

# Intercessory Prayer - Part 3

Quick Review

Key Verses for our study:

**Romans 8:26-27** NKJV "In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God."

**Romans 8:34** NKJV "Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us."

## Enteuxis (Greek for Intercession)

- A petition
- Supplication
- Approaching the king with a petition, intercession or supplication
- Intervention (led by God)
- To hit the mark

## Paga (Hebrew for Intercession)

- to meet, encounter,
- to reach/ light upon
  - come between (by accident or by violence)
  - cause to entreat,
  - fall upon
  - make intercession, intercessor, entreat

Based on Nehemiah Chapter 1, let's look at how to carry a burden for intercession given by God

## Stewarding a Burden

(Intercession assignment from God)

1. You will "light upon" (paga) a person, place, community or issue that is on God's heart.
2. What you SEE (physically or spiritually) and HEAR (a cry from people or a word from God) moves your heart in a deep way. (Not a superficial feeling but the Spirit speaking)
3. Obey as soon as reasonably possible to the burden you received to enter into prayer
4. Wait on the Lord for His voice to lead you in how to pray/respond
5. Obey His prompting until you "Enteuxis" (hit the mark) and the burden

lifts. This may take time.

## Power of Corporate Intercession

### **Acts 12**

The author seems to be drawing our attention to the significance of prayer in Peter's incredible story of escape from prison.

How many plans of evil people would be stopped if the church would simply gather and intercede together FERVENTLY, CONSISTENTLY and FAITHFULLY?

How many plans of evil people succeeded because we didn't?

"For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them." Matthew 18:20

### **Praying The Perfect Will of God**

How can we know the will of God and pray in unity with the Great Intercessors, Jesus and the Holy Spirit?

1. **The Word of God** - "Good and upright is the LORD; therefore He instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and **teaches the humble His way**. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies." Psalms 25:8-10 ESV
  - "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 renewal of your mind**, that by testing **you may discern what is the will of God**, what is good and acceptable and perfect." Romans 12:1-2 ESV
2. **The Holy Spirit** - "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." John 16:13 ESV
  - "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." Romans 8:26 ESV
  - "Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints" [Ephesians 6:18](#)

*True intercession doesn't come in through the mind, but flows out from the Spirit.*

**Here's some bonus material that we won't have time to get to in our sessions:**

**Prayers that God won't answer**

- Wrong Motives - **James 4:3** "You ask and do not receive, because you ask with the wrong motives, so that you may spend *what you request* on your pleasures."
- Ignores the cry of the needy - **Proverbs 21:13** "One who shuts his ear to the outcry of the poor will also call out himself, and not be answered."
- Doubt and Fluctuating Faith - **James 1:4-6** "But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that person ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord,"
- Holding onto your sin - **Psalms 66:18** "If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened."
- Husbands not being understanding or honoring towards their wife - **1 Peter 3:7** "Husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, *so that your prayers may not be hindered.*"
- Unforgiveness - " For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."
- Praying to get Attention - Luke 18:9-14 (Here verse 14) "I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."