



“The early church had nothing but the Spirit of God and one another, and that fellowship was enough to unleash the Body of Christ on the ancient world. There was no stopping this movement of God's people from spreading throughout all of creation. Boldly bearing witness to what they'd seen and heard through word and deed, these men and women humbly brought the upside-down Kingdom of Heaven to an unsuspecting world, changing it forever. We are invited into this fellowship as well. Are we bold enough to go?”

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We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

King Jesus, you've created us to do the work you have for us. Help us to know that work and do that work by your power. Amen.

5/9

The way of works is the way of life, for "He who does the will of God abides forever." 1 John 2:17

Lord, it isn't because we are seeking to earn our salvation (how silly a task that would be), it is that we recognized that your new creation starts with us and we have been renewed to do that which you've created us to do. We are eternal in you and the work we do abides forever as well. Amen.

5/10

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven." Matthew 7:21

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Jesus, these words you used in your Sermon on the Mount are heavy. There will be people who proclaim that they live for you but who do not actually give themselves to you and your Kingship. Help us to do your will, not to earn your favor but because we've already received it. Amen.

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“And purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.” Titus 2:14.

Lord, in you we get excited about doing the work you have for us. Good works are not a chore, but a blessing! If our hearts see them otherwise, transform our hearts, O Lord! In your name, Amen.

5/12

“But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.” James 1:22.

Father, we desire to do that which you've commanded us. So much of your Son's words were not theological or philosophical, but practical. Jesus spoke much about what we are to do in light of His Kingdom. Help us to hear His Words and then do them. Amen.

5/13

“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me to give to every one according to his work.” Revelation 22:12.

Lord, we've been so afraid of works-based righteousness that we've avoided the tasks you have for us. The fruit we bear in this life is indicative of a transformed life in you. These things will be weighed by you one day. Help us not to be found wanting. Amen.

5/14

“That those who have believed in God should be careful to maintain good works.” Titus 3:8.

Lord, we devote ourselves to things every day that are not of you. Help us to prioritize the Kingdom over our own earthly desires. Amen.

5/15

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. Hebrews 4:12

Lord, your Word weighs on us if we will let it. Help us to allow it to impact the depths of our hearts and to transform the actions of our hands. Cut out the evil within us and make us like you. Amen.

5/16

All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Lord, as your people we need to know your Word. Without it we are lost and tossed to and fro by Social Media posts and news reports. Help us to prioritize daily time in your word and weekly time in the Scriptures with others. Amen.

5/17

**Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path. Psalm 119:105**

Father, your Word is the light by which we see the world we live in. Remind us of this truth always. Amen.

5/18

How can a young man keep his way pure?

By guarding it according to your word. Psalm 119:9

Father, you have taught us how to live, yet we avoid pouring over the Scriptures that we might know you and know how to live in light of the truth of who you are. Help us to pursue after you by knowing your Word. Amen.

5/19

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the word of our God will stand forever. Isaiah 40:8

Lord, the teachings you have for us will last for eternity. The fruit we bear in the Kingdom today will last forever. Help us to prioritize eternal things over earthly ones. Amen.

5/20

Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. Matthew 7:24

Lord, thank you for your Word that teaches us how to live in this world. You ever remind us of what is true, what is pure, what is right through your teachings! Thank you Father! Amen.

5/21

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Matthew 24:35

Jesus, all that is of you lasts. In you we become eternal and the work we do for the Kingdom bears fruit that lasts into eternity. Thank you for the honor it is to be able to partner with you as you transform this world. Amen.

5/22

God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:9

Lord, how could we doubt your faithfulness? You have never forsaken us though we have constantly forsaken you. Remind us, regardless of what we face, that you are present with us and you will not abandon us... ever. Amen.

5/23

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

1 John 1:7

Lord, help us to walk in the light as you did. If we do so, we are promised fellowship with one another and with you as you purify us from all sin. Help us turn from darkness into your light. Amen.

5/24

Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

2 Corinthians 6:14

Father, you call us not to a holy huddle with only those who are in You, but you do call us to be cautious in our dealings with those who don't prioritize the same things you call us to. We must seek

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your wisdom in many situations in light of this fellowship we have with those who don't know you- in our work, in our schools, in our community, etc. Give us wisdom, Lord. Amen.

5/25

I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.

Philippians 3:10

Jesus, when we participate with you, when we fellowship with you in suffering, we are refined as if by fire, to be like you. Help our attitude to be such that we begin to desire suffering that we may be transformed into your likeness. Amen.

5/26

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:14

Father, we praise you for your presence in our lives, your love, your grace, your fellowship with us. Amen.

5/27

Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret.

Ephesians 5:11-12

Father, help us to avoid fellowship with that which leads us away from you. Light the areas of our lives that are dark and transform us into your likeness. Amen.

5/28

We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life.

1 John 5:20

Lord, we fellowship with you, in eternal life being lived out today on this earth, at this time. WE are ever in you, together in Biblical fellowship with one another. Amen.

5/29

Go, eat your bread with joy, and drink your wine with a merry heart, for God has already approved what you do.

Ecclesiastes 9:7

Lord, we are created to enjoy your blessings and to be a blessing to others. Help us to pause this day and enjoy that which you have given us. Amen.

5/30

Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

Colossians 2:16-17

Lord, it takes discernment and wisdom to know when to enjoy our Christian freedom and when to abstain. This can be a cause for much division in the church. Help us to strive for unity and to give

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up our desires for the sake of the fellowship, for brothers or sisters who struggle. It is not about us, it is only and ever about bringing glory to your name. Amen.

5/31

So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Corinthians 10:31

Father, in all that we do this day, may it glorify you. Amen.

6/1

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.

Revelation 3:20

Lord, the thought that you desire to be with us, to eat with us, to feast and party with us, is unfathomable but also what your Word teaches. You are a God who loves His people and you love to see us enjoy your bounty and share it with one another. How we long for the day when we can feast in your presence in eternity! Glory be to you, our God! Amen.

6/2

Then he said to them, “Go your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.”

Nehemiah 8:10

Lord, you are a God of parties and celebrations! May we be known for our enjoyment of you, not our white-knuckled, grumbling submission. Help us to demonstrate to the world what a loving, wonderful God you are. Amen.

6/3

I perceived that there is nothing better for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live; also that everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil—this is God's gift to man.

Ecclesiastes 3:12-13

Lord, you have given us all that we have. To enjoy it and to share it with others is a blessing we don't deserve. Thank you, Father! In your name, amen.

6/4

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.”

John 7:37

Lord, the life, the vitality, the water you give sustains like no other. You are the refreshing stream that gives life to all. May we ever come to you and drink. Amen.

6/5

Mark 11:24

Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.

Lord, we come to you in prayer, trusting that whatever we ask in your name, if it is your will, it will be done. In your name we pray, amen.

6/6

James 5:16

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

Lord, we trust you at your word- that prayer works. We confess that we rarely confess our sins to one another, and we may be reluctant to request prayer as well. Help us to be transparent with you and with one another that we may pray, together, for one another. Amen.

6/7

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Lord, nothing we face in this world is beyond your control. Remind us of who you are in light of our circumstances and may we bring everything to you in prayer. Amen.

6/8

John 14:13-14

Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it.

Lord, we know this is not a manipulative prayer to get our earthly desires fulfilled by a “vending machine god.” This is you teaching that if our hearts are transformed to be like your heart, we will only ask for that which you desire, we will ask for your will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

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John 15:7

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

Lord, if we become like you, our desires will become your desires. Transform us through prayer, through fellowship with you, Lord. Amen.

6/10

1 John 5:14

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us.

Father, we submit our prayers, our hearts, our desires to you. What you want, we want. We trust you with all things, Lord. Amen.

6/11

James 1:5

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him.

Father, we ask for wisdom that can only come from you. It is our desire to live as you have called us to so transform our hearts and minds to be like you. Amen.