



Week 9: September 4 – September 10, 2022

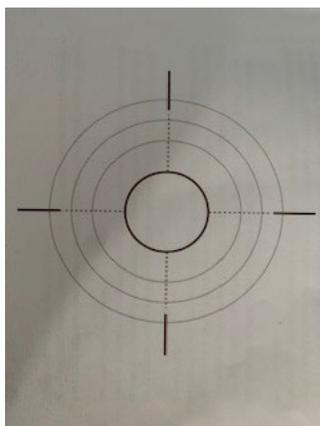
John H. Sammis (1846-1919) wrote the words to *Trust and Obey*, a classic hymn that's been sung in churches for ages. Reading the words of chapters 17 and 18 for this week's reading in *The Battle Plan for Prayer* took me back to the third-row piano side of Gibsonia Baptist Church where I learned the words to this hymn that would continue to penetrate my heart even to this very day. As we consider "OUR HEART" and it's condition regarding prayer, I'll change the words to the song a bit to reflect how this hymn paraphrases these chapters.

When we talk with the Lord in the light of His Word
What a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still
And with all who will pray and obey?

Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies
But His smile quickly drives it away
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear
Can abide while we pray and obey

Pray and obey, for there's no other way
To have power in prayer just obey and pray!

-----Daily Reflections-----



Let's go back to the crosshair symbol. Week 7 we considered the importance of our vertical relationship with God and how prayer is made possible through Jesus' death on the cross. We considered our horizontal alignment with others for prayer to be most effective. Let's go further in helping to understand the importance of that unity.

The Kendrick's brothers take us to Genesis 11 where we read the biblical account of the construction of the tower of Babel. Read this chapter and focus on the power of unity. If power and momentum can exist with unified people that are ungodly, imagine how powerful unity can be for people who worship and obey the God of the universe. Nothing can stop people that seek the Lord and act in unity.

Unified prayer is powerful. We gain momentum and take ground for the kingdom when we come together in prayer.

Read John 17, focusing on Jesus' beautiful prayer, asking God to unify believers into one body, that the world would know that He was sent by God to bring salvation to the world. Psalm 133:1 echoes the same theme: "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brothers to dwell together in unity!"

When God's army works together to accomplish a goal, they become a formidable force and nothing can stop them. To tackle prayer seriously, let's continue to consider making right any wrong relationships in our lives. Let's pray that the Body of Christ will be aware of strained or broken relationships that need to be mended. Romans 12:18 reminds us that we are to be at peace with all men.

Adapted from The Battle Plan for Prayer Bible Study by Stephen and Alex Kendrick



Weekly Prayer Guide for September 4 - 10, 2022

ADORATION: praising God for who He is and what He has done.
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;
Let Your glory be over all the earth.
I will praise You, O Lord, among the peoples;
I will sing to You among the nations.

For Your mercy reaches to the heavens,
And Your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;

Let Your glory be above all the earth. Ps. 57:5, 9-11

It is because of You, Father, that I am in Christ Jesus, who has become for me wisdom from You – that is, my righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. (1 Corinthians 1:30) Lord, my boast is in You.

Pause to express your thoughts of praise and worship.

CONFESSION: stating our sins and asking forgiveness!

If I claim to be without sin, I deceive myself and the truth is not in me. If I confess my sins, You are faithful and just and will forgive me my sins and purify me from all unrighteousness. If I claim I have not sinned, I make You out to be a liar and Your word is not in me. (1 John 1:8-10) Hear from heaven, Your dwelling place, and forgive us and deal with each of us according to what we do, since You know our hearts (for You alone know people's hearts). (2 Chronicles 6:30) You, O Lord, have declared, "Even now return to Me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning. So, rend your heart and not your garments." We will return to You, O Lord our God, for You are gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness, and You relent from sending calamity. (Joel 2:12-13)

Ask the Spirit to search your heart and reveal any areas of unconfessed sin. Acknowledge these to the Lord and thank Him for His forgiveness.

THANKSGIVING: thanking God for specific things that He has done.

You are close to the brokenhearted, Lord,

And save those who are crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

But You deliver the righteous out of them all. Psalm 34:18 -19

You are my refuge and strength, O God,

An ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore, I will not fear, though the earth changes and the mountains slip into the heart of the sea. Ps. 46:1-2

EE Praises God for:

- On Aug. 27, Dot Yanes Horstman taught a SYFW in Jacksonville, FL with 13 participants, 3 of them pastors from 2 different churches. 4 people heard the gospel during OJT and 1 person made a profession of faith.
- On Aug. 26, Beth Workman taught a Hope for Kids Launch in Toronto, OH with 19 participants from 8 different churches. 15 people heard the gospel during OJT.
- On Sept. 1, Marty Phagan taught a SYFW in Princeton, TX with 30 participants from 3 churches. 30 people heard the gospel during OJT.
- On August 27, Shibu Oommen taught a SYFW in Harrisburg, PA with 12 participants including 2 pastors from 4 different churches.

Pause to offer your own expressions of thanksgiving. In prayer this week, thank God for His provision in your life.

SUPPLICATION: asking God for our needs and our wants.

Lord, make me strong and courageous; may I not be afraid or discouraged because of my adversaries; there is a greater power with me than with them, for You, Lord my God are with me to help me. In You do I put my trust. By Your grace, O God, I want to live to the end in faith, knowing that I will not receive the promises on earth; I see them and welcome them from a distance. I confess that I am a stranger and a pilgrim on the earth. I long for a better country, a heavenly one. In this way, You will not be ashamed to be called my God, for You have prepared a city for me. Like Moses, may I esteem reproach for the sake of Christ as of greater value than the treasures of this world, because I am looking to the reward. (Hebrews 11:13, 16, 26)

Please join us in asking the Father for these things:

- PLEASE make the following request a matter of intercessory prayer.
WE need field staff in the state of Montana. We held an Equip America in Billings and Helena, Montana in July. We need staff and EE trained people to carry on the work in this area of the country. There's a lot of work to be done in Montana, including American Indian Reservations that need to be reached with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray with us about this important need.
- Pray for SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IN AMERICA!
- Pray for our nation's churches: that the church would find a new zeal and commitment to the mission and purpose of Jesus Christ, unity with and among churches that reveal God's love to the world, integrity – that God's people look and act differently from the world. Colossians 2:6-8
- For plans and preparations for Congress Of Nations in 2023.
- For the safety of children and youth as they return to school. Pray for favor and blessing over the school year in the state you live in.
- Pray that Christian boys and girls will shine the light of Jesus in their schools. Ask God to give them eyes that see children that are lonely, hurting and those that need a friend. Lord, we pray that kindness will dwell in their hearts and overflow to others.
- Pray for the 2 churches in Jacksonville, FL that attended the SYFW on 8.27. Pray that these churches begin to implement Everyday Evangelism in their churches.
- Pray that the 8 churches that attended the Hope for Kids Launch in Toronto, Ohio will implement HFK in their churches.
- Pray that the 3 churches that attended the SYFW in Princeton, TX on Saturday will begin implementing Everyday Evangelism at their churches. Pray that the 30 people that heard the gospel during OJT will make decisions for Christ.
- Pray for the churches in Harrisburg, PA that attended the SYFW to begin implementing Everyday Evangelism.

(Ministries of EE: Share Your Faith Workshop, Everyday Evangelism, Hope for Kids)

SYFW	9/10	Newton Covenant Reformed Church	Newton, NJ
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SYFW	9/17	Trinity Baptist Church/Clear Creek Baptist Assoc.	Alma, AR
SYFW	9/17	Windham Bible Church	Windham, OH
SYFW	9/24	DOXA Church Without Walls	Baltimore, MD
SYFW	10/7	Hutto Bible Church	Hutto, TX
SYFW	10/15	FBC Caldwell	Caldwell, AR
SYFW	10/22	Brush Creek Baptist	Springdale, AR
SYFW	10/29	Stecoah Baptist Church	Robbinsville, NC
SYFW	10/29	Discover Church	Surfside Beach, SC
EV2 Launch	9/15	Harvest Presbyterian	Lancaster, PA
HFK	9/23	Journey Christian Church	Tracey, CA
Classic Clinic	10/24-10/28	Chinese Community Church of Indiana	Carmel, IN