BE WITH ME: EXPERIENCING JESUS IN PRAYER An Intentional Journey to Deepen Your Relationship with the Divine

Week 8: Be With Me - Contending for Victory

PREPARATION: SONG: "Holy Spirit Fiya" Urbana 15 Worship Team

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YGR9xgRP1cU&list=PLeP3EwLytbF3foiogf5ud9iXDB5HwxQ75&index=12&t=0s



Call: Holy Spirit Come Response: Holy Spirit Come Repeat call: Would you reign down; Response: Reign down. Repeat Would you come like fiya, come like flames; come like thundah, come like rain. Repeat CHORUS: Call: Would you reign down; Response: Reign down. Fill us up, fill our cups. Repeat CHORUS We want more; We want more. Repeat CHORUS Till we overflow; Till we overflow Repeat CHORUS We need more; We need more. Repeat CHORUS The son of righteousness will rise with healing in his wings. We will be free and dance before our King. 2ND CHORUS: Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done; here on earth as it is in heaven (in heaven). We will walk in your love as we advance Your kingdom; bringing Your word to every nation. CHORUS Call: Holy Spirit Come Response: Holy Spirit Come Call: Would you reign down; Response: Reign down. Repeats in these languages: Hawaiian | Fijian | Tongan Samoan | Hawaiian Pidgin English | Lakota | Yip'ik

SCRIPTURE: Praise God for the breadth and depth of victory we have portrayed in Revelation 12:10-11: "the

salvation, the power, the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah!"

PERSONAL PRACTICE | **Fixed Hour Prayer**: Daniel followed a traditional pattern of prayer for Jews praying three times a day. This practice has been modified and practiced by believers for thousands of years and is more commonly known as Praying the Divine Office or Hours. It is an invitation for divine interruption in your day so that prayer and work can mingle together resulting in a keen ear for God in the midst of activity. This week start small, add one further time to pray in your day. Set an alarm for this time and stop to pray for as little as 1 min. "Stopping to pray... cultivates an awareness of the unseen reality of God's presence in all time and things." (Calhoun)

GROUP PRAYER PRACTICE | Witness:

As we think about Christ's ultimate victory over sin, evil powers, death and Satan, our hearts long for others to know the saving power and present-and-coming victory of Christ Jesus. Who in your life do you wish will one day say like King Darius that the "God of Daniel" is the living God who endures forever!? Who do you want to receive forgiveness, hope, strength, encouragement?

Make a list of the people you are praying for and contend in prayer for their response to God. Perhaps intercede for them during your fixed-hour prayer times. How can you be the hands and Christ to them today? How else is God inviting you to contend for victory?

"Our communication of the gospel depends not on human strategies or well-polished techniques or even brilliantly reasoned arguments but on divine initiative. It is the hidden work of the Holy Spirit that gives our words meaning and power and that produces changed hearts." (Rebecca Manley Pippert)

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