



Episode 002

Intercession: Unleashing the Power of Intercession (Part 2)

Power of Intercession

God is in the business of moving mountains when His people pray earnestly. He has equipped us with spiritual tools and is waiting for us to utilise them.

What happens when there is regular intercession?

1. Inspires Wise Decision Making

Regular prayer and intercession provide a fertile ground for birthing God-given solutions and encourage wise decision making.

We want to make wise decisions to ensure maximum fruit for today and for the future generations.

Mark 1:35 (ESV)

And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed.

Example of Jesus, our ultimate intercessor, relied on prayer to establish things. Jesus confers with the Father in private prayer on what mattered most.



Seeking God to ensure our priorities are aligned to His Kingdom priorities.

Proverbs 15:23 (ESV)

To make an apt answer is a joy to a man, and a word in season, how good is that! The Holy Spirit can deliver an inspired prophetic word that is apt for the heart and the season.

2. Reduces Fears and Anxiety

The enemy seeks to use these “weapons” to dampen the faith of God’s children, especially pre-believers.

Philippians 4:6-7 (ESV)

6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

God’s Word in Philippians 4 exhorts us to not fall prey to anxiety and worry. Prayer and intercession help establish God’s peace over our lives.

God’s peaceful Presence establishes a protective covering over us ; guarding our heart and mind. God helps us navigate life in His Presence.

Let God’s peace overflow in your life. Be God’s instrument to exude peace into a chaotic world of much fear, worries and anxiety.

God’s peace repels anxiety and worries. Heavy burdens are being lifted off people when God comes in!



3. Releases Supernatural Favour

a. With Key People

Having favour with the right people can open doors that otherwise may remain shut. As we prevail upon the Lord in prayer and intercession, the Lord may release His supernatural favour upon us with key people for His Kingdom expansion.

Nehemiah 2:4-8 (ESV)

4 Then the king said to me, “What are you requesting?” So I prayed to the God of heaven.

5 And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ graves, that I may rebuild it.”

6 And the king said to me (the queen sitting beside him), “How long will you be gone, and when will you return?” So it pleased the king to send me when I had given him a time.

7 And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors of the province Beyond the River, that they may let me pass through until I come to Judah,

8 and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king’s forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress of the temple, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall occupy.” And the king granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me.

b. Opens New Opportunities

Favour is also manifested through new opportunities. Pray also for wisdom to know when and how to walk through those open doors of new opportunities. Opportunity may knock, but wisdom responds.



4. Releases Divine Power to Push Back Evil Forces

When we intercede, we push back the spiritual forces of darkness and declare the strength and victory of the Lord. Intercede for breakthroughs in God so that the Gospel of Jesus Christ will continue to save many lives and transform lives and society. The enemy seeks to oppose us spiritually and through other avenues but God can intervene as we continually pray.

Daniel 10:10-14 (ESV)

10 And behold, a hand touched me and set me trembling on my hands and knees.

11 And he said to me, “O Daniel, man greatly loved, understand the words that I speak to you, and stand upright, for now I have been sent to you.” And when he had spoken this word to me, I stood up trembling.

12 Then he said to me, “Fear not, Daniel, for from the first day that you set your heart to understand and humbled yourself before your God, your words have been heard, and I have come because of your words.

13 The prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days, but Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me, for I was left there with the kings of Persia,

14 and came to make you understand what is to happen to your people in the latter days. For the vision is for days yet to come.”



5. Stirs Up Holy Spirit Activity

God has a habit of showing up in situations saturated in prayer and intercession. God's heart has always been moved by those who cry out to Him and are aligned with His Kingdom purposes.

Our intercession has the power to stir up the heavens and create an atmosphere in which the Holy Spirit has complete freedom to move in power!

Someone once said, One word from God can change your life. Wouldn't that be powerful!

Conclusion

God is looking for intercessors who truly understand the role and effects of regular prayer and intercession in transforming every situation. God is on the lookout for spiritual snipers, striking with accuracy for God's Kingdom expansion. Will you be that instrument of the Lord?





Discussion Questions

1. Which of the 5 reasons above resonate most closely to your heart?
2. What are you believing God for as you seek to regularly pray and intercede?
3. What needs to change to help get you to that place of regular intercession? What are some key next steps you need to take for that to happen? Perhaps consider partnering with others; spur one another forward in prayer.





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