

Day 10 of 10 Days Of Prayer

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Finally Brothers

Paul writes verses beginning with "Finally Brothers" as a way of saying, don't forget this. Final words are important. After all has been said, please remember this! I want you to remember these important truths as you continue to pursue His best in this season.

I. Be strong in the Lord

Ephesians 6:10 *"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power."*

This is a reminder of our source of strength. It is HIS mighty power that we rely upon.

Psalm 84:5-7

"Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, Whose heart is set on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baca, (weeping, trouble) They make it a spring; The rain also covers it with pools. They go from strength to strength; Each one appears before God in Zion."

II. Rejoice in the Lord

Philippians 3:1 *"Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord!"*

Nehemiah 8:10 (AMP) *"And be not grieved and depressed, for the joy of the Lord is your strength and stronghold."*

TRUE STORY "A conference at a Presbyterian church in Omaha. People were given helium filled balloons and told to release them at some point in the service when they felt like expressing the joy in their hearts. Since they were Presbyterians, they weren't free to say "Hallelujah, Praise the Lord." All through the service balloons ascended, but when it was over 1/3 of the balloons were unreleased. Let your balloon go." (Bruce Larson)

Not picking on Presbyterians by the way!!!

Don't be glum ... release your balloon!!!

COME ON!!! There is power in rejoicing.

Philippians 4:4 (AMP) *"Rejoice in the Lord always [delight, gladden yourselves in Him]; again I say, Rejoice!"*

Don't keep waiting for something tomorrow to make you happy. Have you heard that saying that life is what happens while you're waiting for something else? Don't wait for something else to be Joyful. You have the Lord today, rejoice in the Lord!

III. Think Right

Philippians 4:8 *"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things."*

When Goliath came against the Israelites, the soldiers all thought, "He's so big we can never kill him." David looked at the same giant and thought, "He's so big I can't miss."

A shoe manufacturer who decided to open the Congo market sent two salesmen to the undeveloped territory. One salesman cabled back: "Prospect here nil. No one wears shoes." The other salesman reported enthusiastically, "Market potential terrific! Everyone is barefooted."

During WWII General Creighton Abrams found himself and his troops surrounded on all sides. He told his officers, "For the first time in the history of this campaign, we are now in a position to attack the enemy in any direction."

What are you going to dwell on? Don't dwell on what's disappointing and confusing. Focus on what is good, what God has done and is doing.

IV. Pray for Us

2 Thessalonians 3:1 *"Finally, brothers, pray for us that the message of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored, just as it was with you."*

Cheryl and I do covet your prayers. I know many of you pray for us every day. I would ask everyone to make that a habit. We have made a habit of praying for you. Let this be a year that is soaked in prayer more than ever before.

The more you pray, the more you pray!!!

Prayer is a learned behaviour. You can become more effective at it.

Job 22:28 {AMP}

"You shall also decide and decree a thing, and it shall be established for you; and the light [of God's favor] shall shine upon your ways."

Colossians 4:2 {AMP}

"Be earnest and unwearied and steadfast in your prayer [life], being [both] alert and intent in [your praying] with thanksgiving"

Luke 21:36

“Keep awake then and watch at all times [be discreet, attentive, and ready], praying that you may have the full strength and ability and be accounted worthy to escape all these things [taken together] that will take place, and to stand in the presence of the Son of Man.”

Luke 11:1

“And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.”

James 5:16b

“The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].”

V . Good-by and God Bless**2 Corinthians 13:11-14**

“Finally, brothers, good-by. Aim for perfection, listen to my appeal, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints send their greetings. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

This is a substantial good-by. He covers a lot of ground there and wraps it all up with my favourite blessing!

Blessings are powerful. We have a command to be a blessing. We as the seed of Abraham will bring blessing to the whole earth.

Finally Be Strong In The Lord!
Finally Rejoice In The Lord!
Finally Think God Thoughts!
Finally Pray For One Another ... Pray More!
Finally Good-by And God Bless!

Let me repeat this with Paul over you.

“May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.”

AMEN!!!

PRAYER DIRECTIVES:

1. Thank Jesus for all the effectual praying that has gone up.
2. Thank God for all of the wonder filled answers that are ours.

3. Thanks God for the wonderful community He is building called IMPACT CHURCH and our Bridgewater and Toronto campuses.
4. Thanks God for all the salvations, healings, and abundant blessings that will manifest in this coming fall
5. Thanks God for being so loving and wonderful!

**Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, How great Thou art.**