

Session 2

POWER:
What Does a Prayer
Movement Look
Like?

Theme:

Strategic prayer meetings multiply the spiritual harvests of a Christian ministry.

Biblical Foundation:

“The Mighty One, God the Lord, has spoken and called the earth from the rising of the sun to its going down... ‘Gather My saints together to Me, those who have made a covenant with Me by sacrifice... Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me.’”

Psalm 50:1, 5, 15 NKJV™

The Purpose of This Session

is to grasp the value of prayer movements.

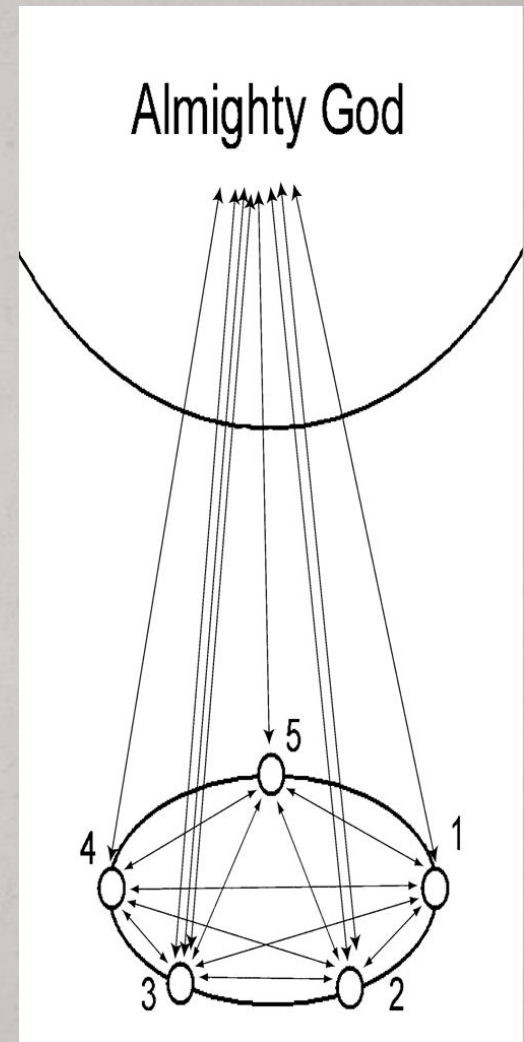
A. The potential of corporate prayer:

1. Individuals in a prayer group [multiply] their own capacity.

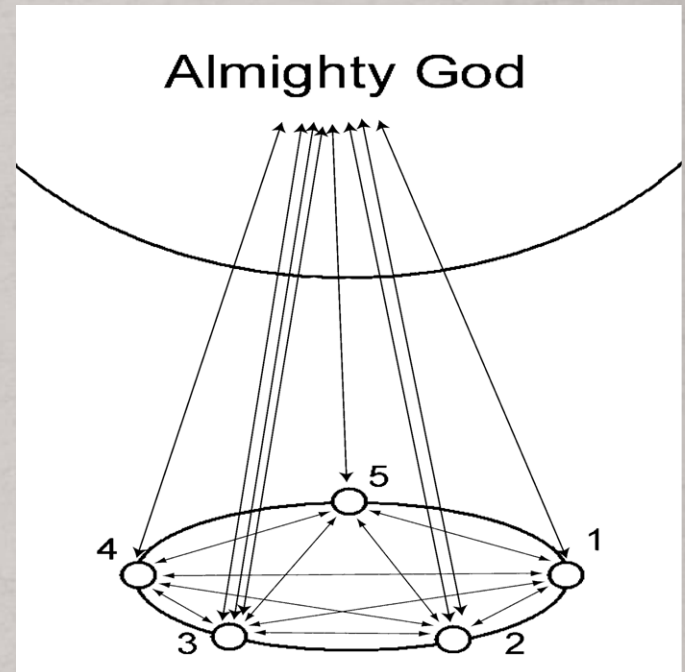
“Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight.”

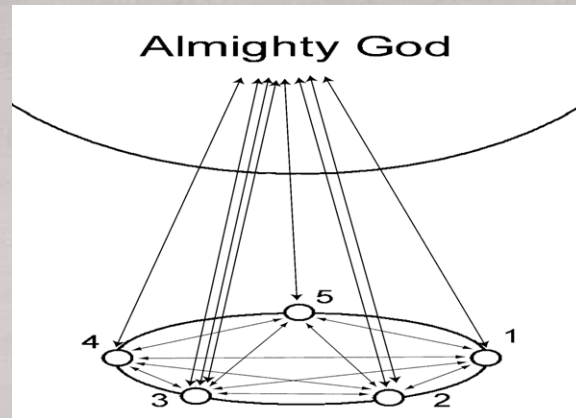
Leviticus 26:8a NKJV™ (emphasis added)

2. This graphic to the right shows the potential of corporate prayer. The open circle at the top represents our infinite God. The circle at the bottom represents a prayer group. No two people pray exactly the same, so every one is uniquely important to the strength of the group.



When the first person prays, God hears; but so do others in the prayer circle. The prayer of the second person is often influenced by spiritual insights and faith expressed by the first. The third person is influenced by the first two, etc.





The power of corporate prayer thus [grows] exponentially, when nourished by important factors that are listed in the next section.

B. Important factors in powerful prayer meetings:

Holy Spirit

Scripture

Worship

God's Objectives

Faith

Number of intercessors

Preparation

Expectancy

Purity

Unity

Participation

Obedience

Time

Joy

Holy Spirit

“And I will pour on the house of David
and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the
Spirit of grace and supplication.”

Zechariah 12:10a NKJV™

Scripture

“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness.”

2 Timothy 3:16, 17 NKJV™

Worship

“But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him.”

John 4:23 NKJV™

God's Objectives

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

1 John 5:14, 15 NKJV™

“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

1 Timothy 2:1-4 NKJV™

Faith

“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”

Hebrews 11:6 NKJV™

Number of Intercessors

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Psalm 50:1, 5, 15 NKJV™

Preparation

“The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.”

Philippians 4:9 NKJV™

Expectancy

“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving.”

Colossians 4:2 NKJV™

Purity

“For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

1 Peter 3:12 NKJV™

Unity

“These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.”

Acts 1:14 NKJV™

Resolve strained or broken relationships.

Participation

“So when they heard that, they raised their voice to God with one accord and said: ‘Lord, You are God, who made heaven and earth and the sea, and all that is in them.’”

Acts 4:24 NKJV™

Obedience

“And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.”

1 John 3:22 NKJV™

Time

“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

Isaiah 40:31 NKJV™

Joy

“You will show me the path of life; in Your presence is fullness of joy; at Your right hand are pleasures forevermore.”

Psalm 16:11 NKJV™

C. Resources for expanding a Prayer Movement:

1. Assign specific objectives to specific groupings of your personnel.

Examples of Potential Prayer Groups:

- a. Administrative Leaders
- b. Staff individuals
- c. Departments
- d. Staff couples and families
- e. Prayer partners
- f. Church prayer groups
- g. Ministry supporters
- h. People on the mailing lists

2. Maximize prayer during business meetings. Go beyond mere opening and closing prayer. [Seek] the mind of the Lord by prayer for each issue.

3. Discreetly provide vital, major, current information to praying groups.
4. Arrange corporate [praise] to God for answers as they come in.

Conclusion:

A prayer movement is one in which staff are covering all major ministry issues by prayer. You as a staff member can help develop a prayer movement by:

1. Asking God to raise up prayer leaders
2. Sharing vision with God's people
3. Enlisting intercessors and prayer groups
4. Helping prayer information to flow to intercessors

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