

LEADING FROM THE THRONE ROOM PT. 2 WAYS JESUS TAUGHT AND SHOWED US TO LEAD IN PRAYER

I. Introduction

A. Our purpose for the podcast is to add value to leaders and help us bear more fruit. I believe that if I can help us raise the bar in our prayer life, I can help us in one of the most significant ways to bear more fruit.

Reasons why

1. In prayer we get to move into the _____ of the universe. We get invited to move the hand that moves the world.

“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

(Hebrews 4:16 NIV)

2. We discover the key not just to what we can do but what God can do _____ us.

“If God is for us, who can be against us.” (Rom. 8:31)

3. Prayer warriors are God’s frontline storm troopers in the spiritual warfare. If we can raise the bar of prayer in our home, church, business... we raise the bar of everything good.

Charles Spurgeon explained the secret to his great impact this way,
“My people pray for me.”

B. My hope for everyone who takes this course is that by the end they will have intentionally, strategically, and effectively _____ of prayer in their life and organization.

The characteristics of a level 5 intercessor

- They have a consistent personal quiet time.
- They have prayer partners whom they receive and interact in prayer (armor bearers).
- They can effectively pray with others for God’s gifts in their lives (healing, salvation...).
- They can lead an effective prayer meeting.

- They train and mentor others to be effective prayer warriors (Sophora, Sue, Jasmin).

C. Jesus is our example of leading from the throne room. He began and finished His ministry in strategic prayer.

“A tactical prayer is asking God for what we want or need. A strategic prayer is prayer that _____ with the Father in what He wants prayed so He can accomplish what He wants on the earth.”

II. Ways Jesus taught and showed us to pray strategically

A. Jesus taught us to have a place, a _____, and _____ for prayer. “Consistency in prayer is more important than the packaging of prayer.”

1. Example of the Lord’s Prayer (Matthew 6:6-12). Jesus was showing them how not to babble but to stay on track. **Examples:**

a. Dale prays through the ABC’s if he is awake in the night, affirming attributes of God with each letter (A-Almighty/Able B-Bigger, C-Conqueror),

b. In adapting the Lord’s Prayer to pray for family and church, use the 7-P’s (Presence, Personal-intimacy, Priorities, Provision, Purity, Protection, and _____).

2. Patterns and places of prayer don’t replace spontaneous prayer; they _____ it the way patterns do for sewing or a track does for running.

3. Partners in prayer “hold up our arms, help us bear our _____.”
When Moses’ hands grew tired, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it. Aaron and Hur held his hands up—one on one side, one on the other—so that his hands remained steady till sunset (Exod. 17:12 NIV).

“Then he said to them, “My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me” (Matt. 26:38 NIV).

B. Jesus also taught us how to pray _____ (companionship praying). “Pray without ceasing” (I Thess. 5:17 NKJV).

Things this does:

1. Reminds us that maintaining our _____, intimacy, and awareness of God is the key to a fruitful life.

“I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me, you can do nothing.” (Jn. 15:5 NKJV)

2. Continually acknowledging Him allows us to continually to be _____ by Him. *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; In all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight* (or direct your paths) (Prov. 3:5-6 NIV).

3. It is through this contact that we can _____ in the swirl and let God “call an audible” in our hearts. We remember we’re not just in a crisis; we are in a relationship with God.

C. Jesus taught and showed us how to overcome the _____, traps, dangers, and discouragements of life through prayer. The most important thing a leader does is pray their way to victory on the inside that leads to a change in the atmosphere on the outside.

1. Jesus taught us to pray to overcome temptation.

“Pray so that you will not fall into temptation.” (Matt. 26:41 NIV).

Why this is a key point for leaders

- The bigger the stage, the higher your influence, the bigger _____ the enemy puts on you.
- In prayer and fasting, God protects us with armor and gives us the “sword” of the Spirit (a rhema word) to defeat the temptation.

“You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness...” (Heb.1:9 NIV)

*Jesus taught and modeled for us the importance of praying the _____. We pray the Scripture into us, so we can pray the Scripture out from us in times of temptation and trial.

2. Jesus taught us that it is through prayer in the secret place that our _____ can stay pure.

The most important question anyone can ever ask in leadership is the question, “Why”. Why do you want to be successful? Why do you want to make money?

The motives that we maintain, determine the degree to which God can use us.

Key points on motives

a. Personal motives: Lift Jesus higher, Make Heaven bigger, Make _____ people's lives better.

b. As leaders if our motive is to have people _____, we will fail in our responsibility to lead them. "If you need them you can't lead them."
"Do you want to be liked or do you want to be a leader?"

c. Jesus answer. *"Be careful that you don't practice your righteousness before others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven." ... "But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you"* (Matt. 6:1, 6 NIV).

Go each day to the altar and _____ the living sacrifice.
Adjust your heart to please an audience of _____.

3. Jesus taught us that in prayer we could give God the _____ of ministry and refuse to allow the attacks of Satan and people to gain ground in us. We could have one of the most important dispositions of a leader- a heart of _____.

We can't lead well if we're agitated or angry.

"Live in the eye of the hurricane." -Eileen Walker (Dale's Mom)

"When we rest God works, when we work _____. Let Him handle it.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30 NIV).

"I will not say much more to you, for the prince of the world is coming. He has no hold over me" (John 14:30 NIV).

"Never fight a battle that you don't know that you've already won!"

D. Jesus showed us that prayer is the way we dream the dream that is bigger than us, and claim the future of _____ that God wants us to go to and lead others to.

One of the dangers of ministry is that we will settle or fall back into only expecting and attempting what we can manage. God doesn't want us to base our vision on what we can afford or feel we can handle, but to base it on a _____ in our heart that God wants to give us.

1. "Kingdom leadership always starts with claiming the impossible."

Leaders define reality. Spiritual leaders _____ as God says it's possible to be.

"If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."
(Mark 9:23 NKJV).

2. Spiritual leadership is leading not according to the circumstances in your life but the word in your heart.

"You know the word which the LORD said to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh Barnea. I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the LORD sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back word to him as it was in my heart. (Josh.14:6-8 NKJV).

"So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea, and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says. Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them and you will have them." (Mk.11:22-24 NKJV)

- E. Jesus showed and taught us to lead in prayer by going beyond personal devotions in our prayer times to true _____.

Intercession is when we choose to allow God to give us an assignment to be the agent of change for another person, a need, or circumstance. Many pray for people; intercession is praying as if you were in _____, praying as them.

Many want to know the power of Jesus' resurrection; few want to know the fellowship of His suffering (Phil. 3:10).

"...He poured out his life unto death...bore the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressions" (Isaiah 53:12 NIV).

The three components of intercessory prayer

1. _____
2. _____-travail
3. _____

(Answers: I. A. control room, through B. raise the bar C. partners II. A. pattern, partners, Power, facilitate, armor B. conversationally, relationship, led, dial down C. temptations, the target, Scripture, motives, other, like us, become, One, stress, rest, God rests D. faith, word, define reality E. spiritual intercession, the person's shoes, Identification, Agonizing, Authority)