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## Touch Points for Evangel's Prayer Vigil team

For the week of November 2, 2014

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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](http://www.evbapt.org/docs/steppingOut.pdf) )

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### *His Timing is Perfect*

The Lord is wonderfully good to those who wait for him and seek him.

So it is good to wait quietly for salvation from the Lord.

*Lamentations 3:25-26*

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#### Prayer for the Week

Lord, quiet my heart and mind so I am willing to wait on you, not with grumbling and frustration but with hope and assurance that you do everything in your perfect timing. Give me patience, and help me to look for your answers to the requests I make of you. And increase my faith that you are working, even when I must wait for your answer.

#### Notable Quote

Waiting on God exercises your gift of grace and tests your faith. Therefore continue to wait in hope, for although the promise may linger, it will never come too late.

*Charles Haddon Spurgeon*

#### Reflection

In a fast-moving culture such as ours, in which time is measured in nanoseconds and sound bites, waiting in traffic or in the doctor's office longer than we had planned can mess up our schedule. We can become irritated when things don't happen according to our packed agenda. And we can become just as frustrated with God when he doesn't seem to answer our prayers as soon as we'd hoped or move in a needy situation according to our timetable. Sometimes we pray and give our requests to God and then turn and run out of the prayer closet before we have taken time to be aware of his answer. But this passage tells us the great benefit of learning to wait on the Lord—both waiting for his timing and just waiting in his presence, spending moments being quiet and waiting to hear his "still, small voice." God is wonderfully good to those who wait for him and continue to seek him.

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#### PRAYER PROMPTS

- Spend time this week praising God for those requests you have made where his answer seemed to go unanswered for a long time, yet came, as Spurgeon suggests, before it was too late. Is there a situation you are facing now that requires the perspective of this week's topic, or is there someone you know who could use this word of encouragement?
- Reflect on this week's worship service, the music, Scriptures, and Pastor Dave's sermon "Let My People Go: They Accept My Mercy" (Exodus 12:1-7).\* Pray for direction in the application of truths and practical lessons from the worship service and the LIF@E Time presentation of the film "God's Not Dead" (part 1 of 3).
- 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 other materials, will be posted on the website, normally by Monday.

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