



PRE-SERMON NOTES:

21 Days of Prayer | August 3-23, 2025

6:00AM Prayer Services | Monday-Friday

9:00AM Saturday Morning Prayer

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2 Chronicles 7:13-14

...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

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A.T. Pierson

"There has never been a spiritual awakening in any country or locality that did not begin in united prayer."

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{ } precedes the next { } of God.

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John 6:5-11

When Jesus looked up and saw a great crowd coming toward him, he said to Philip, "Where shall we buy bread for these people to eat?" 6 He asked this only to test him, for he already had in mind what he was going to do. 7 Philip answered him, "It would take more than half a year's wages to buy enough bread for each one to have a bite!" 8 Another of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, spoke up, 9 "Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?" 10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." There was plenty of grass in that place, and they sat down (about five thousand men were there). 11 Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish.

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What our prayer focus often looks like: My { } > God's { }

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Psalm 34:3

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

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{ } (in Aramaic) = { } Together

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Hebrews 12:1-2

“...let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, 2 fixing our eyes on Jesus...”

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Matthew 14:22-27

22 Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. 23 After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray. Later that night, he was there alone, 24 and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. 25 Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. 26 When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. “It’s a ghost,” they said, and cried out in fear. 27 But Jesus immediately said to them: “Take courage! It is I. Don’t be afraid.”

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When you { }, expect God to { }.

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Matthew 14:22-33

28 “Lord, if it’s you,” Peter replied, “tell me to come to you on the water.” 29 “Come,” he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came toward Jesus. 30 But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, “Lord, save me!” 31 Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?” 32 And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. 33 Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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Do I { } enough to handle the { }?

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Jennifer Slatter

“Doubts don’t so much cause the cracks in our faith as they reveal them”

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James 1:6

But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

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Prayer puts my { } in the hands of an { } God.

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Jeremiah 32:17

Ah, Sovereign LORD, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for You.

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Psalms 34:3-4 KJV

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the Lord, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.

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1 John 4:4 NKJV

You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

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God's { } > My { }

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Pastor Chris Hodges

“When you pray the promises of God, you’re focusing on God’s power and limitless resources rather than the problems or your own very limited ability to solve it.”

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1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

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Make It Practical

- Challenges - 1 John 4:4; Luke 10:19; Romans 8:37 ("We are more than conquerors.")
- Finances - Psalm 1:1-3; Philippians 4:19 ("My God will meet all your needs.")
- Troubling Emotions - Psalm 27:1 ("The LORD is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear?")
- Health - Psalm 103:2-3 ("Praise the Lord... [who] heals all your diseases.")
- Confidence - 2 Corinthians 3:6 ("He has made us competent.")
- Safety - Psalm 121:8 ("The LORD will watch over your coming and going.")
- Even the Dentist! - Psalm 81:10 ("Open wide your mouth and I will fill it." Okay, maybe that's not what this verse is talking about!)

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