

"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?"

## 6/12

#### Proverbs 1:7

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction. Lord, may we take time today to bask in your glory, to take in all that you are and may that draw us to awe, to reverence of you. Let us live in light of who you are. Amen.

## 6/13

## Proverbs 8:13

The fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. Pride and arrogance and the way of evil and perverted speech I hate.

Lord, when we see you in your glory, we despise what is evil, we hate it. The sin within us disgusts us and we desire to rip it out. Help us focus our eyes on you, that you may illuminate the sin in our lives. Sanctify us, O Lord. Amen.

# 6/14

Matthew 10:28

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And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Lord, what do we have to fear? You are in control of all things, even our life and death. May we fear nothing but you. Amen.

#### 6/15

#### **Psalm 33:8**

Let all the earth fear the Lord; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him! Lord, there will be a day when every tongue, every nation praises you, but today, we will praise you in light of that future reality. Focus our eyes on you alone. In your name, Amen.

#### 6/16

## **Ecclesiastes 12:13**

The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.

Lord, our lives can seem mundane at times. Solomon was right in that the pursuits of this world will never satisfy but if we fear you, are obedient to you, we will fulfill our purpose in this life. Guide us into this type of a life, given for you. Amen.

#### 6/17

### Luke 1:50

And his mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

Lord, in your greatness, we can fear you. In your holiness, we realize how unholy we really are, and yet you are so merciful. When we, like Isaiah, realize that we are impure people while in your presence, remind us of your mercy, your sacrifice, and your desire to have us near. How great are you, O Lord! Amen.

#### 6/18

#### Proverbs 19:23

The fear of the Lord leads to life, and whoever has it rests satisfied; he will not be visited by harm.

Lord, when we see you in your appropriate place, it leads to life. Orient our eyes on you! Amen.

## 6/19

#### Matthew 24:24

For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect.

Lord, often we spend our time looking for signs and wonders to validate the truth we already know. This can quickly lead us astray. Keep our eyes focused on you and not the signs or wonders we see in life. Amen.

# 6/20

#### 2 Thessalonians 2:9

The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders,

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Father God, we recognize that you still act and move in this world in miraculous ways, but let us be discerning as we witness these signs and wonders. Often you work in natural ways as well as supernatural. May we not lose sight of you for the sake of these signs. Amen.

### 6/21

#### 2 Corinthians 12:12

The signs of a true apostle were performed among you with utmost patience, with signs and wonders and mighty works.

Jesus, signs and wonders should be expected by your people in this world, and yet we are so quick to dismiss them. May we be discerning, but also receptive to the work that you do. Amen.

## 6/22

#### John 4:48

So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe."

Lord, signs of your greatness are all around us- we do not need to witness supernatural things to believe in how incredible you are! Let us not take for granted your creation, your natural works, your day-by-day movements. In your Son's name, Amen.

#### 6/23

#### Acts 2:22

"Men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with mighty works and wonders and signs that God did through him in your midst, as you yourselves know—

Lord, we believe in Jesus Christ, your Son. He is and was the promised Messiah, the Savior of the world. We believe that He both told us He was the Messiah and He showed us He was the Messiah through wonders and signs- the greatest of which was dying on the cross for our sins then resurrecting on the third day. Thank you, Lord, for the gift of your Son! Amen.

## 6/24

#### Hebrews 2:4

While God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will.

Lord, let us not be fearful of miracles, nor let us be dismissive of them. Let us not excuse the natural order of things as being normative when they are miraculous. The birth of a child, the healing of a wound, the scientific breakthrough are all natural and all miraculous and all of you. Praise be your name. Amen.

#### 6/25

# **John 3:2**

This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

King Jesus, our belief is rooted in the historical fact that you died and you rose. You ascended and you gave the Holy Spirit to your Church. The Scriptures are true because you live. Our faith is grounded in historical reality. Let us never forget that. Amen.

## 6/26

**Hebrews 13:16** 

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# Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Father, the pull of this world to be successful, to hoard all we have been blessed with for ourselves is strong, so strong. We think that he who dies with the most toys wins, when in reality, nothing we have doesn't come from you. You are the one who gives us all things, to steward well and to serve others. May we learn to be open-handed with the blessings you give. Amen.

#### 6/27

## 1 Timothy 6:18

# They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,

King Jesus, our hearts need to be transformed. We are so greedy, so self serving. Transform our hearts into being thankful and generous. May we do that which you've called us to, trusting that you know and will provide for any need that may arise. Amen.

#### 6/28

#### Galatians 6:6

# One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches.

Lord, even the things you teach us are not merely for us, they are for others. May we share what you have taught us with others. Amen.

### 6/29

#### 2 Corinthians 9:7

# Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Lord, it is not that we are required to give. It is not meant to be something we obediently do to please you, but evidence of a transformed heart. It is fruit born out of an understanding of you and the blessings you give. So we don't ask that more people would give or share, but we ask that you might change hearts so that the fruit of these transformed hearts will lead where you guide them. Amen.

## 6/30

#### John 3:16

# "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Father, we give because you gave. When our hearts are transformed to be like yours, it will be our greatest desire to give all that we have, all that we are for you and for others. May we be like you. Amen.

#### 7/1

#### **Ephesians 4:28**

Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

Lord, sometimes we are the thief, hoarding what you give for ourselves. Remind us of whose our blessings come from and who they are for. May we be known as a generous people because you are a generous God. Amen.

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1 John 3:17

But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?

Lord, may we open our hearts to others, especially in our church family. May their burdens become our burdens. May we share as you have shared with us. Guide us to be generous as you are generous. Amen.

# 7/3

"So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day." 2 Cor. 4:16

Lord, change our hearts. Make us like you. Make our desires your desires. In your name, Amen.