

## A Call to Prayer – Pam Yates 23.01.22

### Session 3 – Seven Ingredients for Successful Intercession

1) **LOVE** *Romans 5 v 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. John 13 v 34 A new command I give you: Love one another, As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.*

The primary ingredient for successful intercession is love, not carnal love, but agape love of God. We cannot intercede while judging or walking out of God's love. Intercession takes us into the throne room of God. There is forgiveness through the shedding of the blood of Jesus. Jesus is our life, our salvation. He pours out His unmerited favour on us, undeserving as we are, and His grace abounds. So how can we hide God's love from our fellow men, whose love demands our all, and asks that we too carry that unconditional love to others.

2) **COMPASSION** *Matthew 9 v 36 When he saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Romans 12 v 15 – 16 Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those that mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited. 1 Cor 9 v 22 To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means, I might save some. I do this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in it's blessings.*

Paul is speaking about self denial, to make himself available to serve all. As a Jew, he had compassion to minister to the Jew, but in the above verse, he was willing to minister to all. Jesus had compassion for all, a supernatural love for a lost and dying world.

3) **BOLDNESS** *Hebrews 4 v 16 Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

Effective intercession involves boldness. We feel inadequate for the task, but having faith and confidence in the Lord, knowing that He uses our weakness 's, so that His power, becomes our strength, our life. Without humility and brokenness, there can be no ministry of any kind. The most effective word we can pray over circumstances, situations, people, is the living word, for it is God's perfect truth and mandate. Having attended many prayer meetings in the past, I have heard people ask Jesus to do it, but this is unscriptural. For when Jesus ascended into heaven, He transferred His authority to His disciples, which includes you and me. *Mark 16 v 16-17 He said these signs will follow those who believe, "In My Name they will cast out demons, they will speak with new tongues, they will lay hands on the sick and they will recover."*

As we soak ourselves in His truths, so that they are embedded deep within our very beings, the Holy Spirit will quicken our hearts, to what we should pray.

Praying the word, we know the whole of heaven is behind us. Satan knows whether we mean what we say, but when an anointed spirit filled believer stands firm on God's words (not man's) Satan is trembling in his boots. It is about the word and the spirit working together, with a surrendered heart.

**4) FERVENCY** *Romans 12 v 11 not lacking in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord.*

Fervency means to be hot, to take something of boiling point, or at welding heat. When the Holy Spirit prays, the desire must move beyond all measures within us.

*Rev 3 v 16-17 I know your works, that you are neither cold or hot. I wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew you out of my mouth.*

Strong stuff! What does it really mean? Those that are spiritually cold cannot pretend they are okay. Their spiritual need is obvious. But those who are lukewarm, causes them to think they are okay, but may just have that other thing, a pretence of religion. God requires wholehearted, sincere responses and prayers. Anything less suggests that other things have a higher priority than their relationship with Jesus.

**5) IDENTIFICATION** *1Cor 9 v 19 For though I am free from all men have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more.*

Sharing His joy, His pain, His suffering for the sake of mankind.

If God lays something on our hearts, we do not lose it, until the burden is lifted.

**6) PERSEVERANCE** *Ephesians 6 v 18 Praying always with all prayers and supplications in the Spirit, being watchful to this end, with all perseverance and supplications for all the saints.*

Often we don't see the answers to our prayers, because we have not persevered long enough. Sometimes answers come quickly, other times we need to wait until the answer is revealed in the physical, but God is faithful.

**7) IMPARTIALITY** *1Sam 12 22-24*

If the Lord shows you something about an individual, it is to pray for them, and not judge or gossip. This applies to your pastor, don't criticise him, but pray for him, they have a very difficult task caring for the flock!

*Prayer of Intercession -Father, we are so guilty in this land, because we have broken all the ten commandments through passing unrighteous laws, please forgive us. During this time of shaking, may ungodly structures be replaced, and You Father, be given Your place of Lordship in this land. Your word says in **Ish 9 v7** *Of His greatness of His government there will be no peace, there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness, from that time on and forever, The zeal of the Lord will accomplish this. Thank you Jesus. Amen Amen and Amen**