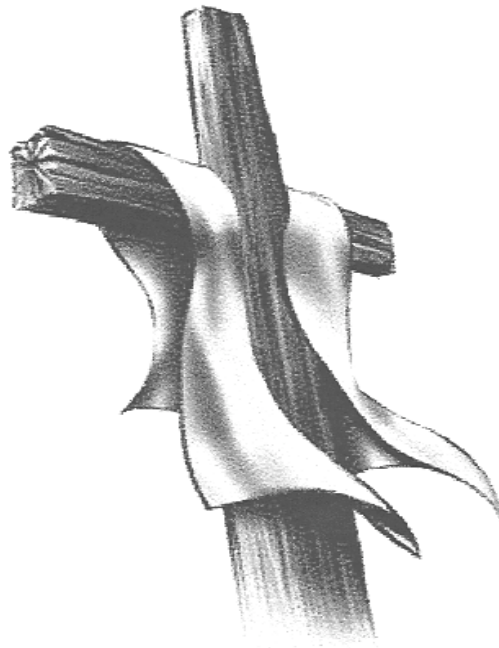


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A Word From K.C. with Andy Blake

One of the values we have at IHOP is praying biblical prayer. We pray according to what God has already promised in Scripture. Some of the main examples of prayer in the Bible are the apostolic prayers, prayers offered up by the apostles in their epistles. Some examples of apostolic prayers are: Eph. 1:17-19, Eph. 3:16-19, Phil. 1:9-11, Col. 1:9-11 & Acts 4:29-31.

Following are some of the reasons why it is good to pray the apostolic prayers:

1. They are positive and God-centered. It gets the focus off of the problem and off of the Enemy and on to the Solution, the All-powerful Father.

2. They are focused on the Church. If the Church gets set on fire for God, everything else falls in to place. The lost are saved, injustices are made right and hearts are encouraged.

3. They are focused on a specific city or region. It is much easier to pray a prayer in faith when we can visualize what the answer to that prayer would look like. We can picture a city getting touched by the power of God and experiencing revival much easier than picturing every single youth in the entire world being touched.

4. They are already inspired by God. Since they are in inspired Scripture, they already have God's "stamp of approval." We can pray in full assurance that they will be answered.

These are just some of the many reasons to pray the apostolic prayers. I have been so encouraged to intercede when I pray according to the Bible.

A Word From Louisiana with Josh Boudreaux

“Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love.” Ephesian 4:1-2 (NLT)

The Lord has been bringing to the forefront in my life the deep need to seek His humility in bearing with the faults of my brothers and sisters. I find it very purposeful that Paul says in v1 to live your life worthy of your calling, and in v2, He immediately challenges us to be humble and gentle, being patient with one another’s faults out of Love. If we refer to John 14 v9-12, Jesus tells us to remain in His love, and then He says to His disciples that this is His command: to love each other the same way that He loved them. Being patient with each other’s faults, I believe, is one of the most difficult areas that we are tested in loving each other. I think that Jesus told them, specifically, to love each other because He knew that loving those closest to us is one of the most difficult areas in expressing our love for Jesus. I believe that one of the reasons why bearing with our loved one’s faults is so difficult is because we use our insight of their lives against them, because we know them so well. It is easier for us to make excuses to be unkind or harsh, because we see so many faults in the ones we love the most, and we think, “I just have to correct them”. We often feel more justified in, “telling them how it is”, because we know them so well. We forget that Christ showed Peter, whom He knew really well, a whole lot of kindness when Peter denied him, even when He told Peter, before hand, that he would deny him. We should look at this great expression of love and humility as an example as to how we should treat the ones we love when we see their glaring mistakes so clearly. Further, we should take time to meditate on the scriptures which tell us to remove the plank from our own eye, so that we can see clearly to remove the spec out of our brother’s eye. When we find ourselves mostly looking at our loved ones’ faults, it is because we have let pride take hold of our hearts, and we have begun to think that we are better than others, because we don’t struggle as they do with certain weaknesses. There is definitely a place for Godly correction, but we must do it out of sincere desire to point our loved ones to gain more of Christ, not to take our frustration or other held resentment out on them when we have an excuse to do so.

But, just like other weaknesses in our lives, only the illumination of the Holy Spirit can bring us to the realization that we have lost patience in bearing with others’ faults. But, when the Lord does truly touch our hearts with this reality, we must not shove it under the rug and find an excuse as to why we are so frustrated with another’s weaknesses, even as glaring as they might be. If we strive to live and gain understanding of the scripture that says “evaluate others better than yourselves” (Phil 2:3), we will have a clearer revelation of how Jesus walked in humility when dealing with others’ faults. Ask the Lord Jesus to teach you His humility, because we really have so little clue as to the depth of it. Let us keep our hearts open to His love, so that we don’t only understand humility with our intellect, but with our hearts, so that we truly humble ourselves before God and others as yet another expression of our love for Him.

Teaching



This month will be the first time that I have done a new teaching in quite a while. My four school papers provided teachings for this section for just about a whole year. What that should mean is that I have plenty of things that the Lord has shown me to talk about. As I reflect over the past year and think about all that God has taught me, there are many things I would like to talk about in this section. There are a few major topics that any consistent reader of this newsletter can look forward to. I hope to do a teaching about the Good Father out of Matthew 6 with a bit out of Ephesians 1. I want to do another teaching on the crisis at the end of the age. The greatest hour of darkness that the world has ever seen is approaching fast, and there is a lack of the knowledge of God in our nation and in the earth. I want to talk about the crisis in one section, and then in the next section I want to talk about the answer, which is giving ourselves to the place of prayer and fasting. But at the moment these teachings will have to wait.

This month, and maybe in next few months as well, I want to address the major area about which Lord has been speaking to me over the past year or so. The Lord has been marking me in my spirit over the issue of injustice. I am being transformed in my inner man as I stand in the counsel of the Lord, as I press into the place of prayer, as I touch the Lord's heart, and begin to be filled with the knowledge of God. I am beginning to see that part of knowing God, which is the ultimate

prize for any Christian, means that you are burdened by that which Lord is burdened. No one on earth would consider someone a close friend if only one of you did all the talking and sharing. Part of being in a close friendship with another person is the back and forth communication between two beings. Well then, the relationship between a human being and God works the same way (especially considering that the second person of the Trinity is FULLY HUMAN). As I pray and commune with the Lord, I am experiencing His touch on my heart with the things that are heavy upon His heart.

The Lord is pressing the issue of injustice upon my heart, especially the areas of abortion, human trafficking/modern day slavery, and the spirit of adoption. The abortion and slavery are two of the greatest tragedies our generation has seen, and the spirit of adoption is what I believe to be a major solution to both. I must say to all who will listen that the killing of babies is modern day genocide of a generation, and the issue of lust and pornography in the earth has led to women and children by the thousands being forced into prostitution through human trafficking (aka modern day slavery).

I will elaborate more in the following months, but I wanted to briefly mention here that to be a "friend" of God does not always mean being blessed. To be a true friend means to carry one another's burdens, and burdens from the creator God can be ugly and weighty yet holy and righteous.



Future Events

March 5th – 7th

-Passion for Jesus National Conference

March 20th – 22nd

-David Pawson – God's Continuing Plan for Israel Summit

April 3rd – 4th

-Israel Mandate Summit

April 3rd – 4th

-Children Equipping Center Spiritual

Mentoring Workshop

April 10th – 11th

-Children's Equipping Center Leadership Summit

April 30th – May 2nd

African American Forerunner Alliance Leadership Summit

Looking Forward

Wow! It is hard to believe I have now been in K.C. for a full year! The last twelve months have been amazing. I can only pray that the next years of being in God's presence go as wonderful. I am such a blessed man to be able to do what I do. The reason I am able to do it is God moving through all of you and your generosity. I am so very thankful for what all of you have contributed. I still have a little ways to go before I have enough monthly support. I found when I transferred my account to IHOP that they will require in taxes 1/5 of all money that comes in. Apparently a missionary is considered a self-employed person, and so they have to pay self-employment taxes. That makes the money I need increase by at least \$300-400 per month. That is a bummer, but I know God WILL provide. Some good news for me being a diabetic, I have found a hospital here in K.C. that will provide VERY cheap healthcare. That is a MAJOR blessing for a diabetic, so my financial need for health care has been kept to a minimum by God!

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