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Weekly Prayer Focus

May 13, 2018

Our Power and Hope

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth. —Acts 1:8

... because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. —1st Thessalonians 1:5

... having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. —2nd Timothy 3:5

The Church has been sleeping in the light far too long. We have had such a comfortable place in this world that, for all practical purposes, we've forgotten that this world is not our home. Now the world is turning on us and casting off the reigns of God's Truth. The daily news is our wakeup call to stand and be the Church in a lost world—to sting with the savor of the salt of the earth and to shine the light of truth into the world's darkness.

That's why Christians throughout our nation—and throughout the world—are turning to prayer. As we see the world turning on the Church and sense its animosity against God and His people, we're beginning to feel the need of His power and guidance and protection. We're starting to seek God's power *to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us* (Ephesians 3:20).

So let's pray. Ask God to give His people ...

- **Power to stand against the evil influences of the world:** *But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people* (2nd Timothy 3:1-5). The world we live in has much that we desire but nothing that we need. The world is evil and hates the Church. It attacks us from within and from without.
- **Faith that God will use us to expose the folly of this world.** *But they will not get very far, for their folly will be plain to all* (3:9a).
- **Power to endure the world's hateful opposition.** *You, however, have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and sufferings that happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, and at Lystra. Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil people and impostors will go on from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived* (2nd Timothy 3:10-13). God is in control. He will protect and use His people.
- **Faith that expects God to deliver us and bring about our good.** *... persecutions I endured; yet from them all the Lord rescued me* (3:11b).
- **Power to live Godly in Christ Jesus.** *But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus* (2nd Timothy 3:14-15).
- **Faith that abides in the truth of God's Word.** *All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work* (2nd Timothy 3:16-17). We know God's word is true and works powerfully in and through His people.

Pray, expecting to receive, to *the praise of God's glory.*

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy. –1st Peter 2:9-10

Prayer for Northpoint

God has given us His call. We have a light to shine and a message to proclaim. The world is lost in darkness and has no idea what it truly needs, because it has rejected the Creator. The world needs Christ, and He has called His people to proclaim Him. God has called Northpoint to be Christ in the world.

Ask God to shape our corporate identity as a body. We have long looked to Christ as our Senior Pastor. Pray for Him to work in us as a Body to define our purpose, to determine our direction, and adjust our focus according to His will. Pray that we will learn to let God's Word inform us and faithful prayer empower us, as individuals and as a Body.

- **For Our Pastors and Directors:** Brent Whitefield, Scott Williams, Terilyn Brown, Geoff Grant, Taylor Mendoza, Tamene Menna, and Marty Wiegman;
- **For Our Lay Elders:** Tim East, Steve Flood, Mark Kiker, Mike Russell, and Vinoj Zechariah;
- **For Our Church Staff:** Michelle Balga, Bob Brown, Andria Brucks, Jacob Williams, Carolee Jefferson, Josh Figureoa, Amber McEwen, Mark Norland, Corie Saunders, and Teri Vaughn
- **For Our Church Body:** Northpoint is not a gathering of individuals and families. We are the Body of Christ. A united People, a coordinated, corporate, and called community, where Christ dwells and works for our good and His glory.
- Please continue to pray for God's grace and guidance for **John Sloan and his family**. Ask God to continue to bless and guide them in His service and His will.

Prayer Record

Record specific prayers you have below. Note when and how God answers your prayers. It will help you to see that He really is paying attention.

Date	Request	Date	Answer

And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. –Luke 11:9-10