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Praying Outside The Box

You may be wondering about the title of this newsletter. What does "praying outside the box," mean? I use this phrase to describe selfish praying. Many times, our praying will be focused on our immediate concerns and ourselves. Our praying is confined to certain issues and people.

We see how to pray outside the box in Jonah 4. Perhaps, it's better to say, we see how not to pray outside the box. In this chapter, God deals with Jonah about his selfishness. Jonah was only concerned for His people Israel. He had no compassion or concern for the people of Nineveh.

Why is Jonah angry with God (Jonah 4:1-2)?

Jonah is angry with God because He wanted to spare the Ninevites. The Assyrians (Nineveh was the capitol of Assyria) were the hated and dreaded enemies of Israel.

How does Jonah describe God (Jonah **4:2**)?

Jonah knew that God was filled with grace and mercy, ready to forgive those who repent.

What does God say to Jonah in Jonah **4:10-11**?

God declares that His compassion extends to the Ninevites. He is concerned about them. He wanted to send the Word of God to them so that they would hear and repent. God desired that Jonah would repent of his selfishness and narrowness. He wanted him to have this same kind of compassion and concern for those outside of Israel.

Do you think like Jonah? Are you only concerned about your close circle of family and friends? Do you pray only for your immediate needs? God is calling you to pray outside the box. This is exactly what prayerwalking is. It is moving outside that box to pray for the people and places around you. It is seeing that your city or area needs your intercession.

Pray that God will convict you and forgive you of selfish praying. Plead that your prayer life will expand that you might cover many people and places. Ask Him to grant you a clean heart and a right spirit.

Praying In Every Place

1 Timothy 2:8 reveals God's heart. What does God desire? He longs for people everywhere to pray. He yearns for people everywhere to seek Him. He desires that people surrender to Him, confessing their sin and putting away their doubt. That is the heart of our God.

This is also the goal of It prayerwalking. is praying everywhere that people everywhere might seek God. I want you to see the big picture when it comes to



prayerwalking. Prayerwalking can

revitalize your prayer life. It can be a powerful and unique ministry for

believers and churches.

Yet, beyond all these things, it is a way to make an eternal difference in the lives of people. It is a means of seeing people come to know God in a personal and intimate way. Prayerwalking is the heart desire of God because it is people praying everywhere that people everywhere may pray and come to know Him.

Thank God today for saving you and bringing you into relationship with Himself. Pray that you will have the same desire that He has – that people everywhere would pray. Ask that your prayerwalking would lead to this. Call on God to create within you a clean heart and a right spirit.

Prayerwalking 101

Prayerwalking is moving your prayer closet out into the real world. It is taking your quiet time into the streets and roads of your area. Plan to do an intentional prayerwalk in your area. Pick out a partner or partners and neighborhood, prayerwalk your in community, or city. Consider the following suggestions as you plan and prayerwalk. out vour carry Prayerwalking is not a mystical, difficult spiritual practice. It is simply going out in the places where you live and work and calling on God to bless and work in these places. It is simply going to where you want God to bless and to work. The following are some simple suggestions on how to get started prayerwalking:

Determine where you will pray. Pray on the armor of God. Ask for the filling of the Spirit. Claim your area through the name and the blood of Jesus Christ. Pray according to what you see, hear, and feel. Listen to God. Follow the leadings of the Holy Spirit. Pray the Word of God. Minister to people as the opportunity arises. Evaluate your time of prayerwalking. Share insights with your partner(s). Record significant leadings or insights.

Prayerwalking And Praise:

God The Holy Spirit

The following are a list of biblical titles for the Holy Spirit. You can use these titles to praise the Holy Spirit as you prayerwalk.

Breath of the Almighty-Job 32:8, 33:4 Counselor-John 14:16 Deposit-Ephesians 1:13-14 **Eternal Spirit-Hebrews 9:14** God-Acts 5:3-4 God's Seed-1 John 3:9 Good Spirit-Nehemiah 9:20 Helper-John 14:16, 26, 15:26, Romans 8:26 His Holy Spirit-1 Thessalonians 4:8 His Spirit-Psalm 106:33, Ephesians 3:16, 1 John 4:13 Holy Spirit-Matthew 1:18, Mark 12:36, John 1:33, Acts 4:8, Romans 15:16 Holy Spirit of God-Ephesians 4:30 Living Water-John 7:38-39 Lord-2 Corinthians 3:17-18 Power of the Most High-Luke 1:35 Promise of the Father-Acts 1:4, 2:33 Seal-Ephesians 4:30 Seven Spirits-Revelation 1:4-5, 4:5, 5:6 Spirit-Numbers 11:17, 25, 26 Spirit He Gave Us-1 John 3:24 Spirit of Christ-Romans 8:9, 1 Peter 1:11 Spirit of Counsel-Isaiah 11:2 Spirit of Faith-1 Corinthians 12:9, 2 Corinthians 4:13 Spirit of Fire-Isaiah 4:4

Spirit of Glory-1 Peter 4:14 Spirit of God-Genesis 1:2, Job 33:4, Matthew 3:16, 12:28 Spirit of Grace and Supplication-Zechariah 12:10 Spirit of Him Who Raised Jesus From the Dead-Romans 8:11 Spirit of His Son-Galatians 4:6 Spirit of Holiness-Romans 1:4 Spirit of Jesus-Acts 16:7 Spirit of Jesus Christ-Philippians 1:19 Spirit of Judgment-Isaiah 4:4 Spirit of Knowledge-Isaiah 11:2 Spirit of Life-Romans 8:2 Spirit of our God-1 Corinthians 6:11 Spirit of Power-Isaiah 11:2 Spirit of Sonship-Romans 8:15 Spirit of the Fear of the Lord-Isaiah 11:2 Spirit of the living God-2 Corinthians 3:3 Spirit of the Lord-Isaiah 11:2, Luke 4:18, Acts 8:32, 2 Corinthians 3:17 Spirit of the Lord God-Isaiah 61:1 Spirit of Truth-John 14:17, 15:26, 16:13 Spirit of Understanding-Isaiah 11:2 Spirit of Wisdom-Isaiah 11:2 Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation-Ephesians 1:17 Spirit of Your Father-Matthew 10:20 Spirit Who Intercedes For Us-Romans 8:26-27 Spirit Who Is From God-1 Corinthians 2:12Spirit Who Searches All Things-1 Corinthians 2:10 Your Holy Spirit-Psalm 51:11

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