

**Miracles that follow the plow :: prayer****prayer, on: 2015/10/1 1:43**

Hey guys it was my intention to not come on here anymore, but what i am going through right now I think i need to definitely recieve your prayers. The last few weeks the demonic oppression i have been going through has got severely bad. I have been physical attacks on my body for some time now and yesterday i started having peace and it was feeling as if the oppression i was having was leaving and even through part of the day today i was doing unusually good from what i am usually am use to and then right before i went to lunch at work i started feeling this terrible presence that started trying to weakening my body. Then as the day went on i was trying to resist this and walk in faith, but then today at my house i started having anger issues within my self and i have been struggling extremely bad with anger as of late and then that presence seemed to just get a stronger hold on me and my body has just got really weak and i been struggling to move my body properly. Two weeks ago i started struggling with this opppression so bad i started to fast for a few days straight because if i didnt it seemed like i didnt have any relief from this. I know i am struggling with anger and bitterness toward s others at times, but otherwise i dont know what would cause this. I been struggling for some time now in my life also with the fear that if i do something wrong that God was going to chastize me or i was going to open the door to demonic spirits so i have been in fear at times and unsure about everything in my life and relationship with God. Then I started realizing i have been believing lies and i started walking in the truth and tried to start believing Gods word and when i would do that then i would start feeling that oppression, so i have been confused what is from God and what is not from God. After some of the last few responses i have got on here about my posts i have been heeding some of the advice and just telling christians close to me and at my church and have them praying for me and talking to me. Also I have been trying to just wait on the Lord and it seemed their was times when i was getting stronger in my faith and in my body, but as i have been at home tonight and woke up really weak i am very afraid brothers, this is not getting any better and it seems like every few weeks this has only got worse. This is the weakest my body has been that i know of and the most i have ever been out pg control of my inner emotions. If you could keep me in your thoughts and prayers i would deeply appreciate it, i need them tonight.

Re: prayer - posted by Jeremy221, on: 2015/10/1 4:08

Praying for you.

Re: prayer - posted by Lysa (), on: 2015/10/1 7:59

Brother,

Thank you for coming back, the others are not here anymore. I'll pray for you.

This (17 min) sermon by Carter Conlon on Tuesday nights at 7 pm if you can ever watch online at that time.

Thoughts on Faith and Prayer

September 8, 2015 - Victory is ours, when we simply make the choice to agree with God. If you want freedom, determine in your heart to get up and go with God. When we pray, God will move heaven and earth to answer our prayers.

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I took this to the jail last night and most of the ladies really took to this. Please listen if you can!

God bless you John,
Lisa

Re: prayer - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2015/10/1 12:12

Hi John, when are you feeling drained of energy? Just thought I would ask as it may not be spiritual but something physical. For example things that could do this are a virus, chronic fatigue, ME, anxiety or depression. Just a few thoughts. To go along with anything else others add to the conversation.

Re: - posted by TMK (), on: 2015/10/1 14:03

David is giving good advice.

I would highly recommend that you see your physician and have a complete blood work done.

Re: , on: 2015/10/1 18:29

Thank you for your prayers. About three months ago I went to the doctor and got blood work done and the only thing the doctor said was wrong with me was that my vitamin d levels were low. But, I wouldn't say that I am getting drained of energy, but it is something I feel, I think it a dark presence and it weakens the movement in my body. These attacks have been going on for years. Many times I have had attacks to my mind and I will be driving in the car and I can feel something trying to take over my mind and affect my thinking. It is weird it usually only happens when I am driving a long distance in my car or with my wife in the car. I mean I could be wrong, but it always seems like it is something different. Like last fall one day I started having this terrible fear I was not saved or lost my salvation and I started having a great fear come upon me that almost led me to suicide. I mean from everything I experience to me it seems to be demonic just because of all the different things that happen to me and what it seems like God has revealed to me, but I could be wrong.

Re: prayer - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2015/10/1 20:52

I don't want to take you off course spiritually if I'm saying the wrong thing John. But a blood test won't tell a doctor if you have chronic fatigue, ME, anxiety or depression or if you were experiencing the side effects of any of those things. I haven't got the discernment spiritually to know what's going on in your life. I wish I did and could help out.

Re: - posted by davidkeel (), on: 2015/10/2 7:23

When you are driving John, are you focusing on the Lord at all? Maybe praising the Lord a lot and reciting verses?

Re: - posted by onemite, on: 2015/10/2 8:42

Hi John-

I've read your posts throughout the years, I may have very well responded to a few of them. But I've been able to relate to some of the things you've shared.

I listened to the video that Lisa recommended. It is sooo good! Looking back at my own struggles with depression and oppression, I can say for sure that I was looking at the walls of the pit I was in and wishing that God would save me. What I didn't realize for too long, was that once I set my eyes on God Himself, I would be out of that pit and set on a ROCK. I was too many years saying to myself "I am trying to believe God," and stuck in this pit of despair.

I finally began to realize that Satan had me immobilized in that pit and was going to have my mind and body because I was too weak to resist him, and that God was truly my only hope. His Words were like lifelines to cling to. Psalms were easy enough for me to read because David shared some of my feelings of despair- and yet, he also spoke of something else; something that seemed to forfeit and deny his feelings. Was he denying his feelings? I wondered how that could be true healing. But no, David was not denying his feelings, he was simply shifting his gaze from his feelings and troubles to his God and God's ability, character and promises to him. I wish I had found that key years before. So much of the time God gave me was wasted. Finally, I could say, "Lord, I am the weakest of all your creatures. Nevertheless, I will praise You for Your great strength."

Go to Him holding out your bitterness and pains. Bitterness is an awful, defiling wedge between us and God. Its root is unforgiveness. The feeling may very well be there, but it's our willingness to part with it that God honors. He removes what we cannot on our own stop feeling.

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I pray that you, brother, will soon come to believe that God is for you and not against you. He is so much for your life, that He died for you. He purchased you even in the state you are in so that every promise in Christ would be yours and that you can do all things through Christ, who gives you strength. What Satan means for your destruction, God will use for your good- and shape you into the likeness of His Son. You have only to set your eyes upon Him- the Author and Perfecter of your faith.

Don't get discouraged as I once did. Ask the Lord to help you with it. He is our help and it pleases Him to answer such prayers. Don't be afraid of failing. He came to save the weak, and I easily admit that that means me. He knows our weaknesses. Admit them and look straight to Him again and again, because He is strong.

Sincerely,
Penny

Re: , on: 2015/10/2 11:10

Hey David, Yes I am always trying to keep my mind on God even in those situations, it sometimes one of those things that I have just let go and let it run its course, those attacks of oppression, I have always come through it, but I just don't understand why I am consistently going through it. Was listening to Tony Evans yesterday and he said that people are always saying that the devil is always messing with them and Tony said it is because he knows those people will never use the word as a sword as Jesus did in the wilderness. One more thank you for your testimony and wisdom about that, I think keeping my eyes on Christ is the answer, but I guess sometimes when I get so weak I turn my eyes to my struggles and become fearful. And thank you Lisa for the video. Thank you for your prayers.

Re: - posted by onemite, on: 2015/10/2 14:05

John, I'm not a strong person.

I can promise you that it is not that you are weaker than most. I pray that very soon you come to see that God is the strong One. Tony Evans is correct in saying we must use the Word of God- God is Truth and His Word is Truth too. It's not just true for some- it's true for all. The magic though, isn't in the words- it's in the faith in the One who spoke them to us. I tell myself, "faith comes by hearing- and hearing the Word of God." So even though I sometimes have no confidence in my faith in a Word I speak aloud, I say it anyway, because I say, "Lord, YOU SAY..." and "Holy Spirit, I ask you for increased faith to believe that is for me." Then He reminds me that while I was still sinning: not seeking Him or caring about knowing Him, that He died for ME... and He died for you. He is God. He is more than able to reach the weak and battered. For years I was kind of mad at Him for not making all the stuff that tormented my mind to just go away. I also thought that I wasn't strong enough to grab onto what He had for me, which now I can see that I really just did not believe that He could or would save me.

It's a lie. I hope that you don't think like I did.

I pray that you will receive the love that God has for you. He's no respecter of persons. I am confident that what He did for me, He will do for you.

Re: , on: 2015/10/2 17:52

Boy, that is so good onemite. I'm not strong, either. We have to learn to be dependent on His strength in our weaknesses and temptations or we will never have victory.

Our foe is much stronger than our flesh but Christ is stronger than our foe and flesh, put together.

It's not just that His death gave us the victory over sin and death, but daily, by His life, we will experience victory.

Greater is HE that is in You than HE that is in the world.

His ever present life is in us!

Rom_5:10 For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, MUCH MORE, being reconciled, WE SHALL BE SAVED BY HIS LIFE.

This Salvation is not in the future. His life is able to save us from sin, flesh and Satan, daily.

He (His life) is able to keep us "SAFE", each moment of every day.

Re: prayer, on: 2015/10/3 7:07

Having some degree of confidence in oneself by doing or not doing certain things is an ongoing problem with many Christians. We look to the Holy Spirit as some kind of booster shot to empower or energize our human will. We expect Him to build up our supply of grit and determination, so we can stand up to temptation the next time it comes. We cry, "Make me strong, Lord! Give me an iron will, so I can withstand all sin." But God knows this would only make our flesh stronger, enabling it to boast.

I want you to examine yourself: What has all your crying, grieving and questioning brought you? Do you now enjoy lasting freedom or do you occasionally go back to your sin? Are your times of repentance increasingly marked by more tears, louder crying and deeper despair - with no sign of deliverance from bondage?

If the Old Covenant had truly done its work in you, you would already be "dead." You would not have any tears left, any strength to cry out, any confidence in your flesh whatsoever. The truth is, most of our weeping, begging and striving comes from our continuing expectation that something good can rise up out of our human nature to offer the Lord. But that simply is never going to happen. We are always going to be too weak and frail in our flesh to produce holiness. Yes, we are commanded to be strong - but only in the power of God's might, and not our own.

Please do not misunderstand me. I emphatically believe there is such a thing as godly sorrow over sin. Such sorrow produces true repentance. And I believe there are acceptable tears that flow from the hearts of those who grieve over wounding Christ. If you have never prayed from this place of repentance, you might want to do so now.

Lord, I confess my inability to obey Your commandments. I acknowledge my utter helplessness to deliver myself from sin's dominion. In all my strivings to get free, I have failed again and again. So now I come to You as "dead" - in full surrender. I confess my need to be delivered from my sin - and I admit I cannot do it on my own.

Oh, Lord, Your Old Covenant has accomplished in me two important things. First, I know in my heart that I want to be free. I truly want You to crush sin's dominion over me. I don't want to excuse my sin anymore, and I don't want to be given over to it. My heart's desire is to be holy and blameless before You. Whatever it takes, Father, I want to be delivered. I want to live wholly dependent on Your power.

Second, I have abandoned all hope of ever getting free by my own strength. I realize my only hope of freedom from slavery rests in Your power. I come to You now by faith, Lord, casting myself into Your hands. Show me the blessings and provisions of Your New Covenant. I need a new revelation, a new arrangement. The old one has only brought me to despair.

Thank You, Lord. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.

Re: , on: 2015/10/24 17:28

thank you guys. Still seeking Him about this all.

Re: , on: 2015/11/8 20:53

Guys i have been having some progress the last week or so with my relationship with the lord and felt closer to him. But i seem to be getting physically oppressed by the enemy still but at times i am confused on whether or not it is from god or the enemy. Believing the lies of the enemy has been one big struggles and discerning gods voice from him. I still keep thinking god is going to punish me for my sins or my wrong thoughts. It is a real struggle. I need your prayers. I am fighting a daily battle. Please if you could keep in your prayers. Thank you so much

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Re: , on: 2015/11/8 21:00

Also i have been thinking about moving to another church home. I have found a church that i really enjoy the teaching and worship. But i am unsure if i should leave my current church where the lord has used me to help with the youth but so me of the teaching i think is not helping me grow. So if you could pray for me and my wife who is not attending church but if she does start going i want sound teaching that can affect her to being saved.

Re: , on: 2015/12/6 3:17

Hey guys I decided to stay at my church. I think the Lord is showing me that i am being overly critical in my life and looking at others too much and their wrongs and not my own. Also at the time I had just started my new job at Dollar Tree Warehouse and working overnights and have been lacking sleep so I been struggling a lot and thinking the wrong way when i am tired. I have been very depressed because i have been working 6 days a week and not getting a lot of sleep. I stopped working at walmart in October when I got this job, I do miss the work and people.

Brother John - posted by dohzman (), on: 2015/12/6 13:51

I just wanted you to know that I will stand with you in prayer and I am asking The Lord who Loved on the cross, died and rose again from the grave, the Same God who lives everyday to pray for you and covers you with His robe of Righteousness, who sings songs of rejoicing over you, will give you peace and help you to find contentment in the little things of life, that as a gardener lifts up the petals of a plant that the rain has caused to get soiled from the dirt of the ground, that the same Lord will lift you up and wash your feet and give you liberty to simply praise Him and enjoy His presence the same way He enjoys your presence. That as you wait on the Lord even for a few minutes here and there that moment by moment Your strength would be renewed like the eagles and you would mount up and allow His breath to lift you higher into His presence. May He help you to have a farmers prospective and not be driven day by day but to find comfort in the moment as you live with eternity in your heart as a full citizen of Heaven, safe with your name written in the palm of His hand.. You are going to be alright brother, Jesus is a very present help in a time of need. God Bless