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Weekly Prayer Focus

June 15, 2014

Power from on High

Truly, I say to you, if you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move, and nothing will be impossible for you. –Matthew 17:20

God does great things for His people and expects us to expect great things from Him. No, His promises are not meant for our consumption, and God never places Himself at the disposal of our whims. But what was true with ancient Israel is true with the Church. God has a great plan to carry out through His people. And He has equipped us with everything we need to do it. And the work of God begins in us.

Take Peter example. The poster boy for sincere miscalculation, Peter was always ready to step up for Christ. But he inevitably got it wrong. He counseled Christ how to deal with Moses and Elijah when they appeared on earth, only to get shushed by God's voice from heaven. He rebuked Jesus for predicting His crucifixion and got called Satan for his pains. His sincere promise to die for Jesus ended in a flat denial that he ever knew Him, when a young girl identified him with the Savior. As with all Jesus' most devoted followers, Peter proved powerless when the real test came, and Jesus died alone. But that death made Peter new.

Moving mountains is easy. Changing hearts is the miracle of the ages. The 120 believers who descended from the upper room on the day of Pentecost was not the same group that started praying ten days earlier. They had witnessed death and resurrection and knew God was up to something. Their earnest prayer sought power to follow God's plan. God's answer came when the Holy Spirit exploded into the room. God's people were ready for His work.

God has called us to conquer the world for Christ. You and me. His work does not depend on our adequacy. We depend on His—for everything. And we receive it from Him by faith. God is doing a work in us, so He can do a work through us. Our job is to trust Him every step of the way. We have nothing to give and everything to receive.

Peter understood this process by experience and counsels us in the life of faith. *His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire. –2 Peter 1:3-4*

Prayer for Northpoint: Overwhelm us, Lord, with an awareness of Your love and the sufficiency of Your grace. Make us what you have called us to be, so we can do what you have called us to do. Amen.

Prayer for the United States: *Student Ministries Alaska Mission (June 13-24):* Pray for opportunities to have deep spiritual conversations, for travel plans as the weather easily delays flights, for energy and team relationships, for the guest speakers, and for Mark Magee and his family as he leads the Tanalian Bible Camp this summer.

Prayer for the World: *Student Ministries Spain Mission (June 18-July 1):* Pray for the students we will serve all week and their families, for opportunities to develop lasting relationships with individuals and the church, for travel safety in a foreign country, for Pastor Stephen Phillips and his family, for Edu and Krista Garcia (our trip coordinators in Spain), and for our testimony of Christ to the local community.

Prayer in Support of Ministry:

- *Ministry of the Word:* Ask God to teach us to trust Him to care for our needs and use us in the lives of others.
- *Mentoring Ex-Cons:* Pray for workers to reach out to those leaving prison with the truth and love of Christ.
- *Missions:* Pray for God to work in and through our coming ministries in Tuba City, Ethiopia, and India.
- *Prayer:* Ask God to increase and deepen prayer in our congregation to seek Him in faith for all things.
- *Vacation Bible School:* Pray that God will call and equip the perfect team of leaders to form Jesus Christ into young lives during VBS week, July 7-11.
- *Summer Camps:* Ask God to attend the summer camps for our students and speak His truth into their lives.