## Prayer and Fasting Weekend 01

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It's an amazing and wonderful thing that by the leading of the Holy Spirit, God calls the church together to come and pray, come and fellowship together. The reason He would do this is because He would want to make a difference. He wants to change things, wants to change us!

Prayer changes everything. Prayer doesn't only change you, it changes everything around you. The most feared thing for the devil is when you have a Christian who understands the authority that they have in God. A Christian who walks by faith. They can pray and ask God for things according to the Word of God. And then they can pray in a spirit language that he can't understand. Because the language of the Spirit is not understood by him, it's a language between you and God only. And the things of the Holy Spirit, only the Holy Spirit knows the heart of God and He knows and He searches your heart and He can communicate what's in your heart to God's heart, and there's no interference.

You can pray out the mysteries of God, you can pray out the plans and purposes of God when you pray in the Spirit.

We have to pray out the mysteries, the plans,, the strategies, the changes, the things that God wants to bring about in our life.

<sup>5</sup> Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith, 6 from which some, having strayed, have turned aside to idle talk, idle talk. (1 Timothy 1:5 NKJV)

Any kind of idle talk will lead you astray. So instead of listening to idle talk, you should rather talk to the Lord, and you should be under the command of His talk. There's a lot of people that have got a lot of things to say, but they don't live the lifestyle. They have a whole lot of lifestyle things that are contrary to God's Word. We do not speak as they do!

<sup>18</sup> This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare. (1 TImothy 1:18 NKJV)

You fight a good warfare with words, with prophecies, because a prophecy is words, words that God speaks. The warfare is against things that come against our mind that prevent us from being what we must be, and words that are spoken over mankind that God has given us jurisdiction over, to bring His good news. So that by them you may wage the good warfare.

God doesn't want you to be in a situation where you have shipwreck, where your faith is shipwrecked, because circumstances and things keep distracting you, keep taking you in different directions, keep taking you away from the words that God wants you to speak into your life.

"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."(I Timothy 2:1-4 NKJV)

First thing you need to do is have four different kinds of words, for kings, and for all men. We are having a warfare of words. God really doesn't want you speaking against the nation or speaking



about the nation. We don't doubt, we believe that we receive answers to our prayers in Jesus' name.

The speaking of the Church should be the speaking of Jesus and not participating in unholy, ungodly conversation with people that are clueless and lawless.

'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.' (Matthew 21:13 NKJV) You actually rob God when you don't pray, you rob Him of His opportunity to answer you. Prayer is speaking to God. Prayer is when you're speaking His Word to Him, when you are declaring His Word. Prayer is declaring, decreeing, prayer is also making supplication, intercessions, requests, giving of thanks; there's so many aspects to prayer but it is coming to God with words based on His Word.

The Bible is quite clear, that we pray to the Father in the Name of Jesus but it's always with the Holy Spirit and by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>2</sup> For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries (1 Corinthians 14:2 NKJV) In the Spirit He speaks mysteries. Whatever we are praying about and we are praying in tongues, we pray the mysteries of God, we pray His supreme intelligence, what He knows needs to come into that situation. The Holy Spirit is the One that gives you the utterance, every time you want to pray in tongues, for the rest of your life. He's the One that will always be giving you the utterance. It's a Holy language, it's to be reverenced. Our heavenly language is pure. It's to be understood that I'm hooking up with the Holy Spirit. My Spirit, by the Holy Spirit within me, is praying. It's immediately and instantly intelligible to God.

<sup>26</sup> So too the [Holy] Spirit comes to our aid and bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer nor how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself goes to meet our supplication and pleads in our behalf with unspeakable yearnings and groanings too deep for utterance. (Romans 8:26 AMPC)

For the rest of my life, the Holy Spirit who lives in me, every time, I pray in tongues, whether it's to pray for someone, or to pray out something for my own life, or to give Him thanks, and praise Him with the Holy Spirit who lives in me as the One giving me that utterance.

