

Faith Christian Fellowship
A Closet Revival 6
Searching the Closet

TEXT: Matt 6:5-8 / Eph 6:18-20 / Romans 8:26

Revival starts in the closet. God will not move in the earth unless we ask Him. When I pray in tongues I pray out the unknown will of God.

- ❖ The spirit makes intercession for us
 - 1 Cor 14:14 / Romans 8:26 We don't always know what we need to be praying for, but the Holy Ghost knows. 1 Cor 14:2,4
 - The Holy Spirit supernaturally and tangibly helps us in our weaknesses, grabbing hold with us against the problem. He does this by interceding with unintelligible words.
 - God may prompt us to speak forth under the unction of the Holy Spirit. This prophetic utterance may be the interpretation of our tongues for: Speaking to principalities or situations, claiming specific blessings, or making supplication for specific situations.
 - While praying in the Spirit, God may give supernatural insight. This may be for us personally, as help in ministry to another, or for the Body of the Church. /col 4:2, 12 / Eph 6:18
 - Ezekiel 22:24-31. God actively searches for people to pray when crisis arises. When He is searching for someone to stand in the gap, God prompts us to pray by the urging of the Holy Spirit.
- ❖ Romans 8:26-- We must be **sensitive to the subtleties of the Spirit**. If you believe the Holy Spirit dwells in you, you should be **sensitive to what goes on inside you**.
 - **Burdens:** Rom. 9:1-2 Paul had a heaviness in his heart concerning the Jews: a burden of the Lord Ex. Zech 9:1
 - Paul talks about heaviness and sorrow: a grief or sadness. When you have heaviness for someone, pray until it lifts.
 - **Compassion** Matt. 9:35-36 supernatural love for the lost sheep of Israel, and commanded His disciples to pray.
 - God places special compassion in our hearts for individuals and groups. Be swift to pray for these people.
 - An **uneasiness** or "anxiousness" in the spirit.
 - II Cor. 11:1-3; 12:20 Don't ignore that sense of uneasiness. Pray it through.
 - Acts 17:16- A **stirring** in the spirit, before I speak outrage I must first pray through. The first concern is the souls of the individuals.

- **Touched with the feelings** of the infirmities of another (Heb 4:15). This is one way we bear the infirmities of the weak Romans 15:1.
 - I am to pray for the wandering one, not talk about him: 1 John 5:16 / James 5:19-20
 - I may actually feel pain or physical discomfort. I must continue earnestly in prayer until I get a sense of release. Heb 4:14-16 / Phil 2:2-11. This is the essence of "the mind of Christ."

- ❖ **We are privileged to be part of a movement that is ordained by God to usher in the last day revival.** We need to know a few things:
 - Eph 6:18-20. ***The prayer of intercession placed on the heart of a believer is not a formula. It is the cooperative interaction of a Child of God with the indwelling Spirit to bring about the plan of God in the earth.***
 - When we make ourselves available to take the place of others we are called to
 - **Vigilance** (Eph 6:18 / Col 4:2) Don't fall asleep.
 - **Passion** (Col 4:12 / Js 5:16) It's not a chore, it's an honor.
 - **Perseverance** (Eph 6:18 / Lk 11:5-8) Don't quit until you get the victory or hear the trumpet!!!!
 - This selfless act of love is carried out in the closet. "And the Father who sees in secret will reward you openly."
 - We tongue-prayers are singularly responsible for the will of God getting done in the earth.
 - We must avoid becoming cliquish and separate, judgmental, fostering an air of super-spirituality.
 - God has not changed, we have. I am not ashamed of the Holy Spirit nor the glorious capacity to pray in tongues.
 - We have been given much, and much is expected. Our rewards will come for our secret acts of obedience in the prayer closet. It is time for a closet revival.
 - This is the ultimate manifestation of John 15:13. Lay down your busy life for another and pray it through.

In the same way, prayer is essential in this ongoing warfare. Pray hard and long. Pray for your brothers and sisters. Keep your eyes open. Keep each other's spirits up so that no one falls behind or drops out.

(Eph 6:18 MSG)