

Through these scriptures we can see how important prayer is to the LORD. The enemy will deemphasize the need to pray and try to convince you that the LORD does not need you to pray.

When a Christian prays in faith, his prayers are very powerful. Take a look at the scriptures.

Matthew 17:20 - 21 (KJV) *20And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief (lack of prayer): for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, (Prayer) Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. 21Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.*

The LORD needs us to call for justice. Think about the crimes committed against men by Satan and his demonic influences. Things such as rape, suicide, incest, molestation, murder, divorce, school violence, victims of catastrophic events, and many, many, more!

Consider this, who has prayed today about these atrocities? Does God place a priority on ministry to those that are hurting? How many churches today have placed an emphasis of calling for Almighty God to bring justice to these sins? More closely to home, Can God depend on Faith Christian Center to call for justice? YES HE CAN!

We have twelve prayer banners that represent areas that communities need the justice of God. Here they are: Peace of Jerusalem, Spiritual warfare, lost souls, broken relationships, catastrophic events, pastors and churches, healing, revival and renewal, families, schools, The U.S.A., and children and youth.

Along with that is a calendar that comes with each newsletter and for each day of the week is a prayer topic. Monday: Church leaders, Tuesday: Missions, Wednesday: USA, Thursday: Marriages, Friday: Lost souls, Saturday: Revival, and Sunday: Pastors.

Do you think that the LORD wants wholeness in these areas? Is Satan attacking these areas? When we make time to pray and we place a priority on prayer, God is honored and we help the LORD fulfill the prayer: THY kingdom come, THY will be done.

Beyond a shadow of a doubt, the LORD wants Faith Christian Center to be a house of prayer for all nations. For this to happen, each family must be led by the Holy Ghost to become a dependable family of prayer. I know that I can count on you. Let's build a house of prayer that honors the LORD!

Blessings upon blessings,
Pastor Chris Kirkendall

Faith Christian Center Connect

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Calling for Justice.



Who can the LORD turn to when it comes to calling for justice?

We live in a time in history when everything is fast paced and usually self-centered. Our schedules are busy. We have lots to do, and it seems like each week we still are not caught up with the things that we need to do. Society is fast paced, task oriented, and cold towards the needs of others.

Consider how justice is carried out on the local level of government. Usually a crime is committed and the District Attorney evaluates all the evidence, and then seeks a grand jury indictment, and then pursues justice through a structured judicial system.

Now ask yourself this question: Who can the LORD depend on to call for justice against the crimes of Satan toward humanity? During a time in Israel's history, the LORD looked at them and made a bold statement against the nation. Here it is:

Isaiah 59:4 (KJV) *4None calleth for justice, nor any pleadeth for truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity.*

I believe the mischief and iniquity that the LORD is talking about is prayerlessness. I believe that Israel was concerned with their individual needs and the love of many had grown cold, and the LORD was concerned that they had become too busy to pray for the genuine needs of the nation.

We know from the bible that God has chosen prayer as the means for his church to communicate to him. Satan knows this, so his job is to sabotage the communication lines of God's army; the church. In every war, one of the first priorities is for the military to cut off communications inside their opposition's ranks. When this is done, great advances against the military force occur.

At a Glance

Sunday

Adult Sunday School	9:15am
Youth Sunday School	9:15am
Sunday Service	10:30am
Session 5 ISOM	4:30pm

Monday

Session 2 ISOM	6:30pm
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Tuesday

Skateboard Club	6:30pm
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Wednesday

Wednesday Service	7:00pm
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So it is the will of God's enemy to cause people to not pray. When God's people do not pray, they are not bringing forth the injustice before God; neither is the hearing from God in the attitude of prayer taking place.

He is God; he knows the injustice, so why do we need to pray?

Please always remember this: God uses men to reach men!
Take a look at scripture.

Exodus 3:7 (KJV) *7And the LORD said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people which are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows;*

1 Peter 3:12 (KJV) *12For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil.*

Revelation 5:8 (KJV) *8And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.*

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Doing The Same Old Thing: In A Brand New Way!

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Just a Note

Faith Christian Center Worship Department

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Have you ever tried to get a toddler to be still and quiet during an important event? Ever watch how hard it is for them to sit still and not make *any form* of noise? It's extremely difficult.

But it is not just hard for toddlers, as we age, we gain the self control and the knowledge of when it is appropriate to be quiet during public situations, but we lack the ability to slow down our minds and quiet the "noise" that plagues our souls and our focus in private.

For the past couple of months, I have been called upon to just be quiet. I have found that, while I am in the car commuting back and forth from Lamar, I just like it to be quiet: no music, no cell phone, and no singing- just quiet. Being the music-lover that I am, I thought that this was strange behavior- so in one of my bouts of quiet, I decided to pray.

I asked the Lord why I could not seem to enjoy my music when I was in the car, and why I get quiet around large groups of people. He simply answered me, "To know me better."

So I had no questions after that and no fear that anything was wrong. The Lord and I just wanted to get more acquainted, and I am certainly not going to complain. This Scripture came to mind instantly.

Psalm 46:10

"Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth."

As I was thinking about the scenario above, I realized that even though the music I was listening to was good Christian music, the people I was talking to were good Christian people- It was drowning out the time I had for the Lord.

Webster's Dictionary states that the word "*still*" means to be free from sound or noise; silent, or free from turbulence or commotion, calm.

God is calling us (Psalm 46:10) to be free from the noise, distractions, turbulence, and commotion of our day- and know Him. He's longing for that one-on-one time with you.

Liken it to a marriage, if you never spend quality time with your spouse, pretty soon time and life will erode the love that you had for each other in the first place. Why? Because you let turbulence and commotion and distractions get in the way of that main connection.

Our main connection to God is through prayer and worship.

If we are not actively pursuing those two things, we can begin to drift away from our Source.

Isaiah 26:12

"LORD, you establish peace for us;
all that we have accomplished you have done for us."

And, yes, I know that we don't like to be still and quiet- but it is a question of maturity when we make ourselves turn off that radio and just be still.

You see, I had a choice- I could have heard the Lord speak to my heart to turn off the radio and just be quiet and did it (which I did), OR I could have cranked it louder and ignored what God was trying to do in my life. It's all about personal choice.

We chose to let our minds get busy, to let time run out before we spend time in Worship and the Word! So choose to quiet yourself from the distraction of the world (there are many).

Psalm 37:4

"Delight yourself in the LORD
and he will give you the desires of your heart."

Psalms 37:7a

"Be still before the LORD and wait
patiently for him;"

In the secret
In the quiet place
In the *stillness* You are there
In the secret
In the quiet hour I wait
Only for You
I want to know You more.

"In the Secret"

In Him,

Justin Kirkendall,

Worship Pastor

"The Father is **looking** for worshipers. So, if you are looking for God and you just **can't find** him, then **stop** what you are doing **and worship** Him--and He **will come and find** you."

-Joseph Garlington



WHERE IS JESUS IN YOUR LIFE?

We are getting ready for camp in June and a new Youth building and so many other things in our lives. We have so much to thank God for and I am so excited to be a part of all these things, but in our excitement where is Jesus in our life?

Sometimes in our busy life we tend to put GOD on the Back burner till we need him, but in reality we need him in control of our everyday life. I am sure we all have had that time when we feel really close to God and the time when we have felt not so close to God. How can we feel so close and then so far away? I believe that we are at a point that we have really drawn close to God and we are allowing our selves to be guided by the Holy Spirit and then we take a half a step away as our focus is switched to our after school activities and maybe another step away when the new boyfriend/girlfriend comes into the picture. Another step taken when we are so obsessed with our text messages that God is fit into the end of our day, IF WE HAVE TIME. Jesus is still in the same place, but is us who step back and forth and Today is the day to just step forward.

I have some Great news for you!! We have a GOD who is never to busy for you. He loves you and wants to be everything to you. I am encouraged in the fact that Jesus does not step away from us. He is so faithful, loving, and God is full of Grace and mercy. YOU can enjoy a close personal relationship with God. This Intimacy begins with a lifestyle of integrity. In Psalms 15 David describes the character of a person who is trying to live his daily life with integrity. I long for a deeper more personal relationship with God and he wants that with you.

Invite the Lord into your day to day life and not just on the days you don't have soccer practice. The Lord has not moved away from you, but I think he is just waiting for you to focus and need him EVERYDAY. Draw closer to him and he will draw closer to you. Know that The Lord loves you and he will always be there and never leave you. Lean on him and let's begin today to live a life with integrity.

God Bless you,
Jamie Cullen