



Day Three, September 14

Day 3 is all about the Spirit of God. Would you join me and pray everyday asking God to breathe life into our church? What would the church look like if the Spirit took over?

Today's Scripture Ezekiel 37:1-10

"Thus says the Lord God to these bones, 'Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come to life. I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will know that I am the Lord.' " The hand of the Lord was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones. He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley; and lo, they were very dry. He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord God, You know." Again He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.' " So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man, and say to the breath, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life.' " " So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they came to life and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army." (CSB)



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Special points of interest

- Create your own personal prayer list.
- Daily pray for a lost friend.
- Keep your eyes on the Kingdom and mission prayer.
- Daily ask God to "breathe" on FSBC.

Personal Prayer List*

1. Your One: _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

* Email Greg if you would like him to join you in praying for these needs.

Journal Prompt

Consider spending time everyday writing. Even if it's only for 3-5 minutes, you will find it a real blessing. Everyday during our time of prayer, there will be a Journal Prompt. One idea to help stir your mind and affec-

tions toward God.

Prompt:

What would the church look like if the Spirit of God took over?

“If you believe in prayer at all, expect God to hear you. If you do not expect, you will not have. God will not hear you unless you believe He will hear you; but if you believe He will, He will be as good as your faith.” – Charles Spurgeon

Pray for the Dutch Jew in Netherlands *

Population: 30,000

Christian: .5%

Primary Religion: Ethnic Religions

Because of the uniqueness of their history and culture, all Jews have a strong sense of identity. Persecution of and discrimination against the Jews have been the historical reasons for their migrations and settlements around the world. Yet they are relatively safe in most European countries like the Netherlands. For religious Jews, God is the Supreme Being, the Creator of the universe and the ultimate Judge of human affairs. Beyond this, the religious beliefs of the Jewish communities vary greatly.

Ministry Obstacles: The Jews have a wonderful understanding of their connection with the Abrahamic Covenant. However, they also have a history of rejecting Jesus Christ as Messiah, the one who has fulfilled that covenant. In European countries like the Netherlands, they often associate Christianity with persecution.

Prayer Focus: Ask the Lord to send forth loving Christians to work among the Jewish communities. Pray for a movement to Christ among the Netherland's Jewish community.

* From the “Joshua Unreached of the Day” App. Please download for more

Pray for your "One"

During this prayer focus, ask God to show you who your "one" is. Who is the one person you want to see in heaven? Begin under your roof. Is there anyone in your family who needs to know Jesus? How do I pray evangelically?

From NAMB Evangelism

1. Pray for God to break your heart for the spiritual lost around you.
2. Pray for the salvation of the person closest to you who needs to know Jesus as his or her personal Savior. (This is your one).
3. Pray for opportunities to share the gospel.

FSBC Prayer Focus

Let's pray one more day for our volunteers. Is God asking you to be a part of our volunteer group? As we grow, we continue to have an increase need in volunteers. We have many areas where you would be helpful. For instance, here are a few on Sunday mornings:

1. Nursery
2. Sound Booth
3. Worship Team
4. Greeters
5. Coffee Bar
6. Prayer Ministry
7. Substitutes in Sunday School

Please contact the church office if you would want to know about these ministry opportunities.

Prayer 9:38

Matthew 9:38 "Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest." Would you join me every morning and ask God for workers for the harvest? Set a reminder for 9:3 am and say a short prayer asking God for workers.

Prayer Reminders:

- Prayer 9:38—Join Greg in praying every morning at 9:38 for workers in the harvest field.

- Pray for your "One"

Bibliography

I'll give you a few titles of books you may want to read or add to your collection.

1. *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home* by Richard Foster

Isn't that a great title? How does prayer help us find our true home?

Mission Focused Prayer

We are in the middle of our **Viola Webb Mission Offering**. This offering is changing its name to "Church Forward Offering." Our church goal is \$12,000. 1/2 of money given stays in the Smoky Hill Association and 1/2 goes to further the work in KNCSB.

Prayer Needs:

1. Pray for the Christian Challenge on the campus of Kansas and Nebraska schools.
2. Pray for our Disaster Relief teams that go throughout North American to help with disasters.
3. Pray for the church plants in KNCSB.
4. Pray for our church to reach our goal of \$12,000.



My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers**

Arguments or Obedience

...the simplicity that is in Christ. —2 Corinthians 11:3

Simplicity is the secret to seeing things clearly. A saint does not *think* clearly until a long time passes, but a saint ought to *see* clearly without any difficulty. You cannot think through spiritual confusion to make things clear; to make things clear, you must obey. In intellectual matters you can think things out, but in spiritual matters you will only think yourself into further wandering thoughts and more confusion. If there is something in your life upon which God has put His pressure, then obey Him in that matter. Bring all your "arguments and...every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" regarding the matter, and everything will become as clear as daylight to you ([2 Corinthians 10:5](#)). Your reasoning capacity will come later, but reasoning is not how we see. We see like children, and when we try to be wise we see nothing (see [Matthew 11:25](#)).

Utmost for His Highest (Con't)

Even the very smallest thing that we allow in our lives that is not under the control of the Holy Spirit is completely sufficient to account for spiritual confusion, and spending all of our time thinking about it will still never make it clear. Spiritual confusion can only be conquered through obedience. As soon as we obey, we have discernment. This is humiliating, because when we are confused we know that the reason lies in the state of our mind. But when our natural power of sight is devoted and submitted in obedience to the Holy Spirit, it becomes the very power by which we perceive God's will, and our entire life is kept in simplicity.

Ezekiel 37: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they come to life." (CSB).

Prayer Thoughts by Pastor Greg

In the Book of Revelation, Jesus gives us an inside look into church revitalization and renewal. Each letter to the 7 Churches in Asia Minor is helpful to us to learn about becoming a church that pleases God. In most of the letters, there was both compliments and challenges. What would Jesus say about FSBC? Would He have anything against us?

The Church in Ephesus had "lost their first love." I wonder if doing for Christ replaced doing because of Christ? They had endured much and did not tolerate evil, but still, Jesus said they had lost their first love. In fact, the CSB

says it abandoned their first love. They had duty over devotion.

In these letters there is similar pattern. Remember, Repent, and Redo. Jesus tells the church to "Remember then how far you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first" (2:5). How are we doing? Are their works we used to do, works that pleased God that we are no longer doing? Remembering does not always mean returning, but it does mean to learn and move forward.

What would Jesus say about us? If he removed our lampstand would we know? Interesting question for day 4.