



## Day Six September 17

Thank you for continuing on with me. It's Saturday. I hope you are making plans to attend worship with us tomorrow. We'll be looking at the force of prayer in the early church. Take time to read this powerful prayer in Acts 4. We'll look at the prayer on Sunday and follow the trail of prayer and the spread of the Word of God. See you Sunday.

## Today's Scripture Acts 4:23-31

“After they were released, they went to their own people and reported everything the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together to God and said, “Master, you are the one who made the heaven, the earth, and the sea, and everything in them. You said through the Holy Spirit, by the mouth of our father David your servant: Why do the Gentiles rage and the peoples plot futile things? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers assemble together against the Lord and against his Messiah. “For, in fact, in this city both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the people of Israel, assembled together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, to do whatever your hand and your will had predestined to take place. And now, Lord, consider their threats, and grant that your servants may speak your word with all boldness, while you stretch out your hand for healing, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” When they had prayed, the place where they were assembled was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak the word of God boldly.”



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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:**

Sunday worship is a Saturday decision. What are you doing today to prepare yourself for Sunday worship?

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“True prayer is neither a mere mental exercise nor a vocal performance. It is far deeper than that – it is a spiritual transaction with the Creator of Heaven and Earth.” – Charles Spurgeon

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## Pray for the Kachin in India \*

**Population:** 44,000

**Christian:** .47%

**Primary Religion:** Buddhism

The Kachin are one of the most intriguing tribes in South Asia today. Those who live in Myanmar or China are either animistic or Christian. Among the Kachin of India, however, Buddhism is a stronghold and almost all people follow it. The Singhpoo migrated into India about a century before the gospel was first introduced to their Kachin cousins in Myanmar and China.

**Ministry Obstacles:**

In general, the major religions of Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism are a much larger obstacle to the gospel than the traditional religion practiced by the Kachin people outside of India.

**Prayer Focus:**

Pray for those who follow Christ among the Kachin to live such spiritual lives that their Buddhist neighbors will want to seek and find the Savior as well. Pray for the Holy Spirit to put on the hearts of Kachin people outside of India to go to their people in Arunachal Pradesh, in Northeastern India. Pray for a movement to Christ that would produce blessings beyond what they can even imagine! Pray Kachin leaders would be open to believers coming to their communities.

## Pray for your "One"

One of the areas of evangelistic praying is for our College Students. Navigators outlined 4 Ways we can pray for College Campuses (See [navigators.org](http://navigators.org)).

1. Pray for a gospel-centered community on every campus.
2. Pray for spiritual generations.
3. Pray for their decisions and futures.
4. Pray for student's physical, mental, and emotional health.

We have a few members on various college campuses. Please be praying for them.

## Prayer Reminders:

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

- - 1@1—I saw this idea on the Texas Baptist website and really liked it. Join me everyday in praying for the lost in our area and around the world.

## FSBC Prayer Focus

We will pray one more day for our Children's Ministry. As we build a children's ministry, our desire is to have a ministry that touches the hearts of children, to equip them with tools to remain in the faith, and to encourage them to be bold witnesses for Christ. Here are some of the highlights of our children's ministry.

1. **Awana**—We are around the 100 children mark with our Wednesday Night Ministry.
2. **Sunday School**
3. **Children's Church**—We are having between 25-35 children every Sunday.
4. **Children's Choir**—Begins on September 18th at 5:00 pm. They are in need of someone who can help creating props. Concert—Dec 4 @ 6:30 pm
5. **Nursery and Extended Session**

### Prayer Requests:

- Pastor Jed
- Volunteers—Special thanks to everyone who volunteers
- Spiritual growth in our children
- Parents—as you know, parenting is a challenging work
- Trunk-or-Treat—October 30 at 3:00 pm

## Bibliography

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

1. *Respectable Sins: Confronting the Sins we Tolerate* by Jerry Bridges.

## Mission Focused Prayer

Join me today in praying for Annie Boswell and her ministry on the KWU campus. I have been encouraged seeing her faithful ministry to the many girls. Thank you for purchasing 40 CBS Study Bibles for her to give away to her girls. I am always grateful for your generosity. It allows us to continue in spreading the gospel for our corner to every corner. Continue your sacrificially giving.

1. Pray for Annie as she ministers on a more liberal campus.
2. Pray Annie will remain strong in grace and truth.
3. Pray for the 100 or so girls that Annie ministers to on a weekly basis.
4. Pray for the October 7th Breaking Bread College Ministry meal at our church.



## My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers\*\*

Is there Good in Temptation?

No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man... —1 Corinthians 10:13

The word *temptation* has come to mean something bad to us today, but we tend to use the word in the wrong way. Temptation itself is not sin; it is something we are bound to face simply by virtue of being human. Not to be tempted would mean that we were already so shameful that we would be beneath contempt. Yet many of us suffer from temptations we should never have to suffer, simply because we have refused to allow God to lift us to a higher level where we would face temptations of another kind.

A person's inner nature, what he possesses in the inner, spiritual part of his being, determines what he is tempted by on the outside. The temptation fits the true nature of the person being tempted and reveals the possibilities of his nature. Every person actually determines or sets the level of his own temptation, because temptation will come to him in accordance with the level of his controlling, inner nature.

## Utmost for His Highest (Con't)

Temptation comes to me, suggesting a possible shortcut to the realization of my highest goal— it does not direct me toward what I understand to be evil, but toward what I understand to be good. Temptation is something that confuses me for a while, and I don't know whether something is right or wrong. When I yield to it, I have made lust a god, and the temptation itself becomes the proof that it was only my own fear that prevented me from falling into the sin earlier.

Temptation is not something we can escape; in fact, it is essential to the well-rounded life of a person. Beware of thinking that you are tempted as no one else— what you go through is the common inheritance of the human race, not something that no one has ever before endured. God does not save us from temptations— He sustains us in the midst of them (see [Hebrews](#)

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*Romans 8:26 "In the same way the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings."*

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## Prayer Thoughts by Pastor Greg

### Spirit Interceding Part 2

Let's revisit Romans 8 and the intercession of the Spirit. I said we may not have the Spirit's intercession because we are always talking. Here is something else to notice. The Spirit intercedes when we are weak, and He intercedes with "inexpressible groanings."

It is in our weakness, pain, and suffering that we often feel the intercession of the Spirit. When we hurt so much, we can't pray and are silent before God. Our tears are a confessional to our broken heart. Our inability to form coherent sentences shows

our absolute need and dependence upon God. At the bottom of our hardest and deepest pain, it is then that the Spirit takes over and prays for us. Don't try to run away from your pain. Instead, confront your pain on your knees. Go to the Father, who loves you, and be in His presence. Allow the Holy Spirit to intercede for you. He knows the mind and heart of the Father. You will find rest, peace, and hope in Him.