

Prayerwalking



Taking Your Faith Into The Real World



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Redemptive Relationships

Prayerwalking leads to redemptive relationships. This means that it will help you build relationships with people that you can influence for Christ's sake. As you prayerwalk, it will open doors into the lives of people. It will provide opportunities that you might not have in other ways. This truth is illustrated in the life of Abraham.

What does Abraham do in **Genesis 13:18**?

What else does Abraham do (Genesis 14:13)?

Abraham did more than just settle in Mamre and develop friendships. He built an altar to the Lord and cried out to Him. He sought God as he had in previous places (**Genesis 12:7-8, 13:4**). He openly worshiped God. He declared His praise. He interceded for the people around Him. His prayerwalking brought him to this place and into relationship with others. It opened doors for Him to minister and to pray.

How did Abraham openly worship before the Lord (**Genesis 14:21-23**)?

How did Abraham minister to the people of the land (**Genesis 14:24**)?

Abraham helped the people of the land get back the people and possessions that had been stolen from them. Yet, he professed His faith and dependence on God by refusing to take anything from the king. Abraham combined prayer, worship, and service to make a difference in those around him. Your worship and praying will be strengthened when you combine them with redemptive relationships and service.

Make a list of your neighbors. Ask the Holy Spirit how to pray for them. Pray also that He will guide you in ways to minister to them. Call on Him to help you build redemptive relationships throughout your area. Plead today for a clean heart and a right spirit.

How Can I Claim My Neighbors For Jesus Christ?

God desires that you make a righteous difference on the people around you – your family, neighbors, friends, co-workers, and acquaintances. He wants you to fulfill **Acts 1:8** in your neighborhood, your city or community. How can you claim every neighbor for Christ?

(1) **Guard your heart** – Ask God to help you resist and remove any unbelief or unconcern for those around you. These two things can hinder you from fulfilling Acts 1:8 where you are.

- (2) **Open your eyes** – Plead that God would give you a vision of what He wants to do in your neighborhood and your city and community.
- (3) **Listen with your ears** – Pray that God will help you to hear the needs that are around you. Ask that he will help you discover tangible ways that you can bless your neighbors and gain a hearing for the good news about Jesus.
- (4) **Get on your feet** – Walk or drive throughout your area, praying for your neighbors, the businesses, the schools, and the institutions around you. Let God speak to you about what you see, hear, and feel.
- (5) **Use your hands** – Discover who your neighbors are; write their names down. Write down the names of friends and acquaintances throughout your city or community. Seek to find out what their spiritual condition is.
- (6) **Go to your knees** – Intercede for your neighbors. If they are saved, ask that they would grow in their relationship to Christ. If they are lost, pray that they would turn to Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Claim “every” neighbor for Jesus!

Claiming every neighbor Christ requires seeking God in prayer. The following is a prayer guide to assist you in praying for your neighbors and for yourself:

Praise God – for placing you in your “Jerusalem” and His desire and willingness to use you there.

Listen to God – how does He want me to pray for my neighbors? My city? My community?

Confess to God – any unbelief or unconcern about those around you.

Ask of God:

-Give me your heart for my neighbors (**Matthew 9:36**).

-Empower me to pray consistently for my neighbors (**Colossians 4:2-3**)

-Help me to exercise a visible, righteous influence on my neighbors (**Colossians 4:4-6**)

-Enable me to share about Jesus with those around me (**Acts 1:8**).

Praying For Whole Cities Genesis 18:16-33

God wants you to have a burden for the city that you live in or around. It is His heart’s longing that you plead for the city. He is a compassionate God whose heart beats for the city. He is the generous God who holds all cities in His hands. This is revealed in **Genesis 18**.

What was God preparing to do (**18:16-21**)?

How did Abraham respond (**18:22-23**)?

How does Abraham refer to God in **18:25**?

How did Abraham plead with God?

Abraham argued that God should hold back destruction from the city in which there were both righteous and wicked people. This would be contrary to His righteous character. God agreed. From that established principle, He cried out to God to reduce the number of people to be regarded as a sufficient presence to restrain judgment on the city. Abraham pleaded successfully to the number of ten before God ended the prayer time.

Do you see the heart of God in these verses? The Judge of all the earth longs to have compassion on cities. He desires to show mercy to the masses. He yearns that we make bold requests on behalf of cities. As Abraham did, He wants us to

plead with brokenness and desperation for entire cities and peoples.

Pray that God will give you a heart for the city in which you live or live nearby. Plead that He will give you a spirit of boldness for the city. Ask Him for a clean heart and a right spirit.

Praying For Your Personal Witness

God will use you and bless you as a personal witness of Jesus. If you will pray for your witness, you can be a tool for leading your neighbors to Jesus. The following a prayer guide that you can use to pray for your witness. Use this on a regular basis during your prayer times.

Desperation – Call on God to create a holy desperation in you for the lost. Plead that He will create within your church a longing to see the lost come to Christ (Romans 9:1-3).

Opportunities – Pray that God will provide you with numerous opportunities to share your faith in Jesus. Plead that your church will see the opportunities it has to impact its community for Christ (Colossians 4:2-4).

Obstacles – Search your heart; what hinders you from being a powerful witness for Jesus Christ? Plead that God will enable you to remove the obstacles that hinder you from sharing your faith in Jesus. Ask that God would do this for your church (Matthew 7:7-11).

Readiness – Plead that God will prepare you to share your faith with those you encounter. Ask that He will prepare your heart and mind for witnessing (1 Peter 3:15).

Spirit – Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit in your witnessing. Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to share your faith. Plead that the Spirit's power would stir and embolden your church (Ephesians 5:18; Acts 4:31).

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