PRAYER SCHOOL

- **QUOTE**: *An eloquent prayer is a great way to impress an audience unless the audience is God.*
- **Romans 12:2 NASB -** *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*
- **QUOTE:** *Prayer changes THINGS but learning to pray effectively changes YOU!*
- Our goal during this series has been to be transformed into a prayer powerhouse that not only gets results for ourselves but also become a powerhouse that God can use to stand in the gap for other people, entire families, whole cities, and even nations! He's looking for the watchmen on the wall who will humble themselves and pray, so He can hear from Heaven and HEAL OUR LAND!
- **I Timothy 2:1 NLT -** *I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.*
- Today we are talking about the PRAYER OF INTERCESSION, also known as Intercessory Prayer.

Week #10 – Prayer of Intercession

- **PURE DEFINITION:** *In the purest definition of intercession, it means to stand in between two parties with a goal of holding back judgment.*
- **GENERAL DEFINITION:** *In the prayer of intercession, we pray for someone else's well-being or for God to intervene in a specific situation.*
- **QUOTE:** *The Prayer of Intercession is where we actually take on the burden of another as our very own.* Lynn Hammond
- In many cases, we are praying for someone who does not have the will or capacity to pray in this way for themselves.
- **Luke 22:31 – 34 NLT** *Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift each of you like wheat. 32 But I have pleaded in prayer for you, Simon, that your faith should not fail. So, when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers." Peter said, "Lord, I am ready to go to prison with you, and even to die with you." 34 But Jesus said, "Peter, let me tell you something. Before the rooster crows tomorrow morning, you will deny three times that you even know me."*

#1 – PRAY FOR PEOPLE OF INFLUENCE

- **Luke 22:31 NLT –** *Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift EACH OF YOU like wheat.*
- Satan planned to destroy the ministry and life of all 12 apostles, but Jesus thwarted his plans by praying for the leader, knowing that the leader could influence the rest of the gang:
- **Verse 32** *"So when you have repented and turned to me again, strengthen your brothers."*
- **QUOTE:** *When we pray for a leader, we bless every person affected by their leadership*
- **I Timothy 2:1, 2 NLT -** *I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; INTERCEDE on their behalf and give thanks for them. 2 PRAY THIS WAY for kings and all who are in authority SO THAT we can live PEACEFUL and QUIET LIVES marked by godliness and dignity.*

- **QUOTE:** *We do ourselves no good by complaining about our leaders. But we invoke prosperity, success, health & wholeness when we pray for our leaders.*

#2 – PRAY FOR YOUR CIRCLE

- **James 5:16 NLT** - *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.*

- When someone in my circle is in trouble, they should be able to count on me to respond without judgment, without gossiping behind their back, and without joining their pity party.
- **Galatians 6:1-3 NLT** - *Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. 2 Share each other's burdens, and in this way obey the law of Christ. 3 If you think you are too important to help someone, you are only fooling yourself. You are not that important.*
- **Post this message now, and tag 3 people in your circle:**
- **QUOTE:** *If you're ever in trouble, you can count on me to respond in faith. I'm ready to intercede for you in prayer like your burden is my burden! #weareimpact*

#3 – PRAY FOR THE LOST

How to pray for unsaved loved ones:

Matthew 9:36-38 AMP - *When He saw the crowds, He was moved with compassion and pity for them, because they were dispirited and distressed, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest is [indeed] plentiful, but the workers are few. 38 So pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest."*

- **STEP ONE** - *Ask God to send a person equipped with the anointing, favor, right personality, the necessary gifts of the spirit, and access to your loved one to effectively communicate the Gospel to them.*

Acts 16:13 – 17 NLT *On the Sabbath we went a little way outside the city to a riverbank, where we thought people would be meeting for prayer, and we sat down to speak with some women who had gathered there. 14 One of them was Lydia from Thyatira, a merchant of expensive purple cloth, who worshiped God. As she listened to us, THE LORD OPENED HER HEART, and she accepted what Paul was saying.*

- **STEP TWO –** *Ask God to open your loved one's heart so they can respond to the Gospel*

II Corinthians 4:4 NLT – *Satan, who is the god of this world, has BLINDED THE MINDS of those who don't believe. They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.*

- **STEP THREE –** *Bind any demonic forces that may be hindering your loved one from responding to the truth.*