

ON YOUR WALLS, O JERUSALEM,  
**I HAVE SET WATCHMEN;**  
ALL THE DAY & ALL THE NIGHT.

ISAIAH 62:6 [ESV]

## WATCHMAN ON THE WALL

### Living Boldly

Dear Watchman,

An inseparable bond exists between **boldness** and **closeness** to God. One needs to look no further than Elijah the prophet. If we had more of Elijah's praying, we'd see more of God as Elijah saw. To pray like Elijah is to have results like Elijah. Prayer to Elijah was like breathing is to us. As we spend an hour each week this month, consider the fervent prayers of Elijah to spur you on to pray with boldness and to pray for boldness - boldness that matters. (Pray through 1 Kings 17-19, James 5:16-18, Matthew 17:1-4)

I'm asking each Watchman to pray with **boldness**. This Watchman alert is a guide for us to use with specific praises and petitions from the ministries of Mobberly. I also encourage you to let the Spirit guide your hour, while He leads you to focus on one ministry or need in the church, then walk in that freedom. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom" (2 Corinthians 3:17). Here are some specific prayer points for May:

- **Boldness in Prayer** - National Day of Prayer (May 2). Praying churches and Christians will truly "Love One Another" (John 13:34).
- **Boldness in the Home** - Mother's Day (May 12). Praying for revival in the home and every person in each home.
- **Boldness to Obey** - "I am Not Ashamed" (May 19). Praying many will take their next step to trust Christ, follow Christ and share Christ.
- **Boldness for Graduates** - Praying for all our high school and college graduates to seize the stage they've reached and shine for Christ with boldness.

Boldness, on its own, accomplishes little. What intimacy with God produces is a boldness that matters. The early church regularly experienced and exuded such boldness. "So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands." (Acts 14:3 ESV).

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**Praise:** Praising God for who He is and for what He is doing. God gives boldness to His people.

- 2 Timothy 1:7 (CSB): *“For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but one of power, love, and sound judgment.”*
- Acts 4:13 (CSB): *“When they observed the boldness of Peter and John and realized that they were uneducated and untrained men, they were amazed and recognized that they had been with Jesus.”*
- Ephesians 3:11-12 (CSB): *“This is according to his eternal purpose accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord. In him we have boldness and confident access through faith in him.”*

**Praise the Lord:**

- For a great Mobberly en Español Easter Worship Gathering crowd of over 100, of whom about 20-30 were first-time guests.
- For a consistent Mobberly en Español attendance at our Wednesday night Bible Study and prayer time, where notable discipleship is taking place.
- For those who trusted Christ for the first time during Passion Week in Marshall.
- For the Mobberly members in Marshall that canvassed neighborhoods and engaged friends and family during Passion Week.
- For Ricky Thompson, Nate Harrison, Jacob Cheshier and Joshua Boyd for leading the Marshall campus in worship during April.
- For the work He did in 19 lives this past week at Friend Night in Marshall. We ask that God would help us to stay faithful to the follow-up and discipleship of these students.
- For good conversations with people as we talked to parents in the pick-up line at Travis Elementary in Marshall during Passion Week.
- For a great program with Travis Elementary K, first and second grades and teachers by Clayton Poland. This program led to at least five families coming to our Wednesday evening event.
- Eight children who responded to the invitation to find out more about following Jesus (three who were ready to accept Christ and five who need to grow in their understanding.)
- For the women’s Bible Study groups that continue to pour into and serve the women at Graciously Broken. It is amazing to see the relationships and continued community volunteering that stem from these groups serving others together.
- For the incredible summer opportunities for our women to study the Word of God together on Thursday mornings and Wednesday evenings.
- For the new women stepping out in obedience to pursue God’s calling to serve their community and local church with the gifts He has given them.
- KidsNIGHT was amazing. We had almost 600 kids, hotdogs, fun, games and the gospel.
- We had 15 kids pray to accept Christ at KidsNIGHT and around 30 kids asking questions about what it means to be a Christian.
- For the hundreds of volunteers who helped with KidsNIGHT and all the Easter Worship Gatherings!
- Easter weekend was an incredible weekend for our preschoolers to hear about how much Jesus loves them, and to celebrate Jesus is alive!
- For the many souls that were added to the Kingdom of God at Youth Friend Night.
- For our teenagers and the way they pursued so many others and brought them to Friend Night.
- For our mission trips in March and His provision and protection. Thankful for the growth experienced in our teens.
- For a week of spiritual renewal spent with Mobberly’s senior adults in the Hill Country as we watched the Holy Spirit bring about healing, hope for the future and a vision for impacting future generations with the life-changing message of the gospel.
- For His provision of new leadership stepping up in existing and new Connect Groups.
- Forty-three people are taking our third session of Engage201 this semester.
- For the prison ministry at the East Text Treatment Facility – Texas State Jail in Henderson. Judy Hogberg and Teresa Cook recorded three POFs and 60 spiritual conversations
- For the jail ministry at the Gregg County Jail. There were 14 POFs, 13 Baptisms and many spiritual conversations

- For safety and protection for the group who traveled to Israel with Pastor Glynn and Tim Whedbee. It was a blessed time to worship and learn as they walked in the footsteps of Jesus.
- For the two Cross Experience services which clearly displayed our need for a Savior, and for the many salvation decisions made at these services.
- For impactful, celebrative Easter Worship Gatherings at all Mobberly venues and for the many decisions made.
- For members of our Worship team who have unselfishly served at extra services, some at venues they don't regularly attend. May they experience the blessing of giving their all for You, Jesus.
- We have completed another semester of Thrive! support groups. We had an average weekly attendance of 50 children, youth and adults working through personal struggles and building a closer relationship with the Lord.
- Thrive! continues to partner with Child Protective Services (CPS) Region 4 caseworkers to meet needs within the community.
- We have recently returned from a leadership conference with Mobberly's Celebrate Recovery leadership team. The team set goals to be achieved over the next three years, and returned excited and rejuvenated in ministry.
- The "Empowered to Connect" simulcast (practical tools for parenting for foster/adopt families) at Mobberly was well received in our community. Site attendance was ten times historical attendance in spite of the dangerous weather that was forecast.
- Thrive! staff were certified in Standards for Family Strengthening and Support national standards. By being able to certify Thrive! as meeting at least minimum quality standards in all areas, our community agencies will be able to utilize Thrive! as a partner with their client families within a biblical context.
- For 389 clients who received "hope-filled" counseling services through Hope Road during the month of April.
- For the addition of part-time counselor, Ashley McMahan, LPC-S to the Hope Road Counseling team. Ashley is on staff with Winsted Psychological Services and a member of Fellowship Bible. Ashley is married to Adam McMahan who serves as Executive Pastor at Fellowship Bible. They have two children, Caleb and Cohen.
- For five couples who completed the Merge: Weekend Edition, Pre-marital Course, March 29/30 and for the two new mentor couples, Chris & Joni Bailey and Willie and Jayne Faulkner, who invested in them over the weekend and continue to provide support after the weekend.
- Six teens are participating in the Building Confidence Group for teens ages 13-17 and learning to face their anxiety with confidence by developing practical skills to experience relief and overcome struggles.
- Ten sisters and brothers who have boldly trusted in Jesus for a saving relationship with Him during the Tuesday morning Family Services Ministry since our last Watchman report! Pray for these new believers as they begin their walk with Christ: Tina, Anthony, Edgar, Mikelah, Lonnie, Nell, Kendra, Lakeisha, Scottie and Satiee.

**Repent:** Of sins committed and commands neglected.

Our ongoing sins disturb our fellowship with our heavenly Father. Therefore, it is important to repent of our sins and confess them to God. *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."* (1 John 1:9, CSB)

As you pray, take time to allow the Holy Spirit to reveal your sins. Think through various areas of your life: sins of thought, sins of attitude, sins of omission, sins of commission, sins of self-rule, sins of self-reliance or sins of relationships. Ask God for the grace to repent and to restore your fellowship, and then thank God your sins have already been paid for by Christ. Rest in His unfailing love.

**Ask:** When our hearts are God-oriented in praise, and purified through repentance, then we are ready to "Ask." God encourages us to come boldly to Him and ask. *"Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need."* (Hebrews 4:16, CSB)

**Ask God:**

- For our annual Dia del Niño (Children's Day) outreach on May 4, where we expect several hundred children and families to come out to our event. Ask:
  - ❖ For boldness to preach and share Jesus on that day with everyone here.

- ❖ For all the preparation details involved in this endeavor and for all the help needed to carry out this event.
- For boldness in our new Mobberly en Español believers to take the next step and be baptized on May 19, I Am Not Ashamed Day.
- For boldness for Pastor Calixto to make the necessary leadership structure changes to help improve the effectiveness of Mobberly en Español's ministry.
- To help those in Marshall who made decisions during Passion Week to be connected to disciple-making relationships and plugged into the church!
- To bless the final Marshall Travis Elementary Reward party of the school year to be fruitful as the Power Team does a private event for these students.
- To help Joshua Boyd, Marshall Assoc. Minister of Youth and Recreation Outreach, who launched the first Upward season immediately after Spark weekend, led a community-wide Passion Week evangelistic effort for youth, is finishing up the Upward season and leading the Power Team evangelistic effort in Marshall, as well as promoting seventh graders and launching Summer Youth Ministry efforts — all while finishing his final semester at ETBU and graduating this May.
- To encourage our Upward Sports ministry in Marshall as we come to a close over these next couple of weeks.
- To move in a mighty way through the Marshall Power Team activities, as well as in the Upward Celebration on Saturday, May 4.
- To maneuver the weather in Marshall so we can make up games that were previously cancelled due to weather
- To help our summer season be strong for our Marshall student ministry
- To help us fill our 30 slots for Marshall Student Camp in July, and to provide us more homes to host our Wednesday night gatherings during the summer.
- To speak to LJ, whom Laney Wootten met at Ronald McDonald House in Dallas. She lives behind the Marshall campus. Her young son is battling cancer. Pray for his health and their hearts as we follow up with them when they are home this month.
- To draw the children and youth to whom the Power Team will speak with April 30 – May 5. Pray many will understand the gospel and accept Jesus as their Savior.
- To draw unchurched Marshall families that have been met through our first season of Upward to attend Marshall campus and accept Christ into their daily lives.
- To bless the Marshall youth and children's ministries as we transition from the school year structure to ministry for summer.
- To provide for our Marshall campus worship leader, Laney Wootten, and her husband, Jon as their newborn baby, Mabel, faces serious health challenges. Pray for God's provision for their every need. Pray for the Marshall worship team as they support and step in as needed to help the Wootten's.
- For intentional discipling and availability to the women who boldly stepped out in their decisions to follow Jesus Christ during Passion week. Ask that our women would be sensitive and proactive in helping new sisters plug into the body of Christ.
- To continue to raise up and call those women He would have serve on the Women's Ministry Core Leadership Team.
- To empower the Children's ministry as we prepare for summer Sunday's and special programs. Pray for the leaders who are needed to love and lead our kids!
- To help our families be healthy and grow in the Lord. Pray for dads to walk closely with the Lord and be influential leaders. Pray for moms to spend time daily growing in the Lord and to be excellent examples of Christ's love for their families. Pray for children to love God wholeheartedly and be obedient to God and their parents. Pray for our single-parents to spend time daily with the Lord and have the strength and confidence in Christ to lead their children.
- To enable every student to attend Summer Camp.
- To encourage all our students as they finish this school year. Pray they would stay focused on studies and also be a bright light for Christ.
- To empower teachers as they finish this school year. Pray God would refresh them and renew their energy down the home stretch.

- To bless Mobberly's senior adult ministry as preparations are made to minister to Mobberly's homebound members through the Homebound Fish Fry on May 21.
- For enough Decision Prayer Partners to be available to talk to decision makers for our week-long Power Team events in Longview and Marshall.
- To provide for all the follow up on the 250 plus people who indicated a provision of faith on Passion Week and Easter.
- To bring new choir members to the Worship ministry.
- To provide for our local child placing agencies (foster children placing agencies such as CPS, Buckner Children and Family Services, etc.) – that they will have an abundance of Christian homes that will bring hope to children in their heartbreak, caseworkers will find solace in the Lord in the difficult situations that they work through and judges and lawyers will hear the Lord's guidance in placing children.
- For Thrive! volunteers – that current volunteers will find rest over the break and be ready to bring hope to children and families in the fall, and our future volunteers will heed the call the Lord is preparing in their hearts at the appropriate time.
- For future Thrive! participants – pray the Lord will give them courage to come and get the support they need so they might come to know Him better and find their rest in His eternal hope and faithfulness, and may those participants be a witness of His glory in their communities.
- For our church family to go forth boldly and embrace the hurting who walk through our church doors. Pray these relationships will blossom into paths of support to bring people to the Lord and strengthen families in our community.
- That Celebrate Recovery would continue to experience growth and provide a healthful place for the hurting to find healing, and develop or deepen their relationship with the Lord.
- To bless the Men's Group: Conquer Series, led by Russell Montgomery, LPC-S will help men ages 18 and up to use God's weapons to become conquerors in the area of sexual purity by learning and applying practical tools to overcome pornography and find freedom.
- To bless the Newly Wed Foundation Groups forming and starting in June and July. Pray for Mark and Traci Walls, Stan and Cheryl Upchurch and Gregg and Tina Zackary as they launch these new Foundation Groups for newlywed couples.
- For wisdom and strength for Hope Road counseling staff to meet the on-going and growing needs of counseling clients through HRC.

**Yield:** to what God says to me. Yield my will to the will of God. Yield my agenda to the plan God has for my life. We must be willing to yield our desires and our thoughts to God's sovereign wisdom. As Jesus faced the cross, He prayed in Matthew 26:39 (CSB) *"My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."* We must pray with that same spirit, humbly yielding our will to God's will. To close our prayer by "yielding" to God is a way where we submit our desires to Him. In the end, our way of acknowledging His will is what will truly satisfy us anyway. God's will and plan is better than ours. He knows the end from the beginning and He loves us more than we can ever imagine.

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