



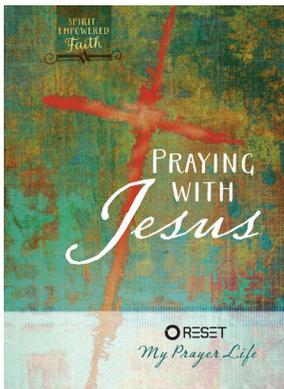
It's Time!

This article, written by **Doug Stringer**, is from *Praying With Jesus*.

The body of Christ is beginning to awaken. She is preparing herself to reach out as never before. But first, her heart must be stirred and prepared. People are being refreshed and renewed. Strong conviction is drawing hearts back to a right relationship with the Lord. This is only the beginning—a sprinkling of renewal—but we are preparing for the rain.

Most importantly, God is building His character in His church. Hearts that are consecrated to the Lord can contain an out-pouring of His Spirit. We must examine our hearts, motives, and actions and then allow the Lord to cleanse us. He must increase, and we must decrease. This is the time; this is the hour to prepare for a move of God throughout the land. The late Bro. Leonard Ravenhill said, "God doesn't just answer prayer; He answers desperate prayer."

Genuine passion for God allows no room for mediocrity. Any leaven in our hearts and lives must be purged so that we are consumed with a love for God and His truth. It is what we do behind closed doors where no one else can see us that determines the power of God or lack of it in public.



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"The student who is fully trained will become like the teacher"
(Luke 6:40).

Imagine that Jesus is standing before you. He is the Master Teacher, and you are the student (Matthew 23:10). Reflect on some of the Teacher's attributes: He is the One who is love (1 John 4:8). He is the God of all comfort (2 Corinthians 1:3-4). He is the One who is humble and gentle (Matthew 11:29-30). He is the One who is moved with compassion because of the needs of people (Luke 15:20). He is the One who encourages us in Scripture (Romans 15:4); He bears our burdens and supports us in life's struggles (Galatians 6:2).





- L2. Listening to and hearing God for direction and discernment

Now imagine this: The Teacher invites you to become more like Him, to express His character and His love. He invites you to experience His love so deeply that you become a reflection of Him to those around you.

Pause quietly to pray. Ask His Spirit how you should complete this prayer:

"Lord, for me to better reflect your love, I sense it will be important for me to become more to those in my life. Change me Lord; make me like You."

(For example: comforting, gentle, compassionate, encouraging, supportive, truthful, forgiving, respectful, or attentive, etc.)

We must maintain this posture of humility and servanthood if we are to see a genuine move of God. The late Dr. Edwin Louis Cole once said, "You can touch the gold, but don't touch God's glory." Do we desire to bring God the glory? Are we seeking to build His kingdom or our own? Have we surrendered our ministries? Is there any selfish ambition or prejudice? This presents a strong warning to leaders. Do not touch God's glory! God will move by His Spirit. We won't have to work it up or boast of what He is doing. All the glory belongs to the Lord, and we dare not touch it!

We say that we want revival, but do we really understand what that means? As Dr. Michael Brown stated, "Once you pray, 'consume me, Lord,' you can't negotiate with the flames" (*Holy Laughter to Holy Fire*, p. 74). We must allow the fire of God to consume us so that we become that burnt sacrifice, totally surrendered to the Father's will. That's what our Lord Jesus did, and He requires the same of us—for the cross is the place of total surrender.



- L8. Disciplined, bold, and believing prayer

PRAY and Experience Scripture

Abraham was described as "*the friend of God.*" Because of this friendship, the Lord paused to share with Abraham all that He was about to do in Sodom and Gomorrah (Genesis 18:17). God paused to reveal His plans to Abraham. This same Lord wants to reveal Himself to you; He wants to share the plans that He has for your life.

Pause now and ask Him:

"Lord, I'm listening—how might You want to fulfill Your purposes through my life? Speak, Lord—I want to hear You" (1 Samuel 3:8–9).

Listen quietly for the Lord's voice. Give Him time to speak and then thank Him for His friendship.



Every prayer we pray is significant. Through our prayers, God changes things. One life dedicated to prayer can do more good than any life dedicated to other so-called “noble,” worldly causes. An individual follower of Jesus who is committed to prayer is a fountain of life in a world of death. Likewise, the local church that becomes a house of prayer will be a spiritual powerhouse from which God’s mighty miracles will flow exponentially. Prayer is what modern Christians and churches are missing—frequent, fervent, faithful prayer!

We are seeing the early signs of a drizzle or a sprinkling. But soon there will be a downpour of rain. Rain does many things. It replenishes dry, parched land, and it washes away pollutants. When the fire of God comes, it will consume and burn out the dross. It will bring us to our knees. May we have an outpouring of God’s Spirit that washes and burns out the dross, igniting us into a flame that burns brightly throughout this land. Likewise, may we become conduits of the river of life, which brings healing wherever it goes.

May there be a worldwide awakening that is deep and wide. If a thousand years is as one day and one day is as a thousand years as it says in 2 Peter 3:8, then could it be that we are in the beginning of the third day since the time of Christ? We live in an exciting time of history. May we sense a fresh manifested presence of the holiness of God and a spark of revival through our leaders, our cities, and our nations.

It’s your time. May you and I fulfill our destiny for His kingdom and His glory.



- P1. Living a Spirit-led life of doing good in all of life—relationships and vocation, community and calling (including the calling to spread the gospel)

SHARE with Others in Community

Spend a few moments in quiet reflection. Ask the Lord to show you a person who could benefit from hearing what God is doing in your life. Who might need to hear about the truth that prayer is one of the best ways to minister to Jesus? Your story might begin with these words:

Jesus is doing some amazing things in my life...

I'd love to share how prayer has changed me...

