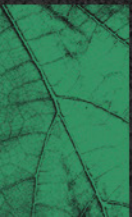
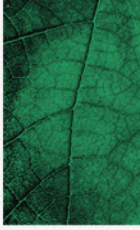


WE WILL SEE

PRAYER GUIDE | PAC PRAYER WEEK 2023





INTRODUCTION

"We will see."

There are two ways to say that phrase:

1. There is the ambivalent non-committal version. The way you say it when you are trying to keep your options open. It's a passive and detached approach.

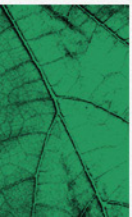
"Want to come to our place on Saturday?"

"That sounds good, but we will see..."

2) The other way to say the phrase is to declare it as truth; to say it so boldly that it boxes you in rather than keeping your options open. Like this:

"Want to come to our place on Saturday?"

"We will see you there!"



In 2023, PAC is saying it the second way - with boldness and passion. We are saying it in a way that ups our commitment and expectation level, specifically regarding our Four Prayers.

If you need a quick refresher on our Four Prayers, head to: www.mypac.tv/about

For nearly a decade, PAC has been praying our demographic, one-touch healing, award-winning town, and rural multisite prayers. Our hearts have changed as we have prayed these.

For many people, that change happened as the Four Prayers shifted from being "something the church is doing" to "something I am giving my life to." This shift elevated the intensity of the prayers and fuelled a resolute desire to see them answered soon... not just someday!

"We will see!" is a faith-filled cry for these Four Prayers to be answered in 2023.

This will require more than prayer - which is an interesting acknowledgement to make at the beginning of a prayer guide. But this prayer guide will be a bit different than others we've used in the past.

At first, it will feel familiar as it leads you into prayer. But, you will find the guide leading you toward very clear action. You will emerge from your time of prayer with four holy assignments: four people the Lord has placed on your heart for you to reach out to.

Curious who they might be?

We. Will. See.



PART ONE

We. Have. Seen.

Psalms 107 describes four situations human beings go through.

First, there is the **seeker** - someone who has wandered off into a deserted wasteland. Someone who is seeking and cannot find. They are looking for a place to belong, a place of security and safety. This scenario unfolds in verses 4-9.

Second, there is the **rebel** - someone who is willfully rebelling against God. The consequences of this rebellion are significant. They are trapped in darkness. They are powerless to change themselves, and they have alienated themselves from a community that could help them. This scenario unfolds in verses 10-16.

Third, in verses 17-22, there is the **drifter** - someone whose life has lost meaning because of poor choices. They are lying in the bed they have made. They are the kind of person to whom we could say "I told you so!" They are apathetic; life has lost meaning and zest. They are alive but not really living.

Fourth, we are given a slightly different situation. In verses 23-32 we read of someone who has a history of walking with God, but then finds themselves overwhelmed by their situation. They are **fearful**. They get consumed by fear despite having previously seen God at work in their lives.

It is likely that each of these scenarios has applied to us.

There have been times when we cluelessly, almost innocently, wandered. Times when we were willfully rebellious; when God said, "Do this!" and we refused. Times when we just got lax and lost our passion. We stopped pursuing, and our passive approach to following Jesus ended up with us being apathetic and bored.

Finally, there are probably times when, despite God's track record of faithfulness to us, we responded with fear.

Read: Psalm 107:1-32. (5 min)

PRAYER PROGRESSION:

Remember: (5-10 min)

Using the four situations described in the psalm, remember with the Lord those times when you have been stuck in those spots - times of seeking, rebelling, drifting, and fear. Eventually we will use the psalm to celebrate that God has brought you back from those places, but for now, return to those places of difficulty so you are able to get a clear picture of his faithfulness.





Celebrate: (5-10 min)

You'll notice, as you work through each of the four situations, that there is a pattern. These will be important to incorporate into your prayer. The pattern involves the words "Let them" in each section. These words invite us to participate in a generic response of praise and then into more specific ways of responding.

The generic way is to "thank the Lord for his unfailing love". Dwell on the words "unfailing love". These contrast with the places where we have failed. His unfailing love has been the consistent chorus through our lives in the same way that it keeps constantly appearing in this song. Thank him for his unfailing love.

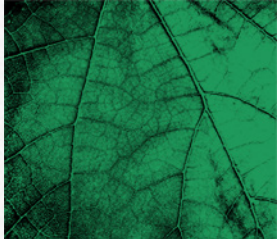
After reminding us of God's unfailing love, the Psalmist invites us to reflect on the specific form that love has taken. Let the images shape your memory. Notice God's creativity? Each problem has a different solution! What did it look like for God to "make a straight path" when you were lost (v. 7)? What is the community ("the city to dwell in") that he brought you to (v. 7)? When he shattered the bronze bars that held you as a prisoner in darkness, what was that like (v. 16)? When the storm was quieted and your fear subsided, what was the occasion (v. 30)? You get the idea.

Work through the psalm as a guide to lead you into some prayerful remembering. Finish this part of the prayer guide by using these verses to shape how you thank God for the personal way he has answered your cry as the lost, the rebel, the drifter, and the fearful.

Action:

As words & phrases that describe your thankfulness come to mind, jot them down on the **YELLOW** sticky notes.

Notes:





PART TWO

We. Will. See!

In this section, we are going to return to these same verses but introduce a change.

This time, we will ask God to allow these scenarios to bring to our minds someone who fits each of them.

Who in your life is seeking? Who is rebelling? Who is drifting? Who is fearful?

This time, instead of the focus being on you, we will have the Holy Spirit focus our attention on people who fit these categories in our life and who need a touch from Him.

Prayer:

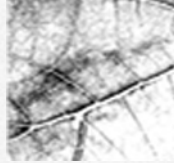
"Holy Spirit, as I read through this Psalm again, would you bring to my mind those people in my life who the Psalm is referring to. I commit to being faithful to reach out to those you bring to mind."

Read Psalm 107:1-32: (15 min)

Write down the names of anyone who comes to mind.
Don't worry about wedging them into any particular category yet.

Once you have all the names on your paper. Sort them into the categories in the psalm.

- **Who in your life fits the seeker?**
- **Who in your life is the rebel?**
- **Who in your life is the passive drifter?**
- **Who is afraid?**



Re-read what the Lord does for the person stuck in each situation.

Then, ask him what it means for *you to act on his behalf with the people he brought to mind using the images from the verses.*

- Lord, (insert name) is the seeker you brought to mind. How do I "lead them to a city to dwell in / show them the path / quench their thirst / satisfy their hunger?" (vv. 6-9)
- Lord, (insert name) is the rebel you brought to mind. How do I "deliver them from distress / bring them out of shadows / break bonds / shatter doors / snap bars?" (vv. 13-16)
- Lord, (insert name) is the drifter you brought to mind. How do I "send out your word and heal them / deliver them from destruction / invite them to offer songs of joy and testimony?" (vv. 19-22)
- Lord, (insert name) is the fearful one you brought to mind. How do I "make the storm still / have them see the peace of God / hush the waves / help them come back to peace, invite them to praise enthusiasm?" (vv. 29-32)





Act in Faith:

Articulate what you are going to do so "We will see!" (10 min)

We have been praying the kinds of prayers that the Lord often answers quickly, and so we need to honor that attention from Him and act promptly! Write down the ideas / solutions that came to your mind.

Examples:

Lord, for Scott (drifter), I will reach out this weekend and see if he wants to go for lunch. At that lunch, I will invite him to House Church.

Lord, for Ann (rebel), I will buy winter coats for her kids and load up their pantry with groceries.

Jesus is more creative than I am, so I will leave the examples there and let Him speak to you.

Saturday is being set aside in our 24/7 Prayer Week and being kept open for us to go and do what we see God leading us into.

Plan to take action on your four ideas this Saturday!

Seeker Commitment:

Rebel Commitment:

Drifter Commitment:

Fearful Commitment:

Action:

After you have written out your commitment above, write only the first name of each person on a **PINK** sticky note.



PART THREE

We. Are. Seen.

Read Psalm 107:1-3

- You are the redeemed he has gathered
- Now you get to go and gather in his name!

Action:

As you leave the prayer space, please place your **YELLOW** sticky notes on the "Thankful Wall" & your **PINK** sticky notes on the "WE WILL SEE" wall. Make your action plan for this coming Saturday.



