

JOURNEY COMMUNITY CHURCH



Pray Big

LEARNING TO PRAY ... AGAIN, PART 5

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QUESTION: What if?

What if we were more impressed with GOD than with...

...anything raised up against Him

...anything we are facing

...all the stuff we FEAR...

Sickness, disease, distress, finances...

CONNECTING SOME BIG DOTS

(tying together some long threads)

"HALLOWED be Your name" with... FEAR of the LORD.

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¹⁰ Devise a plan, but it will be thwarted; State a proposal, but it will not stand, For God is with us.

¹¹ For thus the LORD spoke to me with mighty power and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying,

¹² You are not to say, 'It is a conspiracy!' In regard to all that this people call a conspiracy, And you are not to fear what they fear or be in dread of it.

¹³ It is the LORD of hosts whom you should regard as holy. [a.k.a. Hallowed]

And He shall be your fear, And He shall be your dread.

¹⁴ Then He shall become a sanctuary; But to both the houses of Israel, a stone to strike and a rock to stumble over, And a snare and a trap for the inhabitants of Jerusalem.

¹⁵ Many will stumble over them, Then they will fall and be broken; They will even be snared and caught. "

Isaiah 8:9 –15

PRAYING BIG...

1. Jesus himself is the main "PRAY BIG" guy.

²¹ And Jesus answered and said to them, "Truly I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' it will happen. ²² And all things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive."

Matthew 21:21–22

- Practice: pray, pray a lot, pray with others, pray stretching prayers!
- Imagine

2. The Big Ask is not about ME or even US!

FAITH & PRAYING BIG:

The faith that is so key is not grinding, it's gazing;

it's not straining, it's staring;

it's not gritting your teeth, it's pointing your eyes.

3. God's call to follow Jesus, the Jesus who had no respect for the impossible!

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