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To my wife, Linda, who is a genuine “prayer warrior.” She has always had a heart to lift others up to the Father in intercession. As she led this in our marriage and family, we together learned what is true about intercessory prayer—coming alongside others to assist them in learning to Abide, walk in the Spirit, and discover God’s will for each of their life’s situations and circumstances. We are called not just to say we will pray for others, or ask God to answer our own prayers, but to engage in both prayer and walking alongside as we serve God’s purposes for the body. Linda has helped unlock this most significant shift on how we are to pray and intercede for others. It has been a true joy to see the grand work of God in people’s lives where He then performs the supernatural and delivers the covenant—blessing to become a blessing. We fulfill Paul’s statement in Colossians 1:28: We present every person perfect in Christ Jesus.

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COURSE INTRODUCTION

Have you ever felt that your prayers were hitting the ceiling—like everything you say is a one-way conversation, or a duty to perform? Or worse, a duty you forget to perform after promising to do so. How often do we say to someone at church or elsewhere, “Sure, I’ll pray for you”—only to turn our prayers into a long wish list, forget to pray altogether, or skip it because we’re too busy?” Do you ever truly experience the dynamic, world-changing power the Bible describes?

This course was created to shatter that ceiling. We are going to embark on an adventure together, moving beyond a passive prayer life and into the thrilling reality of intercession—an active, energetic partnership with God Himself. You will discover that intercession isn’t about having the right words or being “spiritual enough”; it’s about understanding your identity as a child of the King and your assignment as His ambassador on Earth.

Get ready to have your perspective radically shifted. You will learn that you are not just asking God to intervene, but that He is inviting you to join Him in His work of opening blind eyes, setting prisoners free, and reconciling all things to Himself. You will learn how to live in the Kingdom, hear His voice, and walk in the supernatural authority He has given you.

This is more than a study; it is an invitation into the grand life God has always intended for you—a life of purpose, power, and profound joy as you partner with Him to see His will be done on Earth as it is in heaven. Let’s begin.

LESSON 1: THE CALL TO INTERCESSION



**He says, "I will give you
as a covenant for the
people." We are the
covenant.**

YOU ARE THE COVENANT

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **When you have told someone "I'll pray for you," what have you typically done with that promise?**
- **What is your current picture of an intercessor—and where did you get that picture?**
- **If God invited you to step into something more active than wishing and hoping, what hesitations would surface first?**

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: "I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

(Isaiah 42:5-9 ESV)

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Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

(Isaiah 49:1-7 ESV)

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SENT AS HE WAS SENT

"I am not speaking of all of you; I know whom I have chosen. But the Scripture will be fulfilled, 'He who ate my bread has lifted his heel against me.' I am telling you this now, before it takes place, that when it does take place you may believe that I am he. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

(John 13:18-20 ESV)

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."

(John 20:19-21 ESV)

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REFLECT & RESPOND

1. What strikes you most about the contrast between “wishing and hoping” prayer and being “drawn into the work of God”?

2. Where in your own thinking have you treated intercession as something only certain spiritual people are qualified to do?

3. If your job as an intercessor is to deliver what God is saying—not to persuade—what changes about how you would approach a person you are praying for?

PAUSE & WRITE

This is a great place for you to pause and write down the people around you that right now you may be assigned by God to be involved with—to open eyes, release from prison, and show them how to walk with God. Write down the people and situations you already know of where God may be calling you to get involved.

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As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- When you read “made in God’s image,” what do you assume that means about your purpose and authority?
- Of the seven gifts given before the fall—authority, provision, work, fellowship and marriage, health and healing, identity, and communion with God—which one feels most diminished in your life right now?
- Where in your life do you sense the enemy working most actively to draw you out of closeness with God?

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man^[a] in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷ So God created man in his own image,
in the image of God he created him;
male and female he created them.

²⁸ And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” ²⁹ And God said, “Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food. ³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.” And it was so. ³¹ And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

(Genesis 1:26–31 ESV)

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⁸ And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. ¹¹ The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. ¹² And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria.^[a] And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat^[b] of it you shall surely die."

¹⁸ Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for^[c] him." ¹⁹ Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed^[d] every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam^[e] there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made^[f] into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was taken out of Man."^[g]

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²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

(Genesis 2:8–25 ESV)

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

(Romans 8:5-8 ESV)

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¹⁴ Now he was casting out a demon that was mute. When the demon had gone out, the mute man spoke, and the people marveled. ¹⁵ But some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebul, the prince of demons," ¹⁶ while others, to test him, kept seeking from him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷ But he, knowing their thoughts, said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and a divided household falls. ¹⁸ And if Satan also is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that I cast out demons by Beelzebul. ¹⁹ And if I cast out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they will be your judges. ²⁰ But if it is by the finger of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you. ²¹ When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are safe; ²² but when one stronger than he attacks him and overcomes him, he takes away his armor in which he trusted and divides his spoil. ²³ Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

(Luke 11:14–23 ESV)

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Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and I am here. I came not of my own accord, but he sent me. Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word. You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies. But because I tell the truth, you do not believe me. Which one of you convicts me of sin? If I tell the truth, why do you not believe me? Whoever is of God hears the words of God. The reason why you do not hear them is that you are not of God."

(John 8:42-47 ESV)

¹¹ We have spoken freely to you,^[a] Corinthians; our heart is wide open. ¹² You are not restricted by us, but you are restricted in your own affections. ¹³ In return (I speak as to children) widen your hearts also.

The Temple of the Living God

¹⁴ Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?

¹⁵ What accord has Christ with Belial?^[b] Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? ¹⁶ What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said,

"I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them,
and I will be their God,
and they shall be my people.

¹⁷ Therefore go out from their midst,
and be separate from them, says the Lord,
and touch no unclean thing;

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then I will welcome you,
¹⁸ and I will be a father to you,
and you shall be sons and daughters to me,
says the Lord Almighty."

2 Corinthians 6:11–18

REFLECT & RESPOND

1. Where do you most often feel "pulled out" of close walking with God—and what does that pulling usually look like in your day?

2. Think of someone you would like to pray for. In what specific way might they be partnered with darkness or deceit without realizing it?

3. What would change about your prayer for that person if your goal shifted from "fix the circumstance" to "help them separate from darkness and return to truth"?

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THE POWER OF REDEMPTION

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- When you hear the word “covenant,” what comes to mind first?
- Do you tend to think of God’s blessings as available to everyone, or as reserved for some? Why?
- Where in your life are you still trying to earn what God says is already given?

Great Are the Lord’s Works

111 ^[a] Praise the Lord!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

² Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.

³ Full of splendor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.

⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy;

⁸ they are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name!

¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever!

(Psalm 111ESV)

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He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

(Colossians 1:13-14 ESV)

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places... In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will...

(Ephesians 1:3, 7-11 ESV)

¹There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.² For the law of the Spirit of life has set you[b] free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

(Romans 8:1-2 ESV)

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REFLECT & RESPOND

1. Where in your own life do you still live as if you were under condemnation, even though Romans 8 says you are not?

2. Who in your life is currently living outside the covenant—not because it isn’t available, but because they haven’t stepped into the kingdom?

3. What would it look like, practically, to “invite them to remain in the kingdom” this week?

REFLECTION AND ACTION

Take a moment to pause. Think about the people in your life right now—in your family, your work, your church, or your neighborhood. Who might God be calling you to get involved with as an intercessor? Who needs help opening their eyes, being released from a prison, or learning how to walk with God? Write their names or situations below.

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For Deeper Understanding

1. According to Isaiah 42, what does it mean for God to make you “a covenant for the people”? What are the specific actions associated with this calling?

2. Explain the three consequences of setting your mind on the flesh, as described in Romans 8. How does the enemy use this to his advantage?

3. What is the “domain of darkness” and what is the “kingdom of his beloved Son” as described in Colossians 1? How does redemption move us from one to the other?

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For Personal Application

1. When you think about being an intercessor, what feelings of inadequacy (like Isaiah's) come to mind? How does God's response to Isaiah encourage you in your own calling?

2. Reflect on a time when you may have been operating in the "flesh" versus the "Spirit." What was the difference in your sense of peace and your connection with God?

3. Who in your life might be living in deception, believing they are following truth when they are not? How can you begin to pray for God to reveal His truth to them in a loving way?

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FAITH: BELIEVING WHAT GOD SAYS

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- What does the word “faith” mean to you in everyday use—and how is that different from how Hebrews 11 defines it?
- When you face a hard circumstance, what tends to be louder in you: the circumstance, or the voice of God?
- Have you ever sensed God speak something to you that was clearly bigger than your situation? What did you do with it?

2 And I, when I came to you, brothers,^[a] did not come proclaiming to you the testimony^[b] of God with lofty speech or wisdom. **2** For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. **3** And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, **4** and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, **5** so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men^[c] but in the power of God.

(1 Corinthians 2:1–5 ESV)

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **2** For by it the people of old received their commendation. **3** By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

(Hebrews 11:1–3 ESV)

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In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.² The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

(Genesis 1: 1-2 ESV)

For the word of the Lord is upright,
and all his work is done in faithfulness.
⁵ He loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

⁶ By the word of the Lord the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

(Psalm 33: 4-6 ESV)

12 Now the Lord said^[a] to Abram, "Go from your country^[b] and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you.² And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing.

(Genesis 12: 1-2 ESV)

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28 “And if you faithfully obey the voice of the Lord your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. ² And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the Lord your God.

(Deuteronomy 28: 1–2 ESV)

You visit the earth and water it;^[a]
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide their grain,
for so you have prepared it.
¹⁰ You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.
¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.
¹² The pastures of the wilderness overflow,
the hills gird themselves with joy,
¹³ the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,
the valleys deck themselves with grain,
they shout and sing together for joy.

(Psalm 65: 9–13 ESV)

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REFLECT & RESPOND

1. Where are you currently trying to “fix” a circumstance instead of asking what God is saying about it?

2. What does it mean, in practical terms, to “help someone hear what God is saying” rather than to give them advice?

3. What is God saying to you right now about your own path? Write it down before you finish this lesson.

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RESTORATION, HEALING, AND WORKING OUT SALVATION

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Where in your life do you most need restoration right now?**
- **When you hear the word “salvation,” do you think of a one-time event or an ongoing deliverance? Why?**
- **What “work” are you currently doing to try to be acceptable to God—and what would it look like to lay that down?**

¹⁹ For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, ²² he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation^[a] under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister.

(Colossians 1: 19–23 ESV)

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The Year of the Lord's Favor

61 The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor;^[a]
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;^[b]
² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;
³ to grant to those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified.^[c]
⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins;
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.

(Isaiah 61: 1-4 ESV)

⁶ Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them and reveal
to them abundance of prosperity and security.

(Jeremiah 33: 6 ESV)

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¹⁶ But when one^[a] turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord^[b] is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord,^[c] are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.^[d] For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

(2 Corinthians 3: 16–18 ESV)

The King Rejoices in the Lord's Strength To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.

21 O Lord, in your strength the king rejoices,
and in your salvation how greatly he exults!

² You have given him his heart's desire
and have not withheld the request of his lips. Selah

³ For you meet him with rich blessings;
you set a crown of fine gold upon his head.

⁴ He asked life of you; you gave it to him,
length of days forever and ever.

⁵ His glory is great through your salvation;
splendor and majesty you bestow on him.

⁶ For you make him most blessed forever;^[a]
you make him glad with the joy of your presence.

⁷ For the king trusts in the Lord,
and through the steadfast love of the Most High he shall not be moved.

(Psalm 21: 1–7 ESV)

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My Soul Waits for God Alone

To the choirmaster: according to Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

62 For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.

² He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

(Psalm 62: 1–2 ESV)

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Philippians 2:12–13

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REFLECT & RESPOND

1. Where do you see God's "step by step" transformation already at work in you, even if it is incomplete?

2. Who in your life is broken or discouraged in a way that the covenant of restoration directly speaks to?

3. What would change about how you intercede for them if you trusted that God Himself is the salvation—and that your job is to help them receive Him, not to deliver Him?

LESSON 2: JOINING THE INTERCESSOR



"It's not about performance; it's about participating in the life of God and extending that life to those around us."

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Where does fruit actually come from in the vine-and-branches picture? Who does the producing?**
- **Why can't a disconnected branch be an intercessor—what is missing?**
- **Notice the sequence in this passage: "they gave themselves first to the Lord, and then by the will of God to us." What does that order tell you about how grace flows through a believer?**

We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

(2 Corinthians 8:1-7 ESV)

LESSON 2: JOINING THE INTERCESSOR

REFLECT

1. Where in your life right now are you tempted to skip the “give yourself to the Lord first” step and jump straight to giving to others?

2. What is the difference between performance and life when it comes to ministry to those around you?



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A CONDUIT OF THE SUPERNATURAL

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- What does it mean that the church is meant to make God's wisdom "known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places"?
- What does Paul mean by "boldness and access with confidence"—boldness to do what?
- Where is the line between the natural and the supernatural in the believer's life?

To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that He has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in Him.

(Ephesians 3:8-12 ESV)

REFLECT

1. If God's wisdom is meant to be displayed through the church, what does that say about your role inside your circle?

2. Have you ever experienced something supernatural in prayer that you could not have produced yourself? What did it stir in you?

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BUILDING UP THE BODY

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Why did Christ give apostles, prophets, evangelists, shepherds, and teachers? What is the goal of all those gifts?**
- **What does “mature manhood... the fullness of Christ” look like in everyday terms?**
- **What does the body do for itself when each part is working properly?**

And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love.

(Ephesians 4:11-16 ESV)

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As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- What is the kingdom of God, according to Paul, and what is it not?
- What three things characterize life lived inside the kingdom?
- Where does the experience of righteousness, peace, and joy actually come from?

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.
(Romans 14:17 ESV)

 PAUSE & WRITE

Think of one person in your circle right now whose situation tempts you to say “you should, you ought to, you better.” Write what an invitation back to the kingdom might sound like instead.

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FOLLOWING THE SHEPHERD

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- What does Paul contrast the kingdom of God with in this passage—and why does that distinction matter for an intercessor?
- What does it mean for Paul to say, “not the talk of those arrogant people, but their power”?
- What kind of “father” does Paul see himself as to the Corinthians?

I do not write these things to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. For though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers, for I became your father in Christ Jesus through the gospel. I urge you then, be imitators of me. That is why I sent you Timothy, my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, to remind you of my ways in Christ, as I teach them everywhere in every church. Some are arrogant, as though I were not coming to you. But I will come to you soon if the Lord wills, and I will find out not the talk of those arrogant people, but their power. For the kingdom of God does not consist in talk, but in power.

(1 Corinthians 4:14-20 ESV)

REFLECT

1. Where in your own ministry to others have you relied on “talk” more than power? What would change?

2. What does it look like to admonish someone “as beloved children” rather than to correct them in the flesh?

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As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- What two voices are described in this passage, and how do the sheep distinguish between them?
- Jesus says, “I am the door.” What is the difference between entering by Him and climbing in another way?
- What does Jesus say He came to give—and how does that contrast with the thief?

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and the Father are one.”

(John 10:27-30 ESV)

REFLECT

1. What does the sheepdog metaphor change about how you think of your role with the people God has placed in your circle?

2. What is one practical way you can help someone you know move toward hearing God’s voice this week—without telling them what to do?

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FAITHFUL TO THE SHEPHERD, NOT TO THE SHEEP

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **What does the master commend in the faithful servant?**
- **What is the relationship between faithfulness in “few things” and being entrusted with “many things”?**
- **As an intercessor, who is your loyalty ultimately to—the person you are praying for, or the One who sent you to pray for them?**

²¹ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’

(Matthew 25:21ESV)

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **What did Barnabas do when he saw the grace of God in Antioch?**
- **Why did Barnabas go look for Saul, and what does that say about how God grows His work?**
- **What does this story show us about the limits of one intercessor and the role of community?**

Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews. But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus. And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord. The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch. When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose, for he was a

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good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord. So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

(Acts 11:19-26 ESV)

REFLECT

1. Where in your life is the intercessory load larger than what you can carry alone? Who has God already placed beside you to share it?

2. How is faithfulness to God's assignment different from loyalty to the person God has assigned you to pray for?

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THE PRIVILEGE OF THE THRONE ROOM—DISCERNING HIS WILL THROUGH DIALOGUE

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **On what basis do believers have “confidence to enter the holy places”?**
- **What does it mean to draw near “with a true heart in full assurance of faith”?**
- **How does this passage frame the responsibility we have toward one another in the body?**

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

(Hebrews 10:19-25 ESV)

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As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- What does Paul say believers should “look carefully” about?
- What is the alternative to being foolish, according to this passage?
- What posture toward one another does Paul call for at the end of this passage?

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

(Ephesians 5:15-21 ESV)

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- What invitation does God give in this single verse, and what does He promise in response?
- What kind of seeking does this verse describe—a demand for outcomes, or a posture of “What do You want to show me?”
- How would your prayer life change if you took this verse at face value tomorrow morning?

“Call to me and I will answer you, and show you great and mighty things which you do not know.”

(Jeremiah 33:3 ESV)

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THE INTERCESSOR'S KEY ROLE: DIALOGUE AND DISCERNMENT

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- What were those who feared the Lord doing, and how did the Lord respond?
- What is a “book of remembrance,” and what does it tell us about how God values our conversations with Him and with each other?
- What does the passage say will once more become visible—and what does that imply about discernment?

Then those who feared the Lord spoke with one another. The Lord paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before Him of those who feared the Lord and esteemed His name. “They shall be Mine,” says the Lord of hosts, “in the day when I make up My treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him.” Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve Him.

(Malachi 3:16-18 ESV)

PAUSE & WRITE

Bring to mind one situation God has placed on your heart for intercession. Set aside any solution you have been forming. Just describe the situation as fully as you can, in the third person, on the lines below.

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As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- What is the confidence we have when we approach God?
- What two conditions does John attach to being heard?
- Notice the phrase “we have the requests.” What does that say about how confident discernment changes prayer?

And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him.

(1 John 5:14-15 ESV)

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- What does the psalmist ask to hear in the morning, and why?
- Notice the phrasing “teach me to do Your will.” What posture is that?
- How does the psalmist tie deliverance to walking in God’s will?

Let me hear in the morning of Your steadfast love, for in You I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to You I lift up my soul. Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! I have fled to You for refuge. Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God! Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground! For Your name’s sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble! And in Your steadfast love You will cut off my enemies, and

(Psalm 143:8-12 ESV)

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REFLECT

1. What is the difference between asking God to bless your plan and asking God to reveal His will?

2. Where in your prayer life have you been pressing for an outcome instead of pressing for clarity?



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CHRIST OUR INTERCESSOR—LIGHT, TRUTH, WISDOM

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Jesus’ statement “I am the way, the truth, and the life”—what does it claim, and what does it rule out?**
- **Whose words and whose works does Jesus say He is doing?**
- **What does “greater works than these will he do” mean for an intercessor?**

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.”

“Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority, but the Father who dwells in me does His works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else believe on account of the works themselves. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.”

(John 14:6, 10-14 ESV)

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HE IS THE LIGHT, HE IS THE TRUTH

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **What did the Word do “in the beginning,” according to John?**
- **What does it mean that “in Him was life, and the life was the light of men”?**
- **What two things came through Jesus, according to verse 17?**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him, and without Him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. (John bore witness about Him, and cried out, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because He was before me.’”) For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

(John 1:1-5, 14-17 ESV)

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As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- How does Moses describe the way the Lord's teaching falls on His people?
- What four characteristics describe God's work in this passage?
- Why does it matter that His ways are "justice" and that He is "without iniquity" when we are seeking His will?

"Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak, and let the earth hear the words of my mouth. May my teaching drop as the rain, my speech distill as the dew, like gentle rain upon the tender grass, and like showers upon the herb. For I will proclaim the name of the Lord; ascribe greatness to our God! The Rock, His work is perfect, for all His ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is He."

(Deuteronomy 32:1-4)

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As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- What does the Lord promise He will faithfully give His people?
- What kind of covenant does He promise—temporary, conditional, or everlasting?
- What does it look like for offspring to be “known among the nations” as those the Lord has blessed?

“For I the Lord love justice; I hate robbery and wrong; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their offspring shall be known among the nations, and their descendants in the midst of the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge them, that they are an offspring the Lord has blessed.”

(Isaiah 61:8-9 ESV)

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HE IS WISDOM

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **How does Wisdom describe herself in this chapter?**
- **What does it mean that “counsel” and “sound wisdom” belong to Him?**
- **What does the passage say happens to those who seek Him?**

¹² and I find knowledge and discretion.

¹³ The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil.

Pride and arrogance and the way of evil
and perverted speech I hate.

¹⁴ I have counsel and sound wisdom;
I have insight; I have strength.

¹⁵ By me kings reign,
and rulers decree what is just;

¹⁶ by me princes rule,
and nobles, all who govern justly.

¹⁷ I love those who love me,
and those who seek me diligently find me.

¹⁸ Riches and honor are with me,
enduring wealth and righteousness.

¹⁹ My fruit is better than gold, even fine gold,
and my yield than choice silver.

²⁰ I walk in the way of righteousness,
in the paths of justice,

²¹ granting an inheritance to those who love me,
and filling their treasuries.

(Proverbs 8 ESV)

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As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- What did Christ “become” to us, according to Paul?
- What four things does Paul list?
- If Christ Himself is wisdom, what does that change about where you go for it?

And because of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

(1 Corinthians 1:30 ESV)

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CHRIST HIMSELF IS OUR INTERCESSOR

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **What does the passage say the Lord did to His servant, and why?**
- **What does the servant accomplish through His suffering?**
- **What two things does verse 12 say about the servant in relation to transgressors?**

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush Him; He has put Him to grief; when His soul makes an offering for guilt, He shall see His offspring; He shall prolong His days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in His hand. Out of the anguish of His soul He shall see and be satisfied; by His knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and He shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the many, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet He bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

(Isaiah 53:10-12 ESV)

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As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Why, according to Paul, do we need help from the Spirit when we pray?**
- **On what basis does the Spirit's intercession succeed?**
- **What is the connection between "according to the will of God" and "all things work together for good"?**

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

(Romans 8:26-28 ESV)

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Where is Christ now, and what is He doing on our behalf?**
- **What does Paul mean when he asks, "Who is to condemn?"**
- **How does Christ's ongoing intercession affect how you pray?**

Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

(Romans 8:34)

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As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Why is Jesus' priesthood different from the priesthoods that came before?**
- **What does it mean that He "always lives to make intercession"?**
- **Why did Jesus only need to offer Himself once?**

And it was not without an oath. For those who formerly became priests were made such without an oath, but this one was made a priest with an oath by the one who said to Him: "The Lord has sworn and will not change His mind, 'You are a priest forever.'" This makes Jesus the guarantor of a better covenant. The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office, but He holds His priesthood permanently, because He continues forever. Consequently, He is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them. For it was indeed fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, innocent, unstained, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for His own sins and then for those of the people, since He did this once for all when He offered up Himself. For the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

(Hebrews 7:20-28 ESV)

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HEARING HOW JESUS PRAYS

When Jesus had spoken these words, he lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son that the Son may glorify you,² since you have given him authority over all flesh, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him.³ And this is eternal life, that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.⁴ I glorified you on earth, having accomplished the work that you gave me to do.⁵ And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.

⁶"I have manifested your name to the people whom you gave me out of the world. Yours they were, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.⁷ Now they know that everything that you have given me is from you.⁸ For I have given them the words that you gave me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me.⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I am glorified in them.¹¹ And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one.¹² While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled.¹³ But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves.¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.¹⁵ I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one.^[a]¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.¹⁷ Sanctify them^[b] in the truth; your word is truth.¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate myself,^[c] that they also may be sanctified^[d] in truth.

(John 17 1-19 ESV)

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PAUSE & WRITE

As you close this lesson, sit with these two questions: Am I in that place of receiving God's will? He is interceding for me. And: how could I help others discover His will—not what I think they should do, but rather walk with Him and experience Him?

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For Deeper Understanding

1. Explain the role of an intercessor using the analogy of the “sheepdog” and the “Good Shepherd.” What is our primary function?

2. This lesson says the Kingdom of God is not about “talk” but about “power” (1 Corinthians 4:20). What is the difference between these two approaches when helping someone?

3. According to Romans 8 and Hebrews 7, how are the Son and the Holy Spirit already acting as intercessors? What is the focus of their intercession?

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For Personal Application

1. Who is the “body” or community that God has called you to help build up?
How can you begin to see your interactions with them as an opportunity for intercession?

2. Reflect on a time you tried to solve a problem with “talk” (logic, advice, telling someone what to do) versus a time you invited them (or yourself) to seek God’s “power.” What was the difference?

3. Knowing that Jesus is praying for you to be “kept from the evil one” while you are in the world, how does this change your perspective on facing daily troubles and challenges?



LESSON 3: THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERCESSOR



“Maturity is demonstrated when you become an intercessor,” or “Our first ministry is not to people, but to God.”

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **When you hear the word “intercessor,” what comes to mind? Where do you think that picture came from?**
- **In your own words, what would it mean to “present someone mature in Christ”? What would that look like in a real person’s life?**

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

(Colossians 1:24-29 ESV)

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You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.

(2 Timothy 2:1-2 ESV)

REFLECTION

1. Paul says he is “filling up what is lacking in Christ’s afflictions for the sake of His body.” What does that suggest about the cost of intercession?

2. Where in your life right now are you experiencing the life of God deeply enough that you could honestly invite someone else into it?

3. Who in your life is a “faithful person” you could entrust what you are learning to? What would that look like practically this month?

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THE ROLE OF THE WATCHMAN

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **In ordinary life, what does a watchman do? Why is the role so weighty?**
- **When was the last time someone “warned” you in a way that turned out to be from God? How did you receive it at the time?**

The word of the Lord came to me: “Son of man, speak to your people and say to them, ‘If I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and make him their watchman, and if he sees the sword coming upon the land and blows the trumpet and warns the people, then if anyone who hears the sound of the trumpet does not take warning, and the sword comes and takes him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet and did not take warning; his blood shall be upon himself. But if he had taken warning, he would have saved his life. But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, so that the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any one of them, that person is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman’s hand.’

So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from My mouth, you shall give them warning from Me. If I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked one, you shall surely die,’ and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul. And you, son of man, say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus have you said: surely our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we rot away because of them. How then can we live?’ Say to them, ‘As I live, declares the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn back, turn back from your evil ways, for why will you die, O house of Israel?’

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And you, son of man, say to your people, 'The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him when he transgresses, and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall by it when he turns from his wickedness, and the righteous shall not be able to live by his righteousness when he sins.' Though I say to the righteous that he shall surely live, yet if he trusts in his righteousness and does injustice, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered, but in his injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, though I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' yet if he turns from his sin and does what is just and right, if the wicked restores the pledge, gives back what he has taken by robbery, and walks in the statutes of life, not doing injustice, he shall surely live; he shall not die. None of the sins that he has committed shall be remembered against him. He has done what is just and right; he shall surely live.

Yet your people say, 'The way of the Lord is not just,' when it is their own way that is not just. When the righteous turns from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it. And when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is just and right, he shall live by this. Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, I will judge each of you according to his ways."

(Ezekiel 33:1–20 ESV)

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Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it; unless the Lord guards the city, the watchman stays awake in vain. It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows; for so He gives His beloved sleep. Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, so are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them; they shall not be ashamed, but shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

(Psalm 127:1–5)

REFLECTION

1. What is the difference between “warning from God” and “correcting from your own opinion”? How can you tell which one you are doing?

2. God says He has “no pleasure in the death of the wicked.” How does that change the tone with which you would deliver a hard word?

3. Where in your life right now might you be standing on the wrong wall—watching for things God has not actually called you to watch?

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THE ROLE OF THE PRIEST

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **What words come to mind when you hear “priest”? Which of those are biblical, and which are cultural?**
- **In your spiritual life, where do you most often place yourself: as one who comes to receive from God, or as one who comes to minister to God?**

And I will raise up for myself a faithful priest, who shall do according to what is in my heart and in my mind. And I will build him a sure house, and he shall go in and out before my anointed forever.

(1 Samuel 2:35 ESV)

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For Aaron's sons you shall make coats and sashes and caps. You shall make them for glory and beauty. And you shall put them on Aaron your brother, and on his sons with him, and shall anoint them and ordain them and consecrate them, that they may serve Me as priests.

Now this is what you shall do to them to consecrate them, that they may serve Me as priests. Take one bull of the herd and two rams without blemish. The holy garments of Aaron shall be for his sons after him; they shall be anointed in them and ordained in them. The son who succeeds him as priest, who comes into the tent of meeting to minister in the holy place, shall wear them seven days.

(Exodus 28:40–41; 29:1; 29:29–30)

Then bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the people of Israel, to serve Me as priests—Aaron and Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. You shall speak to all the skillful, whom I have filled with the spirit of skill, that they make Aaron's garments to consecrate him for My priesthood. These are the garments that they shall make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a coat of checker work, a turban, and a sash. They shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons to serve Me as priests. They shall receive gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen.

(Exodus 28:1–5 ESV)

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And Aaron shall burn fragrant incense on it. Every morning when he dresses the lamps he shall burn it, and when Aaron sets up the lamps at twilight, he shall burn it, a regular incense offering before the Lord throughout your generations.

(Exodus 30:7–8 ESV)

Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice!

(Psalm 141:2 ESV)

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REFLECTION

1. What does it mean for you, this week, to “minister to God” before you ask Him for anything?

2. Where in your prayer life do you see the “wish list” pattern showing up—telling God what you want, rather than offering your will as a sacrifice to hear His?

3. Glory and beauty are part of the priestly identity. Where have you settled for mediocrity, hesitation, or low expectation in how you carry the things of God?

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LED BY THE SPIRIT INTO TRUTH

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **What is the difference between “knowing about” the Holy Spirit and being “led by” the Holy Spirit?**
- **Think of a recent decision you made. Were you operating with “the things of the flesh” in mind, or “the things of the Spirit”? How could you tell?**

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God’s law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

(Romans 8:5–8, 12–17 ESV)

When the Spirit of truth comes, He will guide you into all the truth, for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak, and He will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify Me, for He will take what is Mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is Mine; therefore I said that He will take what is Mine and declare it to you.

(John 16:13–15 ESV)

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REFLECTION

1. Where, in your typical conversations with people you care about, does judgment show up—even subtly? How might that be blocking them from sharing the truth?

2. When you ask the Holy Spirit to guide you into truth, are you willing to follow if the first piece of truth He shows you is uncomfortable about yourself?

3. Who in your life right now might need someone to simply ask, “What is the truth—what is really going on?” without you fixing or judging it?

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UNITY AND THE MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **When you hear the word “unity,” do you tend to think first of agreement between people, or alignment with God? Why does the difference matter?**
- **An ambassador represents a kingdom not their own. What would it mean, practically, for you to live this week as an ambassador for Christ?**

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious oil upon the head, running down on the beard, the beard of Aaron, running down on the edge of his garments. It is like the dew of Hermon, descending upon the mountains of Zion; for there the Lord commanded the blessing—life forevermore.

(Psalm 133 ESV)

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call—one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

(Ephesians 4:1–6 ESV)

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We are not commending ourselves to you again but giving you cause to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast about outward appearance and not about what is in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for Him who for their sake died and was raised.

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

(2 Corinthians 5:12–21 ESV)

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REFLECTION

1. Have you ever confirmed something “out of agreement” when in your spirit you were not yet at unity with God on it? What happened?

2. Where in your relationships are you tempted to keep managing the outcome instead of releasing the person to God once they understand?

3. If you are an ambassador, what does the kingdom you represent actually look like? Could the people around you describe it from watching your life?

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COME AND SEE: THE INVITATION TO FOLLOW

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Why is it possible for someone to genuinely love Jesus and still, in a moment, end up “following Satan,” as Peter did?**
- **In your own discipleship, what is the most appealing thing about “Come and see” as an invitation? What is the most uncomfortable?**

From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, “Far be it from You, Lord! This shall never happen to You.” But He turned and said to Peter, “Get behind Me, Satan! You are a hindrance to Me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

Then Jesus told His disciples, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? For the Son of Man is going to come with His angels in the glory of His Father, and then He will repay each person according to what he has done. Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom.”

(Matthew 16:21–28 ESV)

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Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed Him.

(Mark 1:14–20 ESV)

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The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as He walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to Him, "Rabbi (which means Teacher), where are You staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where He was staying, and they stayed with Him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. ... The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow Me." ... Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found Him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ... [Jesus said to Nathanael,] "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And He said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

(John 1:35–51 (selections) ESV)

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears My word and believes Him who sent Me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

(John 5:24 ESV)

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REFLECTION

1. When you talk to a not-yet-believer, are you defending an argument, or speaking the words God has actually given you? Which one transfers life?

2. What part of “deny yourself” do you most resist when it comes to following Jesus right now?

3. Who in your life is one “Come and see” conversation away—but you have been waiting until you have all the answers?

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SEEKING THE KINGDOM AND DELIGHTING IN HIS WILL

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **What is the difference, in your prayer life, between seeking the King and seeking the Kingdom?**
- **When was the last time you genuinely delighted in doing God's will—and how did you know it was delight, not just duty?**

But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

(Matthew 6:33–34 ESV)

When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

(Luke 11:2 (cf. Matthew 6:9–10) ESV)

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Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of Him who sent Me and to accomplish His work."

Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know, that You are the Holy One of God."

(John 4:34; 6:68 ESV)

In sacrifice and offering You have not delighted, but You have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required. Then I said, "Behold, I have come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your law is within my heart."

(Psalm 40:6–8 ESV)

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For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will hear you. You will seek Me and find Me, when you seek Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, declares the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

(Jeremiah 29:11–14 ESV)

REFLECTION

1. Does your prayer life sound more like “Your kingdom come, Your will be done” or more like a list of preferred outcomes? What would shift if you led with the first?

2. What would change in your life if you became known for delighting in God’s will rather than for what you accomplish?

3. What is one specific situation where you are tempted to label God’s plan “awful” because the circumstances are awful? How might He still be at work to restore?

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EXERCISING GIFTS WITHIN THE BODY

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Have you ever experienced a moment where someone's spiritual gift was clearly "for you" at exactly the right time? What did that look like?**
- **In your current circle—spouse, family, inner circle, small group—where do you most need the gifts of others, and where might God want to manifest a gift through you?**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ... For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

(Romans 12:1–8 ESV)

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Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be uninformed. ... Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who empowers them all in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. For to one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are empowered by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as He wills.

(1 Corinthians 12:1–11 ESV)

REFLECTION

1. Where in your community are you currently isolated from the body? What gift may God be wanting to flow to you—or through you—that you cannot receive in isolation?

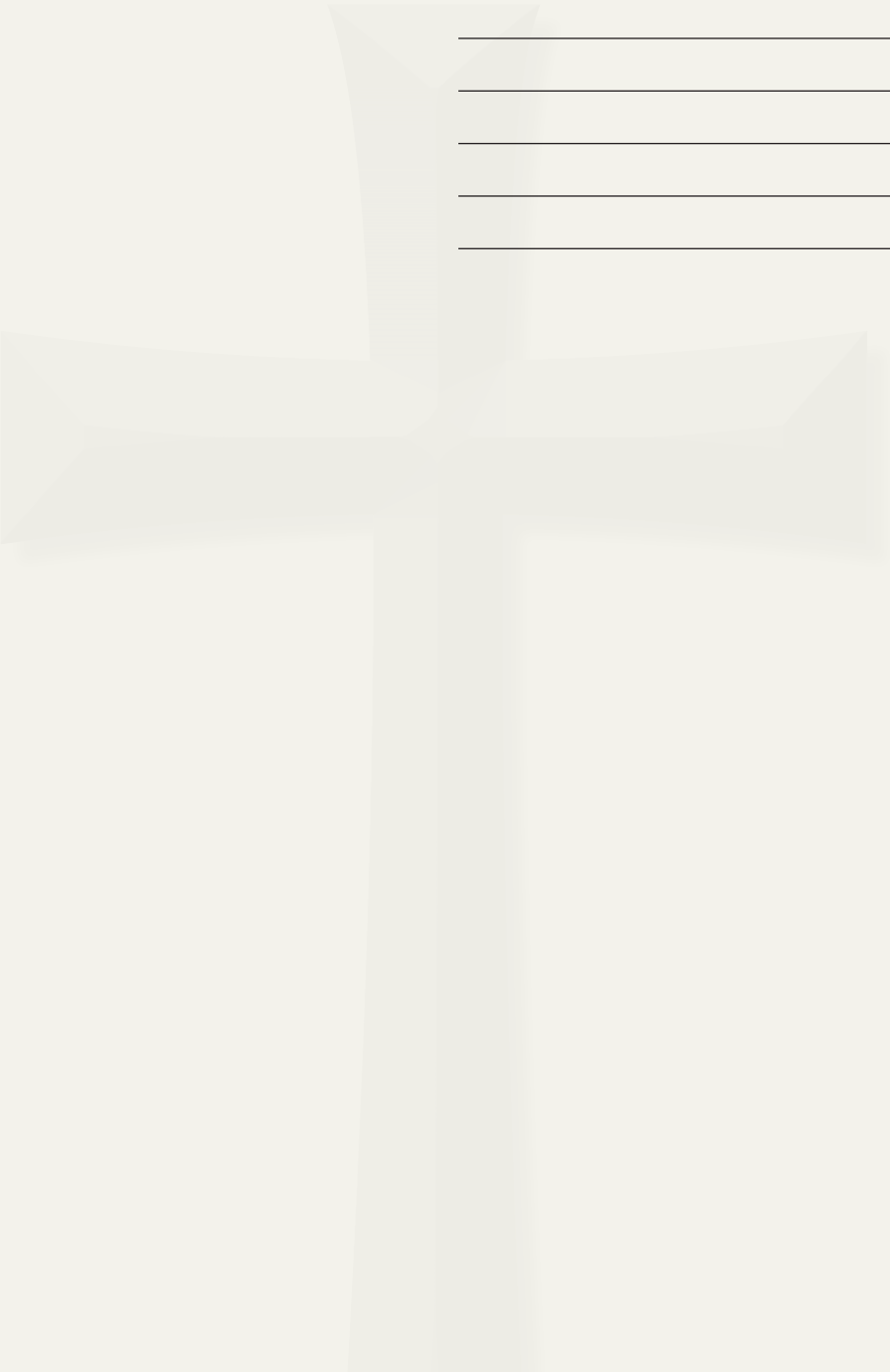
2. When was the last time the Spirit gave you a momentary “unction” for someone else (faith, encouragement, mercy, knowledge)? Did you act on it?

3. How does seeing gifts as “for the assignment” rather than “permanently mine” change the way you would step out this week?

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 PAUSE & WRITE

Look at the people around you this week. Name two of them, and write what God might be inviting you to do—not to fix or instruct, but to invite, to walk with, to be present with—so they might experience more of His life.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

SCRIPTURAL UNDERSTANDING

1. In Ezekiel 33:1–20, God repeats that His desire is that the wicked “turn... and live.” In light of that heart, how would you describe the attitude with which a New Testament watchman is meant to speak truth—and how is that different from how Christians often picture a “warning”?

2. Romans 8:14 says, “All who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.” Connecting that with John 16:13, what is the Holy Spirit specifically promising to do in the daily life of a believer who chooses to be led—and how is that distinct from receiving a one-time set of theological truths?

3. Jesus tells the disciples, “Seek first the kingdom of God” (Matthew 6:33). Why does He say to seek the kingdom rather than simply, “seek Me”? What does that distinction reveal about how God’s rule and His relationship with us go together?

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DEEPER UNDERSTANDING

4. Rich teaches that maturity is starting to be demonstrated when you become an intercessor—because you must already be experiencing the life you are inviting others into. In your own words, why is it that you cannot lead someone into a Kingdom you have not yet entered yourself?

5. The lesson connects three priestly images: ministering to God (being with Him), the altar of incense (continual prayer), and the sacrifice of will. How do those three images fit together as a single picture of intercessory prayer?

6. Rich repeatedly emphasizes that the intercessor's role is to confirm what God is confirming—not to "support a good idea." Why is the difference between confirmation and encouragement so important, and where is it easiest to confuse the two?

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PERSONAL APPLICATION

7. Where right now are you most tempted to step out of the Kingdom and become “the judge”—the watchman on the wrong wall? What would it look like this week to step back onto God’s wall instead?

8. Pick one person in your life who is in the middle of something hard. What would it look like, this week, to ask, “Tell me about what is going on” without bringing any judgment—and then simply help them be honest before God?

9. God’s plans for you are for welfare and not for evil (Jeremiah 29:11), even in awful places. Where is one specific “awful place” in your life right now, and what would it look like to begin seeking His plan in the middle of it rather than waiting for it to be removed?



LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION



INVITING TO THE LIGHT AND TRUTH

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- What does it mean to “come to the light” in your own walk with God?
- Why might someone resist coming to the truth, even when the truth is what they need?
- As an intercessor, are you afraid of the truth? Why or why not?

And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his works should be exposed. But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his works have been carried out in God.”

(John 3:19-21 ESV)

“We are to bring the expectation of the supernatural into every situation,” or
“Do you have a heart to get well? Then come with me.”

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 PAUSE & WRITE

Is there a part of your own life right now where you are resisting coming fully into the light? Write what comes to mind—not to fix it, but to expose it.

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THE DISCIPLINE OF NO JUDGMENT

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Notice how the psalmist asks God to teach—not just inform.**
- **Pay attention to the link between mercy and truth as God’s paths.**
- **What kind of person does God promise to teach and guide?**

Show me Your ways, O Lord. Teach me Your paths. Lead me in Your truth and teach me. For You are the God of my salvation. On You I wait all the day. Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving kindness, for they are of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions. According to Your mercy, remember me for Your goodness sake, O Lord. Good and upright is the Lord. Therefore He teaches sinners in the way. The humble He guides in justice. The humble. He teaches His ways. All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth. Such as keep His covenant and His testimonies. For Your name’s sake, O Lord, pardon our iniquity, for it is great.

(Psalm 25:4–10 ESV)

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REFLECT & RESPOND

1. In your own words, what is the difference between sitting on the sideline praying and “intercession as involvement”?

2. Think of someone you are praying for who seems stuck. What is one specific question you could ask that would invite them to talk about what is actually going on?

3. Where have you felt the Spirit prompt you to “probe a little further” in a conversation? What did that prompt feel like, and how did you respond?

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EXERCISING THE PROPHETIC AND SUPERNATURAL AUTHORITY

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Notice how Paul ranks the prophetic among the spiritual gifts.**
- **What does it mean that prophecy is for “upbuilding, encouragement, and consolation”?**
- **How might this gift work alongside the conversations of intercession you read about in Section 1?**

Pursue love and earnestly desire the spiritual gifts, especially that you may prophesy. But one who speaks in a tongue speaks not to men, but to God. For no one understands him, but he utters mysteries in the spirit. On the other hand, the one who properly speaks to people for their upbuilding and encouragement and consolation.

(1 Corinthians 14:1–3 ESV)

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As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Watch how Jeremiah objects to his own calling—and how God answers.**
- **What does God put in Jeremiah's mouth? What does He say He will do with it?**
- **Why a watching almond branch? What is God promising about His own word?**

Now the word of the Lord came to me, saying, before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born, I consecrated you. I appointed you a prophet to the nations. Then I said, ah, Lord God, behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth. But the Lord said to me, do not say, I am only a youth. For to all whom I send you, you shall go. And whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the Lord. Then the Lord put out His hand and touched my mouth. And the Lord said to me, behold, I have put My words in your mouth. See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant. And the word of the Lord came to me saying, Jeremiah, what do you see? And I said, I see an almond branch. Then the Lord said to me, you have seen well, for I am watching over My word to perform it.

(Jeremiah 1:4–12 ESV)

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

PAUSE & WRITE

Why does God need you? There is a person standing right there—and if they could simply hear God’s voice for themselves, it would break apart their stuff. So why does He need you?

BECAUSE THEY DON’T KNOW HOW

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **What does it mean that God “bore witness” to the message?**
- **How might “neglecting so great a salvation” show up in everyday intercession?**
- **What signs, wonders, and gifts do you expect to see when you bring God’s word into a situation?**

Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. But since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression and disobedience received a just retribution. How shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to His will.

(Hebrews 2:1–4 ESV)

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

 PAUSE & WRITE

What does “neglect” look like in real intercession? Be specific.

THE THIRTY-DAY PROMISE

Here is something I tell people, particularly when they are first starting. We do this in our Abide retreats. We say: if you do this for twenty minutes a day for thirty days in a row—don’t skip days, don’t skip weekends, just every day process with Him—at the end of those thirty days, you will never stop doing it.

 PAUSE & WRITE

Now—if that is true, what must have happened during those thirty days?

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Jesus invites those who struggle to believe Him to start with the works themselves.**
- **What does “whoever believes in me will also do the works” mean for an intercessor?**
- **Notice the promise about asking in His name.**

Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me? The words that I say to you, I do not speak on My own authority, but the Father who dwells in Me does His works. Believe Me that I am in the Father, and the Father is in Me, or else believe on the account of the works themselves. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in Me will also do the works that I do, and greater works than these he will do, because I am going to the Father. Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.

(John 14:10–14 ESV)

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

REFLECT & RESPOND

1. Where have you neglected the supernatural in your own intercession—settling for managing the problem instead of expecting God to act?

2. Recall a time when a miracle, however small, broke open someone's belief that "God cares about me." What changed in them?

3. What would it look like, this week, to walk into a situation expecting God to bear witness with signs and wonders?

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

RECEIVING WISDOM AND SPENDING CONCENTRATED TIME

Next on the list is wisdom—which we need a great deal of as intercessors. We start with the Queen of Sheba, who came testing Solomon with hard questions.

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Why did she come? What did she bring?**
- **What did she observe besides Solomon's answers—and why does that matter?**
- **Notice where she finally lands: "Blessed be the Lord your God."**

Now, when the Queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the Lord, she came to test him with hard questions. She came to Jerusalem with a very great retinue, with camels bearing spices and very much gold and precious stones. And when she came to Solomon, she told him all that was on her mind. And Solomon answered all her questions. There was nothing hidden from the king that he could not explain to her. And when the Queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, the house that he had built, the food of his table, the seating of his officials and the attendants of his servants, their clothing, his cupbearers, and his burnt offerings that he offered at the house of the Lord. There was no more breath in her. And she said to the King, the report was true, that I heard in my own land of your words and of your wisdom. But I did not believe the reports until I came in. My own eyes had seen it, and behold, the half was not told me. Your wisdom and prosperity surpasses the report that I heard. Happy are your men. Happy are your servants who continually stand before you and hear your wisdom. Blessed be the Lord your God, who has delighted in you and set you on the throne of Israel. Because the Lord loved Israel forever, He has made you king, that you may execute justice and righteousness.

(1 Kings 10:1–9 ESV)

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

SO—THE PEOPLE YOU ARE WORKING WITH HAVE HARD QUESTIONS

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Notice the value placed on wisdom—better than silver, gold, or jewels.**
- **What does the text say about “her paths”?**
- **What kind of fruit does wisdom produce in someone who lays hold of her?**

Blessed is the one who finds wisdom and the one who gets understanding. For the gain from her is better than the gain from silver and her profit better than gold. She is more precious than jewels, and nothing you desire can compare with her. Long life is in her right hand, and in her left hand are riches and honor. Her ways are the ways of pleasantness. And all her paths are peace. She is a tree of life to those who lay hold of her. To those who hold fast her. To those who hold her fast are called blessed.

(Proverbs 3:13–18 ESV)

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

IS THE PATH PRODUCING PEACE?

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Wisdom in the kingdom is spiritual revelation—not just being smarter.**
- **Notice how the Spirit of the Lord is described.**
- **How does He judge?**

There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him. The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what His eyes see, or decide disputes by what His ears hear.

(Isaiah 11:1–3 ESV)

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

SOMETIMES GOD CALLS YOU INTO FASTING

Jesus Heals a Boy with an Unclean Spirit

¹⁴ And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵ And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. ¹⁶ And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷ And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸ And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹ And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰ And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹ And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²² And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵ And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶ And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷ But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸ And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹ And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

(Mark 9:14–29 ESV)

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

PAUSE & WRITE

What does fasting actually mean here? Read carefully—fasting is not just skipping meals.

AND SOMETIMES—CALL A SACRED ASSEMBLY

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **What is the urgency in Joel's call?**
- **Who is to be gathered?**
- **How might this apply to a person you are interceding for who is stuck?**

Put on sackcloth and lament. Oh, priests wail! Oh, ministers of the altar. Go in. Pass the night in sackcloth, O ministers of my God. Because grain offering and drink offering are withheld from the house of your God. Consecrate a fast. Call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the house of the Lord your God, and cry out to the Lord.

(Joel 1:13–14 ESV)

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

REFLECT & RESPOND

1. When have you reached the end of your faith—and what did you do? Did you come back to Him, or did you quit?

2. Who are the people of faith in your life that you would invite into a sacred assembly setting? List them by name.

3. What is one specific thing right now that God may be calling you to spend concentrated time on—to fast and pursue with Him?

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

BRINGING COMFORT AND HELPING WITH DECISIONS

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Notice how the psalmist describes God’s character.**
- **What does “show me a sign of Your favor” ask for?**
- **How might this prayer apply to someone you are interceding for who is at the edge of giving up?**

But You, O Lord our God, merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. Turn to me and be gracious to me. Give Your strength to Your servant, and save the son of Your maidservant. Show me a sign of Your favor, that those who hate me may see and be put to shame, because You, Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

(Psalm 86:15–17 ESV)

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

HELPING WITH DECISIONS

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **What is the condition for having confidence that God hears?**
- **What does it mean for the request to be “according to His will”?**
- **Compare this with the John 15 passage that follows.**

And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him.

(1 John 5:14–15 ESV)

If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit, so you will be My disciples.

(John 15:7–8 ESV)

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

REFLECT & RESPOND

1. How is “discovering God’s will” different from “giving someone good advice”?

2. Describe a decision in your own life where you were tempted to choose a wise option without confirming it was God’s will. What happened?

3. What does it look like, practically, to walk someone toward confirmation—“is this God’s will?”—instead of opinion?

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

WALKING THROUGH SIN, DIFFICULTY, AND CONFLICT

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Notice the move from confidence in asking to praying for a brother in sin.**
- **What does it mean to ask, and “God will give him life”?**
- **Read the closing line: “keep yourselves from idols.”**

And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him. If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death. I do not say that one should pray for that. All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death. We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know Him who is true. And we are in Him who is true in His Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

(1 John 5:14–21 ESV)

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Track the rhythm of seeking, hearing, and being delivered.**
- **Notice the line about “keeping your tongue from evil.”**
- **What does “seek peace and pursue it” mean for someone surrounded by trouble?**

I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to Him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed. The poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all of his troubles. The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him and delivers them. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him. Oh, fear the Lord, you His saints. You His saints. For those who fear Him have no lack. The young lions suffer, want and hunger. But those who seek the Lord lack no good thing. Come, O children, listen to me. I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is there who desires life and loves many days that he may see good. Keep your tongue from evil and turn and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn away from evil and do good. Seek peace and pursue it.

(Psalm 34:4–14 ESV)

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

 PAUSE & WRITE

Where in your own life have you been speaking the “evil”—the annoyances, the frustrations, the irritations—instead of turning to pursue His answer? Write what you hear.

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LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

CONFLICTS AND BIG RELATIONSHIP ISSUES

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Notice how Paul re-frames our role as ambassadors.**
- **What does it mean that we have been entrusted with the message of reconciliation?**
- **How does this connect to a friend you are interceding for who is in conflict?**

From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard Him thus no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to Himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation that is, in Christ. God was reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

(2 Corinthians 5:16–21 ESV)

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

WHEN RECONCILIATION IS REFUSED

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **What does it mean to “leave room for the wrath of God”?**
- **Notice the surprising counsel about feeding an enemy.**
- **How does this protect the heart of the one you are interceding for?**

Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Behold, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God. For it is written, vengeance is mine. I will repay, says the Lord. To the contrary, if your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink. For by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head.

(Romans 12:16–20 ESV)

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' ⁶ And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. ⁷ And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. ⁹ Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.'

(Luke 10:5–11 ESV)

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

REFLECT & RESPOND

1. What is the difference between “leaving room for the wrath of God” and passive resignation?

2. Where in your life have you been carrying a conflict that God may already have resolved—if you would just let it go?

3. Picture someone you are interceding for who is in conflict. What is the next step you would walk them through this week?

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

HEALING, RESISTING THE ENEMY, AND STAYING ON THE PATH

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Notice the link between listening, doing what is right, and healing.**
- **What does He call Himself at the end of the verse?**

If you will diligently listen to the voice of the Lord your God and do that which is right in His eyes, and give ear to His commandments, and keep all His statutes. I will put none of the diseases on you that I put on the Egyptians, for I am the Lord, your healer.

(Exodus 15:26 ESV)

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **What does James say about anointing, prayer, and faith?**
- **What is the role of confession and corporate prayer in healing?**
- **What does “the prayer of a righteous person has great power” mean for the intercessor?**

Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

(James 5:13–16 ESV)

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

WHEN THE ENEMY COMES AGAINST US

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Notice the order: humble, cast anxieties, be sober, be watchful.**
- **What does it mean to resist him “firm in your faith”?**
- **What is God’s promised work after suffering for a little while?**

Humble yourselves, therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you. Be sober minded and be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him. Firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of sufferings are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world, and after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself restore, confirm, strengthen and establish you to Him. Be the Dominion forever and ever. Amen.

(1 Peter 5:6–11 ESV)

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

STAYING ON THE PATH

As you review these verses, answer the following questions/thoughts:

- **Notice the call not to lean on your own understanding.**
- **What does “He will make your paths straight” mean in the rhythm of intercession?**
- **Why “do not be wise in your own eyes”?**

My son, do not forget My teaching, but let your heart keep My commandments. For length of days and years of life and peace, they will add to it. Let not let not steadfast love and faithfulness forsake you. Bind them around your neck. Write them on the tablet of your heart. So you will find favor and good success in the sight of God and man. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Be not wise in your own eyes. Fear the Lord and turn away from evil. It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

(Proverbs 3:1–8 ESV)

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

REFLECT & RESPOND

1. When have you brought—or hesitated to bring—other people of faith into a healing situation? What held you back?

2. Where have you been leaning on your own understanding instead of trusting the Lord step by step?

3. How would you help someone you are interceding for recognize the difference between an enemy attack and an opportunity to walk further down the path?

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

For Deeper Understanding

1. According to John 3, why do some people love darkness rather than light? As an intercessor, how does this understanding affect the way you approach someone who is hiding or avoiding the truth?

2. Explain the purpose of fasting as described in the context of Mark 9. When might it be appropriate to employ this spiritual discipline?

3. Based on Romans 12, what are the key steps for handling a conflict when the other person is unwilling to reconcile?

LESSON 4: INTERCESSION IN ACTION

For Personal Application

1. Which of the practical situations discussed in this chapter (conflict, healing, decision-making, etc.) feels most relevant to your life or the lives of those you are praying for right now?

2. Has there been a time you felt you reached the end of your faith for a situation? How does the idea of “coming to Jesus” for help (like the disciples should have done) encourage you?

3. Take a moment to identify one person God has placed on your heart. Using the principles from this chapter, what is one active step you can take this week to begin interceding for them in this deeper way?

AN INVITATION TO GO DEEPER

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History of **Abide Ministries**



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Through the formal development of the truths revealed by God with Abiding and additional electives, they founded All for Jesus – Living Waters Ministries, now Abide Ministries – and have seen it grow exponentially since then, with 24+ retreat leaders all over the world, 29 online courses, eight books on various aspects of living life with Christ, and a daily podcast. Rich and Linda have also worked with various churches to strengthening them with the truths of an abiding life in Christ, and seeing Christ bring reconciliation and new vision to desperate situations.

Their heart is to bring the truths and promises of God to as many people as possible, showing everyone that when you abide in Christ and seek Him daily, your life can be completely and utterly transformed – enabling you to experience the grand life promised by God.



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At our core, we believe in walking along God's path and connecting to the vine (abiding). As we walk in unity with others and understand God's Word as the truth, we are sure to experience His promised grand life and thus, willingly accept God's will as our chosen path.

Mission

1. Live out and invite everyone to experience the grand, spectacular, abundant life by hearing God's voice.
2. Share God's majesty, a close relationship with us as he yearns for our restoration.
3. God is majestic, grand and pure goodness, so that we can experience His nature in real life.
4. Communicate to everyone, irrespective of their condition, that all are meant to experience God's Divine Life (grand, majestic), by receiving His personal plan for us.
5. God delivers this life for us in a SUPERNATURAL way, transcending human comprehension, and thus, becoming normal in our life.
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7. Recognize that abiding in Christ changes our life in tangible, real ways, and is not just learning about or studying this life.
8. Teach that as we abide in Christ, we learn to understand and follow God's will for our lives, as He leads us personally into His grand, Divine plan for us. His personal plan calls us into His bigger story with our best interest at heart (blessed to bless others).

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Steve

"This was the first time that I understood what people meant by God's living Word. And I've been a Christian for a lot of years, but this was the first time it really came alive for me and I really could experience that."



Dan

"It doesn't matter where you are at in your walk. If you just got saved yesterday or if you've been a 20+ year believer like I have, learning how to hear God's voice and learning His will is just as important in day one as it is in day 3,426. You wanna hear God's will and this course has helped me hear Him more clearly."



Bob

"Abiding turned out to be the most transformational thing I've ever had since salvation in my Christian walk and in our marriage, and it's just been amazing. God has a path for us and He is there and He's showing it to us."



Heath

"Before, in my quiet time, it was more of a checklist thing for me to do in the morning, and, honestly, some mornings it was the thing that went if I was busy, and some days it didn't even happen. Now, it's become so personal to me and the time flies by in the morning and God speaks so directly to me and I just never felt that way on a daily basis before. That has been life-altering for me."



Rebecca

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Brad

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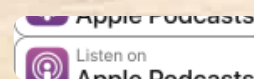
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