not indicate is restoration. Missing thumbs, noses, and tissue were still gone. There was no more leprosy, but the effects were evident and visible.

One of the lepers did something that the other nine failed to do. He returned and went beyond just crying out. He went deep into worship! He erupted in worship from a thankful heart. As he worshipped the King, Jesus spoke and told him to be whole. The word *whole* here is the Greek word *sozo*. It indicates something beyond just cleansing. I believe this one leper was restored. He was made whole; missing parts were put back, scars disappeared, and you could no longer see the effects of the evil disease.

I believe God is calling forth His worshipping warriors. He is raising up those who know how to praise in spite of the adversity. Praise means to lift up. There is something so explosive about vibrant praise. When we praise we are announcing to our minds, our bodies, our circumstances, the angels and the demons that we boldly believe that God is bigger! We are releasing the sacrifice of praise!

When is praise a sacrifice? When everything in us wants to just retreat or be quiet. Prayers know and understand the art of the press. Oil only comes as a result

of the press. You have to squeeze the olive to extract the oil. Sometimes we have to just press beyond all of our feelings and radically and exuberantly praise God like a madman or woman! God loves the crazy praise.

Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

– HEBREWS 13:15, NASB

We proclaim how great you are and tell of the wonderful things you have done.

– PSALM 75:1, GNT

Praise the Lord, all people on earth, praise his glory and might.

– 1 CHRONICLES 16:28, GNT

God is wise and powerful! Praise him forever and ever.

– DANIEL 2:20, GNT

Sing to the LORD! Praise the LORD! He rescues the oppressed from the power of evil people.

– JEREMIAH 20:13, GNT

*Let us praise God for his glorious grace, for
the free gift he gave us in his dear Son!*

– EPHESIANS 1:6, GNT

The wild obedience of Israel and their sound of praise caused the walls of Jericho to fall down. These verses provide a prophetic picture for us. Our worship, our praise, and our intimacy with God breaks through walls and moves the barriers. The presence of God contains His explosive freedom!

Then on the seventh day they rose early at the dawning of the day and marched around the city in the same manner seven times; only on that day they marched around the city seven times. At the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout! For the Lord has given you the city.

– JOSHUA 6:15-16, NASB

The walls fell because of the sound!

By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after they had been encircled for seven days.

– HEBREWS 11:30, NASB

*Through the praise of children and infants
you have established a*

*stronghold against your enemies,
to silence the foe and the avenger.*

– PSALM 8:2, NIU

What walls are surrounding you today? What obstacles need to move? Worship is a weapon. Make room for the power of the presence of God in your life. Take time to lift up your voice to the Lord. Take time to boldly come before His throne and adore Him. Make your mind, body and voice surrender to Him and His plans. Show God that you believe Him and trust Him above all others.

ACTIVATION DECREES

Father, I thank you that Praise stills the avenger. I say that I am a praiser. I boldly and radically lift my voice up to you today. I decree that I praise no matter what hell says, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Thank you, Lord, for the oil of intimacy in my life. I thank you that there is healing in your presence. I thank you, Lord, that there is victory in your presence. I thank you, Lord, that there is restoration in your presence. I decree that I am a presence person. I say that I love your presence and long to come before you daily, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Father, you said where the Spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. I thank you for your liberty and freedom in your presence. I love your presence. I confess and de-

creed that I am free. I declare that your presence sets me free physically, emotionally, spiritually, and financially, in Jesus' name. Amen.

ACTIVATION EXERCISES

Praise List...Make a list of five things that you are thankful for and then begin to worship God and thank Him for these five things. This is a great exercise to do in the midst of adversity. Go revisit past deliverances and victories.

8 | PROPHETIC PRAYERS

This realm of prayer is one of my favorites. Let's begin by properly defining prophetic prayer. What is prophetic prayer? My definition is that this is a realm of prayer led and directed by Holy Spirit. It is when you yield to God and let Him direct what to pray for, how to pray, and even the times to pray.

Let me expound. I believe in set times of prayer and developing healthy routines. That is one facet of prayer but there are other facets. Prophetic prayer can come upon you as a sudden burden. It can indicate a need, an urgent issue, or even a message that God wants to give you that must be prayed out.

This is the type of prayer that only happens in the life of a yielded vessel. You do not dictate prophetic prayer. You cooperate with it and move in it with deep surrender.

PROPHETIC WORD

"It is a time of prophetic activation, the release of seeing and knowing. There is a higher level of authoritative decree coming forth. I am teaching My people how to receive My Word and then partner with it in prayer...to give birth to My promise. This is part of the fullness of My plans. Knowing...seeing...receiving...waiting (not passively). I am teaching My people how to LOOK into the spirit realm and see clearly. They will not see dimly but clearly. I am elevating the level of prophetic decree coming forth. There is a governing mantle coming forth in this group. There is a divine unfolding of wisdom and revelation."

I see a watchtower or observation point in the spirit. The Lord is teaching you how to climb in prayer and gain heavenly perspective! He is releasing divine insight, input, and revelation. This is a major part of prophetic praying. Not only discerning the timing of the Lord, the invitation of the Lord and the voice of the Lord, but also the perspective of the Lord.

So we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are unseen; for the things which are visible are temporal [just brief and fleeting], but the things which are invisible are everlasting and imperishable.

- 2 CORINTHIANS 4:18 (AMP)

Prophetic praying sweeps us up into an ariel view. When we are praying and standing in the presence of the Lord our perspective changes. This is vital for personal and corporate breakthrough. You cannot get the breakthrough if you do not see what you need to see.

Prophetic praying lifts you into the realm of the unseen. It invites you into the rich wisdom of God. It opens up realms and levels of revelation.

When you are praying prophetically you will feel the emotions of the Lord. You will sense His heart in a matter.

“He says, ‘Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.’”

– PSALM 46:10 (NIV)

“My heart says of you, ‘Seek his face!’ Your face, Lord, I will seek.”

– PSALM 27:8 (NIV)

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus... let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having

our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.

– HEBREWS 10:19-22 (NIV)

The above verses all have a common theme, coming into the presence of God. This applies to both worship and prayer. Each of these is an element of communion. As we surrender to the presence of God, we are swept up and our spirit is communing with Him. We are invited to feel His passions. We are able to see with His vision. We are consumed by His desires.

God will reveal plans for people, plans for regions, and plans for nations in His presence. Prayer accesses the planning rooms of Heaven. Many times, in the realm of prophetic prayer, revelation will burst forth.

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding.

– COLOSSIANS 1:9, ASV

That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of

God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

– COLOSSIANS 2:2,3

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.

– JOHN 16:13

One of the assignments of Holy Spirit as your prayer partner is to reveal. He reveals what you need to know! He reveals insight and perspective through prophetic revelation. In prayer you may have a vision, an encounter, that reveals what to pray and even how to pray. Revelation is strategic and on time! Holy Spirit knows what you need to see and when you need to see it.

I remember a few years ago as I was praying, I went into deep travail. Groanings were bursting forth from my spirit and overtaking my natural mind and body. It came upon me suddenly during my regular time of prayer.

In the midst of this deep groaning, I was caught up in a vision. I began to see a blood-red banner waiving over a particular part of the world. I paid attention to

what I was seeing in the spirit as I knew it was a key to what God had me praying out. As I looked into the vision, my praying intensified. Then after a period of time, the travail lifted as quickly as it came.

A few weeks later I received an invitation to minister in the same region where I had been swept up into prayer. I traveled there, preached and ministered in the largest church in that nation. The church was 10,000 strong. God broke forth with powerful miracles, but I knew I had already been there through prophetic praying!

It was in times of regular and consistent prophetic praying that God launched my ministry to another level. I would wake up suddenly in the early hours of the morning with a desire to pray. Sometimes it would be against the desires of my natural body, but I could feel that my spirit wanted to pray! I would get out of bed and have some of the richest times in the presence of God! I received downloads, language, plans, and blueprints as I just prayed what Holy Spirit showed me to pray.

Prophetic praying launches you into life-changing depths of the spirit. It is vital that you develop a mentality of prophetic praying. Make it a part of your normal life. Lean in and listen...then flow with God.

KEYS

- Confess that you love to pray!
- Look for divine invitations to prayer (sometimes these are small promptings).
- As you pray, make room for supernatural direction from God.
- Yield and surrender.
- Write and journal! You will get words and insight that will dramatically shift your life.

ACTIVATION DECREE

Holy Spirit you are my teacher. I decree that you are teaching me how to pray, when to pray, and what to pray. I decree that you are leading and guiding me into the prayer chamber. I lean in, listen and obey your promptings. I decree that I am sensitive to your leading and direction in prayer, in Jesus' name. Amen.

9 | TRAVAIL

Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

– ISAIAH 66:8

Travail is the realm of birthing prayer. It is an intense dimension in which intercessors are drawn into a place of labor in the spirit, to cooperate with Heaven in giving birth to something. In travail, a human heart is gripped by something that is in God's heart, and it is fervently prayed through until Heaven signifies that the assignment is complete.

Travail is a unique and somewhat mysterious realm of prayer. It shocks and challenges the natural mind

as a human being seems to pray with a depth that is uncommon. There is an urgency and ferocity that is manifest in travail.

While travail can be laborious and sacrificial, there is something beautiful on the other side. There is a new birth! Citizens of the Kingdom are birthed through travail. What would it look like if churches had strong intercession teams who travailed for the lost? New births would be taking place in rapid succession.

Plans are birthed in travail. Ministers, leaders, and ministries need supernatural direction. Families need direction. Individual believers need direction. Travail can birth plans and purposes. Travail can birth strategy and insight.

Prophetic words and purposes are birthed in travail. Prophets understand the burden of prayer! First and foremost, prophets are prayer warriors. They literally carry the word of the Lord as a pregnant woman and nurture it in prayer.

We see this demonstrated in the words of Micah.

*Therefore I will wail and howl, I will go
stripped and naked: I will make a wailing like
the dragons, and mourning as the owls.*

- MICAH 1:8

Micah was in deep and agonizing travail. He was experiencing the fervency of Heaven in prayer. It was

not a quiet, comfortable realm of prayer. It was a place of deep birthing. Prophets must know how to pray. Prophets must know the place of uncommon surrender. Prophets must know how to build in the spirit and contend for the promise.

*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.*

– JAMES 5:17, NASB

Elijah's prayers impacted Earth! The heavens were shut up in accordance to the word of the Lord. Notice that as a prophet, Elijah cooperated with the word through prayer. Elijah nurtured the word in prayer. Elijah stewarded the word through prayer.

One of the disturbing trends I see in current prophetic ministry is a clamoring for the stage with very little regard for the prayer room. Prophets must be people of intimacy. Prophets and prophetic people know how to birth! They know how to labor in the realm of the spirit. When God told Elijah it was time to open the heavens, he did it in prayer. He bitterly crouched down into a birthing position and prayed until the rain came! May this be a prophetic picture for us today. What would it look like if we had prophetic people that knew how to labor and contend in the realm of the spirit until the Heavens broke open and the glory of God came raining down?

And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain. So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees.

- 1 KINGS 18:41-42

Elijah's position was that of an intercessor. He was not only delivering the word of the Lord, he was travailing to see it come to pass. He was warring with the word in prayer. He was holding onto the promise with a fervent determination in the realm of the spirit. This is a prophetic key! Prophets and prophetic people see the promise. They see the potential. They see the answer, but they also need to be willing to travail and help birth it into the Earth realm.

And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.

- 1 KINGS 18:45

The prayers and the word of the Lord birthed a downpour! There are cities and regions that God has destined for a downpour. Who will travail? Who will go forth in prayer? Who will cooperate with Heaven and birth the promise?

Webster's New World Dictionary defines *travail* as very hard work, the pains of childbirth, intense pain, agony, to toil, to suffer the pains of childbirth.

The intense labor of weeping, pleading, prophesying, and groaning brings forth the power of the promise. Travail causes the spiritual water to break and the new life to come forth.

One word associated with travail is the word burden. We read this word as a negative but it is not in the realm of prayer. It is the sharing of what is on God's heart. Travail begins with a supernatural burden. The burden is Heaven bringing us into a place of birthing prayer. Yield to the burden and follow God into the realm of travail.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

– GALATIANS 6:2

For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that bewaileth herself, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! for my soul is wearied because of murderers.

– JEREMIAH 4:31

And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.

– ROMANS 8:23

And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side.

– LUKE 19:41-43

ACTIVATION PRAYER

Lord, I submit to your plans of prayer for me. Let me feel your heart and know your burden. Let me pray in sync with you and move in accordance to your will. I make myself available to pray as you lead. I make myself available to bear the burdens of others in the realm of the spirit and birth. Thank you that you have entrusted me with the responsibility of prayer. I surrender fully to you in the ministry of intercession, in Jesus' name. Amen.

10 | MOUNTAIN-MOVING PRAYER

All of us as believers will face challenges. There will be times when the opposing mountain seems so huge and faith seems like it is not working. Knowing how to effectively endure and overcome is key in these circumstances.

*My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall
into divers temptations;*

*Knowing this, that the trying of your faith
worketh patience.*

*But let patience have her perfect work,
that ye may be perfect and entire, want-
ing nothing.*

- JAMES 1:2-4

James refers to the trying of our faith. There are fiery trials that come to the life of a believer to test the quality of their faith! Will we hold onto the promise when hell is breaking loose on every side? Will we withstand that pressure as it mounts around us? Will we let go of the Word of the Lord?

These are all questions that arise in a time of trying. Faith is the ability to see and move in the unseen realm. Faith realizes the promise of God now! It does not put it off or say it is impossible. Faith literally grabs hold of what seems impossible and brings it into the realm of manifestation.

Faith is a critical component in the life of a believer.

- WITHOUT FAITH YOU CANNOT PLEASE GOD

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

– HEBREWS 11:6, NASB

- FAITH IS NOW (NOT LATER)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.

– HEBREWS 11:1, NASB

- FAITH DOES NOT WAVIER

...yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God.

– ROMANS 4:20, NASB

- FAITH WORKS BY LOVE

For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.

– GALATIANS 5:6, NASB

- FAITH IS A SUBSTANCE NOT AN IDEA (IT IS SOLID)

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

– HEBREWS 11:1

- FAITH STANDS

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

– EPHESIANS 6:13

- FAITH SPEAKS

Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain.

– **MARK 11:23, NASB**

- FAITH RESTS

For he that is entered into his rest, he also hath ceased from his own works, as God did from his.

– **HEBREWS 4:10**

- FAITH RECEIVES

And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

– **MARK 5:34**

Walking by faith empowers miraculous breakthrough! Faith is not the result of a decision, but it is a substance that is built through a revelation of the Word of God and praying in the Spirit. A believer that walks by faith receives miracles. A believer who walks by faith moves mountains. A believer who walks by faith endures and overcomes.

All things are possible to him who believes.

– MARK 9:23, NRSB

And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God. For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.

– MARK 11:22-24

In this passage, Jesus was teaching about mountain-moving prayers. He begins by laying the foundation and instructing us to *have faith in God*. A more accurate translation of those words would be, *have the God kind of faith*. This paints a more vivid picture. What is the God kind of faith? It is faith that creates! It creates worlds, plans, and purposes. It infuses the physical realm with the unseen realm. It subdues natural kingdoms with the Kingdom of God.

We are called to walk in an uncommon dimension of faith. We are called to move mountains. It begins with the realization of the power of God in us as

Kingdom citizens. We are empowered to bring the unseen into the seen!

Jesus then goes on to say that we are to speak to mountains and we must believe those things that we say! Our words are keys that open realms. We either bring forth life or death based upon what we say. Mountain-moving prayers are targeted prophetic decrees. They are authoritative commands based upon our standing as believers.

I will never forget a private meeting that I had with Oral Roberts. I have shared this story countless times because it reaffirmed something that I already knew from my early training in the Word of Faith Movement. Oral said to me before he laid hands on me, "I don't pray long prayers...I release something, and you must catch it." (This is from memory, not an exact quote). His words penetrated me, and I could feel the faith in them. My job was to simply receive the power of what was being released.

This man understood a realm of faith that most do not. He knew how to use his words as power commands. Mountain-moving prayers identify an object and hurl the command at it! They are not hyper-emotional prayers. They are governmental decrees containing the creative power of God Himself.

KEYS

- Identify the target. What is standing in your way? What is your mountain?
- Speak to it! Your words contain power. Decree the Word of the Lord.
- Command. A mountain-moving prayer is, in essence, a command. You don't give the devil a choice.
- Believe. You must believe what you are saying. Build your faith and believe God. Faith must be built, targeted, and released! A mountain-moving prayer is a release of Kingdom authority that unlocks creative power.
- Don't waiver. The enemy will come in to steal what you have confessed and declared. Worship God and meditate in His Word. Don't let go of your promise.

Don't be moved by time. Faith is not moved by time. Keep standing and believing.

Only believe! This is your job. Just believe that God is who He said He is, the mountain has to move, and your prayer is working.

You are called to move mountains! This is one of the most exhilarating realms of prayer. You are privileged to create with God and enforce Kingdom rule. See it, speak it and believe it. Trust God and His Word.

Don't come out of agreement with the command of faith.

ACTIVATION DECREE

Thank you, Lord, for mountain-moving faith. I believe that your Word is true and by faith, I can move mountains. I decree that I am not discouraged but encouraged. I decree that I am strong and not weak. I decree that my faith is alive and active. I decree that the mountains in my life have to move. I decree that I walk in bold and radical faith, in Jesus' mighty name. Amen.

CLOSING

Prayer is part of our lifeblood as a Christian. We are to pray continually. We are invited to spend time with God in a variety of ways. As we enter His presence, we are strengthened and rejuvenated.

We conquer demons in prayer. We move mountains in prayer. We shift the heavens and break the ground open in prayer.

1 Chronicles 16:11...*Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always.*

2 Chronicles 6:21...*Hear the supplications of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place; and when you hear, forgive*

2 Chronicles 7:14...*if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then*

I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

Ephesians 1:18...*I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people.*

Ephesians 6:18...*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.*

1 John 5:14...*This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.*

1 John 5:15...*And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.*

1 John 5:16...*If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that.*

James 5:13...*Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise.*

Mark 11:24...*Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*

Matthew 5:44...*But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you*

Matthew 6:7...*And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.*

Matthew 26:41...*“Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”*

Proverbs 15:8...*The LORD detests the sacrifice of the wicked, but the prayer of the upright pleases him.*

Psalms 17:6...*I call on you, my God, for you will answer me; turn your ear to me and hear my prayer.*

Psalms 102:17...*He will respond to the prayer of the destitute; he will not despise their plea.*

Psalms 141:2...*May my prayer be set before you like incense; may the lifting up of my hands be like the evening sacrifice.*

Jeremiah 29:12...*Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.*

Job 22:27...*You will pray to him, and he will hear you, and you will fulfill your vows.*

John 17:15...*My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.*

The Word of God is full of both promises and invitations to prayer. While prayer can be intense, it should

also be a joy. There is no greater place to be than found in the presence of God. There is a daily invitation to spend time at His feet.

Prayer is one of the ties that connects you to the realm of eternity. When you pray, you move beyond this limited Earth realm. You literally move in the realm of the eternal and supernatural.

The enemy will try to make you feel like your prayer is ineffective, but he is a liar! When he shows up, just remind him of the power of the blood of Jesus. The blood speaks of his defeat. The blood sends him packing. The blood rightly positions you in fellowship with God.

Every believer is called to pray. Every ministry must be born and maintained in prayer. Prayer is the launching pad and the birthing place. God wants to speak with you and labor through you as you pray. There are eternal promises and plans waiting to be discovered by you at the feet of Jesus.

Heed His invitation to prayer. Each time God brings you into His presence, He has a plan to encounter you. There are times when you labor and don't feel an instant breakthrough. There are other times when His presence consumes you like a flood. Each moment in His presence is valuable and holds great significance.

Never underestimate the great privilege of prayer. There is no greater honor than to be invited into His inner chambers to spend time with the King. The bat-

ties are won, the victory secured, and your future revealed in prayer. As you pray, Heaven is responding. Angels are released to fulfill the prayers of the people of God.

Hold fast to the power of your prayers!
Embrace the secret places and mysteries
of God's heart in prayer.
Intercede, travail, agree, rest, and build in
the realm of the Spirit.
Prayer is the catalyst for great accelera-
tion in your life.

**Hold the Father's hand and journey deep
into His heart!**

