

Episode 013

Intercessor's heart for the city & community

Introduction

How can your personal prayers change the community? It has got to start with being captivated with God's heart for the city. Let God fill our hearts with His love and compassion for the people of your city. God always has a redemptive plan for the city. There are pre-believers out there looking for God's true love and compassion to fill the void in their lives.

Bringing the Touch of Jesus Through Prayer. Each of us needs to carry that the personal touch of Jesus that we receive through prayer. A single prayer uttered by the anointing and direction of the Holy Spirit can actually change the course of people's lives. Personal prayer can bring victory to the lives of others and carries great eternal reward.

Matthew 14:35 - 36 (NIV) 35And when the men of that place recognized Jesus, they sent word to all the surrounding country. People brought all their sick to him 36and begged him to let the sick just touch the edge of his cloak, and all who touched him were healed.

Jesus' touch brought healing, and our prayers can do the same as we allow God to move through us. God's power can flow through us. Personal prayer ministry is one person ushering another into God's presence through prayer. God ministers to the needs of one of His children through us, His instruments.



How can we can bring the touch of Jesus into the lives of those we meet or bump into in our everyday lives?

1. Be aware of the needy world around you. Enter each day with a desire to minister the life of Jesus to others in some way.
2. Ask God for guidance, and learn to listen and wait.
3. Go forth in faith, and ask individuals if you can pray for them. People are more willing for us to pray for them than we realize. When we go out willingly to pray for others, God sees our faith. These little steps of faith are like seeds that will bring forth a large harvest in due season.
4. Realise the spiritual need is at the core of the problem. Many times physical and emotional problems are connected to the spiritual realm. Be sure to pray through possible areas of sin and any strategies of the Devil. Eg met a woman who said she lacked joy. When going in deeper, she admitted that she could not forgive some relative for many years. She has “imprisoned” herself with bitterness.
5. If God reveals a course of action, encourage the person to follow through.
6. Stop when you are done.
7. Keep your motives pure, making sure God gets the glory.





Discussion Questions

These questions could be done personally or as part of a group discussion.

1. What is God stirring in your heart as you watch this podcast? How would you go about loving the people in your locality/city?
2. Look at 2-3 small steps and get working on them as you rely upon God.





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