



Day Nine September 20th

We begin week 2. I'm proud of you for sticking with me. Here is a Week 2 Challenge—Find time this week for an extended period with the Father. Set aside at least one hour this week to simply be with God. I'll talk more about this in the coming days.

Today's Scripture Hebrews 10:19-23

“Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have boldness to enter the sanctuary through the blood of Jesus — and since we have a great high priest over the house of God, Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful. he has inaugurated for us a new and living way through the curtain (that is, through his flesh) — let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water.”



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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 prayer need do you need to cast upon God?

“A day without prayer is a day without blessing, and a life without prayer is a life without power.” – Edwin Harvey

Pray for the Adamawa Fulani in Nigeria *

Population: 1,643,000

Christian: 3.0%

Primary Religion: Islam

In the 1800s, Modibo Adama, a scholar and Muslim holy warrior, led a jihad in what is now Cameroon and Nigeria, opening the region up to Fulani colonization. He continued his campaign, eventually conquering many villages and founding his own empire, which he named Adamawa after himself. His Fulani people established Islam as the religion in the region. Although most of the Adamawa Fulani are shepherds, some also raise crops. Over the years, some of the Adamawa Fulani have advanced from being exclusively live-stock herders to being scholarly, influential leaders in their communities. These people have the potential to become political leaders in Nigeria.

Ministry Obstacles:

The Fulani are almost entirely Sunni Muslim with many animistic beliefs blended in. They are a proud people who look to Islam or to the ways of their ancestors rather than to Jesus for life's answers.

Prayer Focus:

Pray that the few followers of Christ among the Adamawa Fulani would be filled with the fruit of the Holy Spirit in such a way that their Muslim neighbors will want him in their lives as well. Pray for compassionate believers to take Christ to the Adamawa Fulani people. Pray for a church planting movement among the Adamawa Fulani people.

Pray for your "One"

Are you praying for your one? During this time, I want to encourage you to be praying evangelistically for your one. How has God placed on your heart? Invest, Invite and Inquire

When you inquire, what are good verses to use to lead someone to the Lord? Here are a few thoughts.

1. John 3:16—This is still my favorite verse. God loved them so much He sent His Son to die for them.
2. 1 John 2:2—Jesus is the atoning sacrifice.

They are deeply loved by God. Jesus did everything for them. He paid their sin debt to God.

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 at 1:00 pm daily.
- 30 by 2023—Would you join me in praying for 30 baptism by December 31, 2023? Let's ask God to let us baptize 30 between September 1, 2022 and December 31, 2023.
- Adopt a Youth—Ask Tyler for a name or two of our youth to daily pray for.

FSBC Prayer Focus

For three days, join with me and pray youth ministry.

Our youth meet every Sunday evening. Tyler has developed a time of games, food, worship, and Bible Study. On Wednesday night they have a High School Bible Study after many of the youth have volunteered for Awana. One of the exciting aspects of this years youth group is the creation of their own "Evangelism Tract." They will be creating a tract and then teaching it to the church. It will be a great tool to help us reach the lost for Jesus Christ.

Prayer:

1. **Tyler**—Pray for Tyler as he leads our student ministry. The youth love him and Nicole and they have been growing in their faith.
2. **New Believers**—Be praying for the new believes God is reaching in the youth ministry. Pray they might grow in grace and knowledge and be transformed into Christ's image.
3. **Students in the Schools**—We have youth who go to public and private schools. We have a few youth who are homeschooled. No matter their schooling, we need to fervently pray for them. Would you consider adopting one of the students and pray daily for them. You can contact Tyler and he will give you a name or two.
4. **Parents**—The parents of our youth are tasked with a huge responsibility. There are unique obstacles they face that I did not face. Pray for the parents of our youth. Ask God to lead them into truth and wisdom.

Bibliography

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

1. *Cost of Discipleship* by Dietrich Bonhoeffer

Mission Focused Prayer

The Salina Rescue Mission

As part of our regular mission giving, we include 1% of all general receipts to the Rescue Mission of Salina.

Mission Statement: To provide through Christian ministry: food, clothing, shelter and other basic needs and offer the rehabilitation teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ. Their hope is to help real people, with real struggles, make real change, in Jesus' name.

Prayer Request:

Fully funded ministry through donations
Pray for their feeding program – three meals a day seven days a week
Wisdom and strength for all staff
Pray for the men who use the facility. Pray the Mission can make much of Jesus as they minister to each man.

My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers**

The Divine Commandment of Life

...be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect. —Matthew 5:48

Our Lord's exhortation to us in [Matthew 5:38-48](#) is to be generous in our behavior toward everyone. Beware of living according to your natural affections in your spiritual life. Everyone has natural affections— some people we like and others we don't like. Yet we must never let those likes and dislikes rule our Christian life. "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another" ([1 John 1:7](#)), even those toward whom we have no affection.

The example our Lord gave us here is not that of a good person, or even of a good Christian, but of God Himself. "...be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." In other words, simply show to the other person what God has shown to you. And God will give you plenty of real life opportunities to prove whether or not you are "perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect." Being a disciple means deliberately identifying yourself with God's interests in other people. Jesus says, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" ([John 13:34-35](#)).

Utmost for His Highest (Con't)

The true expression of Christian character is not in good-doing, but in God-likeness. If the Spirit of God has transformed you within, you will exhibit divine characteristics in your life, not just good human characteristics. God's life in us expresses itself as *God's* life, not as human life trying to be godly. The secret of a Christian's life is that the supernatural becomes natural in him as a result of

the grace of God, and the experience of this becomes evident in the practical, everyday details of life, not in times of intimate fellowship with God. And when we come in contact with things that create confusion and a flurry of activity, we find to our own amazement that we have the power to stay wonderfully poised even in the center of it all.



1 Peter 5:7,10-11 "Casting all your cares on him, because he cares about you. The God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, establish, strengthen, and support you after you have suffered a little while. To him be dominion forever. Amen."

Prayer Thoughts by Pastor Greg

I'm sitting in my kitchen on Sunday, September 18th. Things did not go as expected with mom. Heidi and I left mom last night in a comatose state. After routine bypass surgery, mom had three somewhat violent seizures. An MRI showed multiple small strokes in the watershed area of the brain. When we left her last night, she was unconscious and unresponsive. She gave us a glimmer of hope when she opened her eyes for a few seconds.

What does one do when life does not proceed as scheduled? What do you do when life becomes challenging? You pray. I know that sounds trite, but it is true. You press deeper and deeper into Jesus. In prayer, you press into the very presence of God

in the Holy of Holies through the blood of Jesus. In His presence, you "cast all your cares upon Him, because He cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7).

I'll be going up to the hospital again in a few hours. I'm not sure what this day holds. Will my mom wake up? If she wakes up, will she have brain damage? Will she know me? If she wakes up, what quality of life will she have? Will she even wake up today? Tomorrow? I honestly don't have those answers. But it is enough that the sovereign God of the universe knows. By faith, I will trust in Him. I will continually press into the Father and trust my day to the one who loves me most.