

Praying in Faith III Handout

Individual Prayer

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:6-7)

1 Kings 18:41-45

- Pray in faith
- Pray consistently
- Pray specifically
- Only Stop when you get an answer

What might we do to put this into practice?

Corporate Prayer

“if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.” (2 Chronicles 7:14)

Acts 12:12-17 (tell the story)

What does this teach us about praying together

- Pray in Faith... together.
- God answers as God wills
- Share testimony

What might we do to put this into practice?

Case Study - Matthew 18:15-20

Question for Home Groups and Individuals to consider... How will my/our prayer life change as a result of this teaching?

Blandford House

Week of Prayer and Fasting 16th – 20th March 2009

God will provide for the purchase of Blandford House so we can use it to “transform our community by healing and nurture through faith in Jesus”.

Matt 18: 15-20 Corporate Prayer of Agreement (five days of prayer and fasting)

DAY 1

Meditate on Matt 18 verse 15 to 17

Pray for peace and unity in the church.

Declare that “God will provide” us:

- ◆ Grace to forgive
- ◆ Patience to accommodate and tolerate our differences
- ◆ Healing where relationships have been strained
- ◆ Passion for His will and vision even when it is not the easier or more comfortable option

DAY 2

Meditate on Matt 18 verse 18 and 2 Corinthians 10 v 3 to 5.

Pray that God will bind in heaven what we bind here in Braintree.

Declare that we bind (compel; impose an obligation or duty on):

- ◆ Any spiritual hindrance to prayer (principalities, powers and strongholds)
- ◆ Any human hindrance to prayer
- ◆ Any declaration, arguments, pretensions that are contrary to God’s will for us in Isaiah 58.

DAY 3

Meditate on Matt 18 verse 18.

Pray that God will loose in heaven what we loose here in Braintree.

Jesus asked for the disciples to loose a colt so he could use it. Jesus also asked for Lazarus to be loosed after he was raised up or else even though he was alive he could not freely serve God.

Declare that we loose:

- ◆ Church members from any doubt and unbelief
- ◆ Church members from inhibitions to the use of their spiritual gifts
- ◆ Funds from wherever they are held
- ◆ God's favour our church and the project.

DAY 4

Meditate on Matt 18 verse 19. James 1 verse 6 to 8

Pray in agreement and in faith that the Isaiah 58 prophesy will be fulfilled regarding Blandford House.

Remember, this listed building is just an example to us of the empty, broken, ruined and desperate lives that God wants to use us to transform.

Ask and **declare** that "God will provide" funds for the purchase of Blandford House so we can:

- ◆ Rebuild ancient ruins
- ◆ Raise up age-old foundations
- ◆ Repair broken walls
- ◆ Restore streets with dwellings

DAY 5

Meditate on Isaiah 58 verse 6 to 12

Thank God by faith that he has provided:

- ◆ Guidance for our church leadership
- ◆ The finances and favour we need even in the credit crunch (sun-scorched land)
- ◆ Strength to stand together by faith
- ◆ Steady spring-like flow of cash, skills, partners, and volunteers needed to start and sustain the project.