

PRAYER: HOW KNOWING THE LOVE OF GOD LEADS TO CONFIDENT INTERCESSION

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- **“Love the Lord with all your heart, your soul, your mind, your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment.” God knew we would need the constant reminder.**
 - Jude 1:21, Ephesians 3:17-19, Revelation 2:4, 2 Thessalonians 3:5
 - Malcolm Smith
 - Steve Goss
 - Scriptures: John 15:9, 2 Corinthians 5:14

“You pursue what you love and what you love you worship and what you worship you become.”

- **Like any good thing and because this is the main thing, the war for the love of God is opposed.**
 - By love for the world: 1 John 2:15
 - The enemy attempts to paint a caricature of God.
 - God is the revealer of hidden things. Is there an unhealed wound that is a sticking point from trusting His unfailing love?
 - Is there a place of surrender from false expectations of God that are keeping you from His love?

It is vital to pray against the enemy, but it is equally vital to use prayer in your arsenal of spiritual weapons to know the love of God!

- **Praise roots and grounds us in the character of God! We pursue loving God when we worship Him in praise.**
 - The Hebrew Word for praise – Hallelujah!
 - This boast in the Lord is the pattern set forth in Scripture. We will always praise what delights us. Psalm 27:4
 - It’s an All – “you all” – praise the Lord.

- **The Power of United Praise**

- Practical tips to stay united in prayer together.

“Praise is the life-long treasure-finding journey of getting to knowing your God!”

- **Praise leads us into confession.**

- To confess is to agree with God regarding specific sin. It is not to beg God for forgiveness since our sin debt was paid in full.
- Repentance leads to refreshment.
- Repentance clears out the heart blockages that stop the flow of love. It cleanses us of all unrighteousness.

- **Thanksgiving makes praise personal as it calls us to remember what God has done. It’s when we celebrate what God is doing in our midst. It’s a “Holy Spirit Party.”**

- Neil Anderson “As a seminary student, I had already observed that being filled with the Spirit and letting the word of Christ dwell richly had the same result. The result was teaching with wisdom and admonishing one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. But what I hadn’t observed before that both were rooted in an attitude of gratitude.” Colossians 3
- Prayer and the practice of thanksgiving are inseparable. Philippians 4:6-9
- Thanksgiving leads to God’s peace. Philippians 4:8
- Thanksgiving leads us to a greater awareness of God’s presence. Psalm 100:4
- Appreciation leads to hearing God’s voice. Psalm 95:1-7

- **When we are rooted and grounded in the love of God, we intercede with confidence.**

- Intercession is intercepting the enemies’ plans to steal, kill, and destroy. Ezekiel 22:30
- When we pray the Word of God, we are assured that we are praying the will of God.
- When we pray together, our burdens grown lighter.

Prayer is our spiritual weapon to grow in our love for God and from that place of love (being filled with all the fullness of God) to intercede confidently (as He is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think according to the power that works within us). Ephesians 3:17-20

GOD IS ABLE

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Praise—Praising God for **who He is**, His attributes, His name or His character.

Please no answers to prayer or prayer requests during this time.

Attribute—God is able.

DEFINITION: One who has sufficient ability and resources.

SCRIPTURE(S): II Corinthians 9:8; Ephesians 3:20-21; Hebrews 7:25, Ephesians 6:10-11, Romans 8:38-39

Confession—Silently confessing your sins to the God who forgives.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1:9 (NASB)

Thanksgiving—Thanking God for **what He has done**. *Please no prayer requests during this time.*

In everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:18 (NASB)

Intercession—Praying on behalf of others.

Form groups of two or three.

Scripture: *May every staff, board member, office staff, CFMA, Transform hub member, class member know that You are able to make all grace abound to him/her, so that in all things at all times, having all that _____ needs, he/she will abound in every good work. From 2 Corinthians 9:8.*

Where do we need God's abundant grace right now?

SPECIFIC REQUESTS: