

FORWARD



WEEK OF PRAYER & FASTING

2 - 6 AUGUST 2021



MOVING FORWARD IN SURRENDER



He went on a little farther and fell to the ground. He prayed that, if it were possible, the awful hour awaiting him might pass him by. “Abba, Father,” he cried out, “everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.”

MARK 14:35-36

Surrender is a military term that means to stop resisting and to submit to the authority you are opposing. As we surrender to God, we get to experience His best plans for us which work for our greater good. This will lead us forward into a life of freedom, excitement and blessing.

PRAYER POINTERS

- Surrendering to God
 - Every fear that slows us down and trips us up
 - Empty our old thoughts of discouragement
 - Every disappointment we have faced
- Submit to God’s will, plan and authority
 - Surrender every stubborn attitude
 - Willingness to say yes and submit to God
 - Make room and space to accommodate God’s purposes
- Commit to a lifestyle of surrender
 - Moving forward in surrender with every situation in our lives daily

MOVING FORWARD WITH RENEWED STRENGTH



Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth does not become weary or tired. His understanding is unsearchable. He gives strength to the weary, and to the one who lacks might He increases power. Though youths grow weary and tired, and vigorous young men stumble badly, Yet those who wait for the Lord will gain new strength; They will mount up with wings like eagles, They will run and not get tired, They will walk and not become weary.

ISAIAH 40:28-31

Burnout is when our strength is depleted, and our usual capacity for resilience is no longer there. It is in moments like these, we are encouraged to trust and wait on God. As we wait in His presence, we begin to release our weaknesses in exchange with new strength ready to face whatever comes ahead.

PRAYER POINTERS

- God will renew our strength
 - Give God our tiredness
 - Surrender our pride and self-sufficiency
- Exchange our weakness for His strength
 - Trading our sorrows for God's joy
 - Trading our distress for a God's hope
 - Trading our pain for God's healing
- Learning to trust God's direction and guidance
 - Taking the time to wait on Him than quickly rushing through things
 - Learning to trust in God's strength and ability than our own strength and ability

MOVING FORWARD IN THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT



A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other. To one person the Spirit gives the ability to give wise advice; to another the same Spirit gives a message of special knowledge. The same Spirit gives great faith to another, and to someone else the one Spirit gives the gift of healing. He gives one person the power to perform miracles, and another the ability to prophesy. He gives someone else the ability to discern whether a message is from the Spirit of God or from another spirit. Still another person is given the ability to speak in unknown languages, while another is given the ability to interpret what is being said. It is the one and only Spirit who distributes all these gifts. He alone decides which gift each person should have.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:7-11

All God's children are empowered by the Holy Spirit and gifted with supernatural abilities to edify one another, meet needs and display His power. We are ordinary, yet extraordinary. As we position ourselves to ask, receive and activate our supernatural gifts, we will prevail - even in dark and tumultuous times.

PRAYER POINTERS

- Ask for a fresh filling of the Holy Spirit
 - Take time daily to be renewed by the Holy Spirit
- As a church, we will desire for the gifts of the Holy Spirit
 - Ask God for the gift of faith, discernment, wisdom and knowledge etc.
- We would activate the power of the Holy Spirit in every situation
 - There will be miracles, signs & wonders in our meetings
 - Filled with boldness to share our personal testimony
 - We would listen to the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit

MOVING FORWARD IN GOD'S FAVOUR



Jesus grew in wisdom and in stature and *in favor with God and all the people.*
LUKE 2:52

In a time where we often face delays, setbacks and disappointments, God desires that we walk in His favour. Favour is God at work on your behalf, doing for you what you cannot do for yourself. When we receive His favour it gives us supernatural access to blessings and plans that overflow and cannot be contained.

PRAYER POINTERS

- Ask and receive God's favour in our personal life
- Favour to bring Influence
 - In our work placements
 - In our neighbourhoods/ community
 - In our families
- Pray for God's favour over an impossible situation you are facing right now

MOVING FORWARD INTO A SEASON OF BREAKTHROUGHS

When the Philistines heard that David had been anointed king over all Israel, they mobilized all their forces to capture him. But David was told they were coming, so he marched out to meet them. The Philistines arrived and made a raid in the valley of Rephaim. So David asked God, “Should I go out to fight the Philistines? Will you hand them over to me?” The Lord replied, “Yes, go ahead. I will hand them over to you.” So David and his troops went up to Baal-perazim and defeated the Philistines there. “God did it!” David exclaimed. “He used me to burst through my enemies like a raging flood!” So they named that place Baal-perazim (which means “the Lord who bursts through”). The Philistines had abandoned their gods there, so David gave orders to burn them.

1 CHRONICLES 14:8-11

Breakthroughs do not occur in the absence of opposition; they happen when the opposition is fierce and the odds are stacked against us. When we are unsure of what to do, hold onto God’s word, trusting that God will show up and do the rest. In the words of King David, “He used me to burst through my enemies like a raging flood!”

PRAYER POINTERS

- We will raise the level of our expectation
 - We will not easily give up ground to the enemy
 - We will walk in confidence that the battle belongs to the Lord
 - He will give us victory
- Contend for breakthroughs in our lives
 - Relationships and marriage
 - Family and friends salvation
 - Healing and health
 - Finances and job situations
- Breakthroughs to reach the harvest through our Connect Groups
 - Consolidation of contacts and salvations
 - Multiplication of Connect Groups
 - Raise up more Connect Group Leaders

