

## Re: Prayer Needs?

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To: Movement Birmingham

Thank you guys. Here is a bit of my heart this beautiful morning. As I have been pondering with Jesus since Saturday, the real crisis is the reality that Jesus is often a slice of our pie, not the whole pie. He must be in everything – our work, our home, our play, our worship, our all. Until we, as the body of Christ, include Him in the whole pie, how will we be the ones He uses to bring Revival?! Forgive us God. We must not limit You. When we pay bills, walk in our neighborhood, fill up our gas tank, join a conference call, prepare a meal – you are there. We are blind to believe we can make you a slice when the whole pie is not possible without You. Come Lord Jesus.

Sustainability – We fed individuals before Covid-19 and we will after Covid-19. We will have the responsibility to care for larger amounts of people and we will be trusting God to sustain us then just as we must trust Him to sustain us now. The demand appears greater than the supply, but our God is the supply. We must keep our eyes on Him, not our circumstance. We are entrusted with a great opportunity and we must prove faithful with little or with much. Our stewardship is our gratitude to the One who provides all things.

Contentment – Everything God gives is good. May the people of Birmingham grow in godliness with contentment for that is great gain. May our lives be that example. When the food is different than preferences, we will delight in His provision. When we cannot go to a place of worship, our offices, cars and homes will be our places of worship. Wherever we are, we are on holy ground. When we quit looking to be entertained, we will deal with secret sin and find true joy. When we quit wanting more, we will rejoice with less. Our contentment will be the fruit of our godliness. To teach contentment, we must live there.

No One Returns to Normal – We are watching longtime Christians, who over the years, slowly found themselves apathic, complacent or discontent, having abandoned their first love, be reignited back into flames. The things of the world are alluring, but dissatisfy. Our great prayer is that the Christians in our city will live set apart, clearly different from the world, full of peace, hope, gratitude, love and kindness. We will surrender again that Jesus is our Savior and our Lord. We will live from the posture of the truth of the Gospel. Our lives will not be our own. Our surrender will be our worship. Our devotion and dedication will be to God, and to His people. We will never be who we once were and our transformation will impact our city, our nation and the world. We do not want normal. The more stable we become, the less courageous and radical we are. Jesus died so that we might live life to the full and life with Him is intended to be adventure, not routine. Our lives of faith should be contagious. God help us.

Creativity – To share the hope of Christ, we must be relatable. We must be like the teenager who serves at one of our Drive-Thru sites. She realized she did not know how to pray in Spanish. She wrote out two prayers, translated them into Spanish, and then asked for a call with her Spanish teacher to verify her context and pronunciation were correct. She then memorized the prayers so she could pray for the Hispanics who do not speak English. She is young and she is leading us. Are we willing to learn another language to share the love of Christ? Are we willing to consider any creative action we must take to stoop low and serve. We are made for this moment. As servants of Christ, may we always be in a foot washing posture. The glory is HIS.

May the world meet Jesus making cookies with their grandma, through a teacher, at an office cubicle, in the grocery store, at a drive thru, everywhere, because our hearts are set on Him and He seeps out of us wherever we are. Give us boldness to pray, listen, share and be the hands and feet of Jesus. We exist to make His name known.

One last story... A single mama (active in GKC as a volunteer and recipient) texted me, "I use to hear your voice say: don't throw food away! Now I see faces of people walking in the streets...like they haven't had a bite in a while. I'm cleaning my pantry and fridge...what a challenge! And since last week...the food at the drive-thru winks at me! I just say, not now."\*

I replied to her, "you are starting to feel what I feel...we are having the eyes of Jesus. He's letting us see what He sees. It's a really special place."

\*She has little, many would say nothing, but her little is like the widow's mite, it is enough to share.

So thankful for your prayers. The prayers of a righteous man are powerful and effective and accomplish much!!!



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