
Touch Points for Evangel's Prayer Vigil team

For the week of October 19, 2014

This series is aimed to support our "Stepping Out in Faith—for the Sake of the Gospel" initiative. It is based on *The One Year Book of Praying Through the Bible* by Cheri Fuller (Tyndale House, 2003). We will focus on specific topics that relate to faith, witness, prayer and outreach. "The driving force behind this proposal is to increase our evangelistic witness and the impact on our neighborhood and community." (From the overview document, available at www.evbapt.org/docs/steppingOut.pdf)

Is Anything Too Hard?

This message came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "I am the Lord, the God of all the peoples of the world.

Is anything too hard for me?"

Jeremiah 32:26-27

Prayer for the Week

Thank you, Lord, that nothing in my life is beyond your reach; nothing is too large or difficult for your powerful hand. Help me to remember that you display your power best in my impossible situations. Give me greater understanding of who you are so that my trust in you will be complete.

Notable Quote

No prayer is too hard for him to answer, no need too great for him to supply, no passion too strong for him to subdue; no temptation too powerful for him to deliver from, no misery too deep for him to relieve.

Arthur Pink

Reflection

Have you lived with a difficult situation that remained unchanged no matter how fervently you prayed? If so, you may have begun to doubt God's ability to intervene. Have you wondered if your problems were beyond God's power to help your difficult marriage? out-of-control finances? failing health? a wayward child? God's Word to Jeremiah is a powerful declaration of who God is and what he is able to do. He is the one true God, the sovereign ruler over all the earth. The rhetorical question, "Is anything too hard for me?" is actually a statement of God's supreme power in all circumstances. If anything were too difficult for him, he would not be God. If God is not sovereign over all, he is not sovereign at all!

Because nothing is too hard to God, we can rest assured that nothing in our lives is outside of God's purposeful control. We may not understand why God hasn't answered our prayers as we wish, but we do know that greater difficulties are opportunities to draw closer to him. We can have peace in all circumstances when we have absolute confidence that nothing is too hard for God.

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Praise God that nothing is too hard for him. If you struggle with unanswered prayer, ask the Lord to give "give greater understanding of who you are so that my trust in you will be complete."
- Reflect on this week's worship service, the music, Scriptures, and Pastor Dave's sermon "Let My People Go: The Time Has Come"* (Exodus 11). Pray for direction in the application of truths and practical lessons from the worship service and LIF@E Time, with the focus on music in worship.
- Thank the Lord for Evangel's long history of involvement with missions, particularly since many of the current and former missionaries we have supported have had a direct connection to Evangel. Pray that God will bless us and the missionaries we support as we continue our special focus on missions this week.
- Continue to remember one family from your circle of influence for intercession. They could be a neighbor, coworker or relative. Pray for their struggles to be resolved, their health improved and their relationships strengthened. Ask the Lord to bring them to a fuller, closer relationship with Himself in faith and obedience.
- Continue to pray for opportunities to invite people to our services. Ask the Lord to open doors of conversation, connection or compassion with others to enable an offer of attendance.
- Continue to pray for our "Stepping Out in Faith" initiative. Continue in prayer for the efforts of Mark Albrecht and Converge MidAmerica to secure the right person to lead a church plant from our facilities, aimed at increasing evangelism in our area.

**A podcast of the sermon, along with PDF files of the sermon outline and PowerPoint notes will be posted on the website, normally by Monday.*

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Printed copies are available in the lobby on Sunday.