

The Importance of Corporate Prayer

Unity in Spirit Before the Lord



Corporate prayer:

Is it *really* essential to local church life?



The Book of Acts



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Jesus calls attention to collective/unified prayer as a time where His special presence dwells. God loves combined/corporate prayer, even of just a few of His people.

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And He (Jesus) gives us a very special promise for the united prayer of two or three who agree in what they ask. As a tree has its root hidden in the ground and its stem growing up into the sunlight, so prayer needs equally for its full development the hidden secrecy in which the soul meets God alone, and the public fellowship with those who find in the name of Jesus their common meeting-place.

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The reason why this must be so is plain. The bond that unites a man to his fellow-men is no less real and close than that which unites him to God: he is one with them.

Grace renews not alone our relation to God but to man too. We not only learn to say, “My Father,” but “Our Father.” Nothing would be more unnatural than that the children of a family should always meet their father separately, but never in the united expression of their desires or their love.

Hindrances to corporate prayer



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- **Be driven by God's will about prayer, not numbers.**

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“they lifted their voices together to God” (Acts 4:23)

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