



The Fellowship

“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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1 Timothy 4:13-14

“Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you.”

Lord, there is just something special about reading your Word out loud, in community. May we make this more of a practice in our lives. Amen.

4/25

Joshua 8:34-35

“And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the Book of the Law. There was not a word of all that Moses commanded that Joshua did not read before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the sojourners who lived among them.”

Daily Prayers

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Lord, in reading your Word aloud, we are reminded of our history- how you've worked throughout time and how you are ever faithful. As we are reminded, we are reoriented to focusing our lives and minds on you. Amen.

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2 Kings 23:1-3

"Then the king sent, and all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem were gathered to him. And the king went up to the house of the Lord, and with him all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem and the priests and the prophets, all the people, both small and great. And he read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant that had been found in the house of the Lord. And the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people joined in the covenant."

Father, just like our ancestors needed to hear your Word regularly, we too need to hear you speak to us through the Scriptures. May we focus our hearts and minds on you. Amen.

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Nehemiah 8:8

"They read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading."

Lord, to make this world make sense, we need to view it through the lenses of your Word. Help us to ever see you at work in the world around us, regardless of what we experience. In your name, Amen.

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Colossians 4:16

"And when this letter has been read among you, have it also read in the church of the Laodiceans; and see that you also read the letter from Laodicea."

Lord, not only is your Word for us, it is meant to be shared with others. Lord, bring to mind someone who we need to share the encouragement of your Words with today. Amen.

4/29

1 Thessalonians 5:27

"I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers."

Father, help us to take time to regularly read the Scriptures aloud with our brothers and sisters. Help us to discuss it humbly, honestly, seeking after transformation of our calloused hearts. In your name, we pray, amen.

4/30

Revelation 22:18-19

"I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book."

Father, let us take seriously this call to reorient our lives through the public reading of Scripture. Help us not only to read it aloud, but to hear the words you would have us hear. Amen.

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Jeremiah 24:7

I will give them a heart to know that I am the Lord, and they shall be my people and I will be their God, for they shall return to me with their whole heart.

Lord, we turn to you with not just our whole hearts, but our whole beings. We desire to live as your people in your world. We desire that you alone be our God. Give us new hearts to know that you are the Lord. Amen.

5/2

Jeremiah 31:33

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Lord, you say that your people will have the law written on their hearts. Often times I feel like if it is written on my heart, I can't read it. Forgive me, Father, for my disobedience and rebellion. I desire to live as yours and yours alone. Write your law on my heart, be my God and make us your people. Amen.

5/3

Jeremiah 32:38

And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

Lord, you have determined that we will be your people. It is not because of our actions or anything other than the love you have for us. By your will, by your power, by your grace alone will we become your people. Thank you, Father, for not giving up on us. Amen.

5/4

Ezekiel 11:20

...that they may walk in my statutes and keep my rules and obey them. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

God, you do not desire that we would walk in your statutes simply because you are a God of rules and regulations, but because your laws direct us as to how you have created us to live, how this world is supposed to work. It is for our benefit and the benefit of others that we keep your rules and obey them. Remind us of this and transform our rebellious hearts, O Lord. Amen.

5/5

Ezekiel 37:27

My dwelling place shall be with them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Spirit, not only are you with us but you are within us! We have become your Temple through Christ's sacrifice! Jesus said that it was better that He go away for the Spirit would come and live within us! Thank you, God, for the unimaginable reality of you living within us. Amen.

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Zechariah 8:8

...and I will bring them to dwell in the midst of Jerusalem. And they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in faithfulness and in righteousness."

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Father, there will be a day when you gather your people and completely do away with evil and sin once and forever. Orient our eyes on the future reality and help us to live in light of its' coming today. Amen.

5/7

2 Corinthians 6:16

What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; as God said, "I will make my dwelling among them and walk among them, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Father, you are our God. We are your people. When I read these words I am prone to tears as I cannot fathom a greater blessing than you! Thank you for you! Amen.