# The Power of United Prayer Part 2

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Exodus 2 2:23-25, 2 Chronicles 32:20-25, 1 Kings 8:22-24,38-29,54-55, 1 Kings 9:1-5, 2 Chronicles 6:12, 2 Chronicles 7:1-15, 2 Chronicles 5:11-14, Luke 18:1, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Acts 1:4-14, Psalms 133:1, Acts 2:1-2,46-47, Acts 4:23-24, 29-32, Acts 5:12-16, Acts 16:25

## God is calling this church to pray

## United prayer is more than one person praying together

#### United prayer will build the kingdom, it will build your church, and it will build your family

## There is prosperity for you in corporate prayer

#### **Exodus 2:23**

And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage.

#### **Exodus 2:24**

And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob.

#### **Exodus 2:25**

But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night.

### United prayer brought signs wonders and miracles to Pharoah

And for this cause Hezekiah the king, and the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz, prayed and cried to heaven.

And the LORD sent an angel, which cut off all the mighty men of valour, and the leaders and captains in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth of his own bowels slew him there with the sword.

Thus the LORD saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all other, and guided them on every side.

And many brought gifts unto the LORD to Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.

## United prayer brought a great deliverance and caused them to propser

And Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven:

And he said, LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven above, or on earth beneath, who keepest covenant and mercy with thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart:

Who hast kept with thy servant David my father that thou promisedst him: thou spakest also with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.

What prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house:

Then hear thou in heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and do, and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;)

And it was so, that when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread up to heaven.

And he stood, and blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud voice, saying,

## United prayer brought the presence of God

And he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands:

Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the LORD filled the house.

And the priests could not enter into the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD had filled the LORD's house.

And when all the children of Israel saw how the fire came down, and the glory of the LORD upon the house, they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever.

Then the king and all the people offered sacrifices before the LORD.

And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thousand oxen, and an hundred and twenty thousand sheep: so the king and all the people dedicated the house of God.

And the priests waited on their offices: the Levites also with instruments of musick of the LORD, which David the king had made to praise the LORD, because his mercy endureth for ever, when David praised by their ministry; and the priests sounded trumpets before them, and all Israel stood.

Moreover Solomon hallowed the middle of the court that was before the house of the LORD: for there he offered burnt offerings, and the fat of the peace offerings, because the brasen altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt offerings, and the meat offerings, and the fat.

Also at the same time Solomon kept the feast seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great congregation, from the entering in of Hamath unto the river of Egypt.

And in the eighth day they made a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days.

And on the three and twentieth day of the seventh month he sent the people away into their tents, glad and merry in heart for the goodness that the LORD had shewed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

Thus Solomon finished the house of the LORD, and the king's house: and all that came into Solomon's heart to make in the house of the LORD, and in his own house, he prosperously effected.

And the LORD appeared to Solomon by night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for an house of sacrifice.

If I shut up heaven that there be no rain, or if I command the locusts to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people;

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.

Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent unto the prayer that is made in this place.

## United prayer ushered in the fire of God, the glory of the Lord

## United prayer gets God's attention

And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the holy place: (for all the priests that were present were sanctified, and did not then wait by course:

Also the Levites which were the singers, all of them of Asaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their sons and their brethren, being arrayed in white linen, having cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them an hundred and twenty priests sounding with trumpets:)

It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the LORD; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the LORD, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the LORD;

So that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of the LORD had filled the house of God.

## United prayer caused the glory of the Lord to fill the house

### **Esther 4:16**

Go, gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day: I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish.

### **Esther 4:17**

So Mordecai went his way, and did according to all that Esther had commanded him.

# Jesus always made time to pray

### **Matthew 21:13**

And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

### <u>Matthew 21:14</u>

And the blind and the lame came to him in the temple; and he healed them.

### God knew if we came together to pray, it would bring prosperity and blessing to us

### Matthew 26:40

And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour?

### Matthew 26:41

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

# The church must pray together

## United prayer must be in one accord

### Just as the early church prayed united prayer, we must have united prayer as well

### <u>Jeremiah 33:3</u>

Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not.

### Matthew 6:8

Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

God's signs, wonders, and miracles in the early church were a response to united prayer

## United prayer was the way of life in the early church

"It seems that does nothing on this Earth except through prayer of believer" John Wesley

## United prayer must be in one accord

### Acts 1:4

And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me.

### Acts 1:14

These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

### Psalms 133:1

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

### <u>Acts 2:1</u>

And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.

### <u>Acts 2:2</u>

And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.

### Acts 2:46

And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

### Acts 2:47

Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

## He will build His church when we get together in one accord

### 1 Thessalonians 5:17

Pray without ceasing.

### Acts 4:23

And being let go, they went to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and elders had said unto them.

And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou art God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is:

And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch.

#### <u>Acts 5:13</u>

And of the rest durst no man join himself to them: but the people magnified them.

And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)

Insomuch that they brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might overshadow some of them.

There came also a multitude out of the cities round about unto Jerusalem, bringing sick folks, and them which were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

#### John 14:12

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

## United prayer must lift your voice to God and be bold

### If we want to see the miracles in the book of Acts, we must lift our voice

#### Acts 2:6

Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language.

And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants, that with all boldness they may speak thy word,

By stretching forth thine hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of thy holy child Jesus.

And when they had prayed, the place was shaken where they were assembled together; and they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common.

#### Acts 16:25

And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed, and sang praises unto God: and the prisoners heard them.

## United prayer must focus on God to be effective

### Do not focus on problems in prayer, focus on God

# The more you talk about God, the bigger He gets

When believers come together in one accord, lifting their voices, focusing on God, signs, wonders, and miracles will happen