

Praying Our Way Forward

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Lord, I pray right now that your spirit would be with all those who are seeking your will on your wisdom for the way forward.

Lord Jesus, I pray right now that the spirit of deception would have no authority over the people meeting. That those who are on the committees and those who are to be the leaders in this initiatives would not cave to what our culture says; but rather they would look to what you and your word says about how we are to have leaders in our church. This would apply to all areas of sin, not just of those in this one subject.

Lord, I pray you purify your church. That you would make it evidently clear as to what is truth, and that you would give a strong determination and a boldness to those to be able to speak your truths.

Jesus, we need you to reclaim back your church. We need you to set us apart – holy for you. Jesus we have tried to become relevant to our culture so much that we have become irreverent to the message of the gospel. We have watered down your truths so much that we do not adhere to the sound doctrines and truths that have been passed through the centuries.

We have become a people who know the word but deny it; and the very power it represents. Jesus forgive us for this.

Jesus, rise up a new generation of people who know you. Who are not just working religion, but that have true relationships with you- our heavenly Father – our King.

Jesus, I pray that you would strength the believers who are trying to do your will. Who are interceding for your children; especially on this subject.

Jesus, in our eyes there is no way out, except a split. But Jesus you are so much greater than this, and I believe you can light upon the hearts and minds of all involved, and that your refining fire can fall and reclaim back our hearts from the ruts that we have gotten ourselves into. Jesus we need you – a force greater than ourselves to come along and pull us out of the mud, out of the pit, out of the trap of our enemy.

We do not desire to see our church split apart. We desire your will Jesus, and we desire you to help us to be a holy people who are active and on fire for you and your kingdom purposes. Lord this is stopping the true purposes of us who know you – to Love you with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength; to love others as ourselves and to advance the work of the kingdom by preaching the gospel to all the nations.

We have gotten lost in the weeds and we are stuck on foolish arguments and talks that do us no good. Lord help us to get out of the similar things that are expressed in Timothy.

1 Timothy 1

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the command of God our Savior and of Christ Jesus our hope,

Jesus, you are our savior and only Hope. You Jesus are the only one who can set all our hearts unified to be in you.

2 To Timothy my true son in the faith:

Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 As I urged you when I went into Macedonia, stay there in Ephesus so that you may command certain people to to teach false doctrines any longer...

Jesus, just as when Timothy was alive, we too have a teaching of false doctrines that are going through your churches. Jesus, we ask that you would come against these false teachers and leaders who have compromised what your Holy Word says. Jesus, we ask that you would penetrate all our hearts and minds to help to reveal to us the truth of what your word actually says, and actually means because we are filtering it all through our carnal minds. Jesus, help us to all put on the Mind of Christ so that we truly know and understand what the spirit says for us to do. Lord help us to act in faith, and boldness proclaiming the gospel; and give us all a spirit of discernment so that we may know and proclaim that gospel message.

4 or to devote themselves to myths and endless genealogies. Such things promote controversial speculations rather than advancing God's work—which is by faith.

Jesus, forgive us for falling into the trap of arguing about things that in the end do not do what you call us to do – to advance your work through faith. Jesus, we need to be telling others of who you are, who you created them to be, that you love them and created them for a purpose.

But the enemy has deceived us so much that we as a people do not even understand our own identities in you as your children, as your bride, as your disciples. Not only are we confused of who we are in Christ we are even confused as a generation of who you actually created us to be.

Jesus, we pray you come against the spirit of confusion that is causing so many of us to question and doubt who you are, who we are, and who we were created to be. Jesus, remove the deception from our midst and speak to us the truth. Speak to us the truth of who we are as sons and daughters of you King Jesus. Also help us to prepare as your bride as identified in Revelations 19:7-8, where we are ready wearing fine linens bright and clean. Lord wake us up and help us to be ready. Jesus we look forward to you coming

5 The goal of this command is love, which comes from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

Lord help us to have love over all. Not being clanging gongs, but help us to love. Lord but help us also to understand how to love. Because some of us think it is soft and mushy; but Lord because you loved us, you came and ended up having a violent death. Because you loved us, you kicked all the money changers out of the temple in anger. Because you loved us, you prayed for us to be unified in you.

Jesus, help us to understand what true love looks like. A love that will go beyond comfort zones to give a true warning such as identified in Ezekiel 33 as a watchman. Lord help those watchmen who see sin speak out as you called us to, so that the people may repent and not die. Lord let the blood of your people not be on the watchmen because they kept silent. But Lord rise up an army of watchmen to identify and warn the people.... Because you love the people and do not desire for them to be destroyed.

Jesus make the watchmen brave for you, and help them to have a love anointing that helps people to come out of sin just as you did when you encountered the woman at the well. Jesus let your spirit train us up to understand how to love but also if one of our brothers and sisters is in sin, but bring it to their attention so

they may be saved. Jesus convict the sins of your church, convict the sins of your people, and help us to repent before it is too late.

6 Some have departed from these and have turned to meaningless talk. 7 They want to be teachers of the law, but they do not know what they are talking about or what they so confidently affirm.

Jesus, there is so many 'truths' out there that are nothing but false lies that set themselves up against the knowledge of you Christ, crucified and risen... Jesus let us quit with meaningless talk and actually start discussing things that truly matter for your kingdom. Lord convict our hearts also about the words we speak. Remind us that our words have the power to bring life and death. In addition, you created the world with your word. Because we have you in us, the words we declare have power. Help us to understand and wield this power for your kingdom advancement. Thus declaring – Your Kingdom Come, and Your Will Be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Let your will be done in our church Jesus.

7 We know that the law is good if one uses it properly. 8 We also know that the law is made not for the righteous but for lawbreakers and rebels, the ungodly and sinful, the unholy and irreligious, for those who kill their fathers or mothers, for murderers, 9 for the sexually immoral, for those practicing homosexuality, for slave traders and liars and perjurers—and for whatever else is contrary to the sound doctrine 10 that conforms to the gospel concerning the glory of the blessed God, which he entrusted to me.

Jesus, help us to remember it is not only this one sin but all the sins from gossip, to slander, to adultery that we need to be purifying all our church. Lord help us to not promote leaders who are in blatant sin that is against your word Jesus. Send into our churches people who have clean hands and clean hearts and want to serve you with all their heart, soul and mind and strength.

Send people into leadership positions who truly know you and have a strong relationship and walk with you. Lord there is grace for when we mess up, and help the believer who falls to get back up again. But for those who disregard your law and thumb their noses at you in defiance, Jesus take them down. Do what ever it takes, so that they do not take a whole bunch of people down with them. Jesus do whatever it takes to get these who will not repent out of our midst.

Lord cause discomfort in their soul so much that they can no longer go with the lies that they either step away, or they repent and change and come fully back to you. Jesus, forgive us for not being bold when we see leaders who should have been removed. Forgive us for worrying about what man thinks and allowing these cancers to stay within our midst. Because we have done this as a church, we are now in a situation, where we have stage 4 cancer and are about to die if you do not miraculously intervene on our behalf.

Jesus, your hand is not too short to help with this. Your hand is long, and you have the ability to shake up and shake out all things that are not of you. – To truly heal.

Jesus on behalf of your church, your bride, we ask that you would shake away all things that are not foundational truths and sound doctrine that comes straight from your heart oh Lord. We ask that you would help all of us to have a mind – reset. That will allow for us to hear you clearly, that allows for us to see you clearly, and that allows us to fully put on the mind of Christ.

Jesus, let those who are seeking you, who are seeking your will be able to see clearly in the spirit realm and to see with your eyes on how to fight this in the spirit. There are dark forces in the heavenly realms *at* play here, but you Lord are greater than all of this. Jesus, help us to all put on the armor of God that you give us so that we may be able to fight this battle not against flesh and

blood. But against the principalities of darkness. Jesus help us to fight our enemy on our knees, handing the battle over to you and trusting you to take care of all of these giants.

Jesus you are mighty for the breaking down of strongholds; and our enemy has come in like a flood, but you Lord are raising up a standard against him.

Jesus, rise up and destroy our enemy that is trying to divide your bride – your church. Lord we put a stake into the ground, draw a line and tell the enemy, no more ground will you take this day. Jesus, you send in your warring angels on our behalf and start advancing against the enemy taking back everything the enemy stole from us, and even taking more ground.

Lord the enemy is coming at one direction to halt us, but because of you at our side – they must flee in 7. Jesus overcome our enemy and help us to fight this in the spirit.

Cover the intercessors who are warring, encourage them and strengthen them this day. Help your leaders whom hear your voice and discern the truth to stand boldly proclaiming the message of your gospel and the truth. Lord let them shine brightly in the darkness for you. Lord unify us so much that we are a shockwave of light, a nuclear blast in the spirit for your kingdom purposes. Jesus, let all things that set themselves up against the knowledge of you be brought down and have to bow at your feet.

The Lord's Grace to Paul

12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, that he considered me trustworthy, appointing me to his service. 13 Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief. 14 The grace of our Lord was poured out on me abundantly, along with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Jesus, thank you for showing us your mercy for all of us were sinners and still are sinners needing a savior daily. Jesus, thank you for your sacrifice and help us to not negate the message of the gospel by our own foolishness and pride. Jesus you are our strength and our salvation. Whom shall we fear? You are our light and our shield. Of whom shall we be afraid? You cover us with your wings and hide us in the shelter of the almighty.

Lord when our enemy and our foes advance against us, they will stumble and fall. When an army encamp against us, our hearts will not fear. And though war will rise up against us, in this will we be confident - that we desire one thing Lord – to seek you and to dwell in your house all the days of our lives.

Lord help us to behold your beauty and to inquire and seek your face in your temple. Lord when we seek you, help us to find you help us to see you face to face. Lord in this time of trouble, hide us from our enemies in your secrete place. Hide us and set us high up on the rock so our enemy cannot find us and destroy us. Jesus cover your people. Cover our church and help us to again see you.

15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his immense patience as an example for those who would believe in him and receive eternal life. 17 Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Jesus, we are all sinners and need you. We are all sinners and need your mercy, help us also to show this same mercy to others. Lord help us to reach out to the lost. Help us to reach out and

see the mighty sons and daughters whom you created, not the sinners who are lost in this world. Lord give us the ability to love beyond all measure so that those we encounter could be introduced to you, and that they may be saved and have eternal life. Jesus revolutionize us so that we your people are filled so much with you that it cannot help but overflow out on to all the people. Jesus, help us to advance your kingdom purposes and help us to reach out to the lost so that through you they may be saved.

The Charge to Timothy Renewed

18 Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well, 19 holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith. 20 Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.

Lord many of us have become shipwrecked in our faith. But you oh Lord can cause us to walk on water not even needing a boat. Jesus, help us all rise again and to fight the fight of faith. Help us to hold on to what is true teachings and sound doctrine and help us to have true understanding and discernment of what these things are.

Jesus, unify your church. We are weak apart. Unify the believers, and help those who know you deeply, have relationship with you to step out boldly proclaiming the gospel message.

Jesus help us to get past this and help your truth reign and let the enemy not be able to deceive any longer. Jesus give all of the believers in your church the Mind of Christ so that we may know your truth and that that truth will set us free.

Jesus in your mighty name, save our church. Help our leaders; help the people to become unified in you. Jesus we give you all the Glory, and we thank you for what you are doing and will do. Jesus we wait expectantly on you and love you greatly. Thank you Jesus. Unify us in you. Amen.