
Touch Points for Evangel's Prayer Vigil team

For the week of December 14, 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)

There is No Limit

I am too ignorant to be human, and I lack common sense. I have not mastered human wisdom, nor do I know the Holy One. Who but God goes up to heaven and comes back down? Who holds the wind in his fists? Who wraps up the oceans in his cloak? Who has created the whole wide world? What is his name—and his son's name? Tell me if you know!

Proverbs 30:2-4

Prayer for the Week

Lord, who holds the wind in his fist and the oceans in his cloak? It is you, precious Father. You still the wind with your voice. You are the creator of the stars. You command angels and orchestrate the changing of the seasons. It is you who created me and gave me purpose in life. Look into my heart, Father, and make me a willing instrument in your hands.

Notable Quote

How completely satisfying to turn from our limitations to a God who has none. Eternal years lie in his heart. For him time does not pass, it remains; and those who are in Christ share with him all the riches of limitless time and endless year.

A. W. Tozer

Reflection

Agur may have lacked wisdom, but he looked for answers in the right place. He may not have had common sense, but he knew that there was One greater than himself. Can God use us in spite of our limitations? Absolutely! What we lack in human ability we can find in God. He has used the simple things of this world to confound the wise many times. He called Moses, a man who feared public speaking, to lead a nation. He promoted David, a shepherd boy, to the position of king. He sent his own Son to be born in a small town and laid in a manger, just one more illustration of humble beginnings laced with destiny. Though we cannot begin to compare with the Savior, we are instruments in the Father's hands. It is not your abilities that shape the world; it is God, who holds the wind in his fists and wraps the ocean in his cloak. He is majestic and all-powerful!

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Have you allowed your limitations to keep you from the destiny God has for you? Then place yourself in the hands of the mighty God, for it is he who does great things.
- Reflect on this week's worship service, the music, Scriptures, and Pastor Dave's Advent meditation, "Overshadowed"* (Luke 1:30-35). Pray that the Lord will lead you to ways to apply the lessons learned in your own walk with Christ and as you connect with different people 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 and other materials are normally posted on the website by Monday.

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