



PRAYER & FASTING

A Resource

NOTE FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

Dear RiverLifer,

At the start of this year, we sensed the Lord calling us to a time of corporate prayer and fasting both for RiverLife Church as well as the nation of Singapore.

As a church, our desire is to walk in the plans and the purposes of God. We desire to see every RiverLifer live a life of destiny and wholeness, making a difference out there in the world. We desire to see an awakening happen in the life of every member of our church.

Beyond that, we desire to see how we can play our role in God's plans for the nation of Singapore. Singapore has been called to be the Antioch of Asia. But of recent times, in spite of our nation's advancement on the world stage, we see signs of decline in the family unit and in our value system. Fame, success and fortune have become strongholds that prevent us as a nation from becoming the Antioch of Asia.

It is for these reasons that I would like to encourage you to participate in our 40 day prayer and fasting for ourselves, our family, our church and our nation. May God revive us in this season as we seek His face through a time of prayer and fasting!

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HOW TO PRAY IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

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I spent five years immersing myself in the sermons of Martyn Lloyd-Jones. It was truly a transformative season in my life. What was the biggest takeaway? The answer may surprise you. He taught me how to pray.



Those who really knew Lloyd-Jones will not find that answer surprising at all. His wife once said, “No one will ever understand my husband until they realize that he is first of all a man of prayer and then an

evangelist” (Bethan Lloyd-Jones). In particular, Lloyd-Jones, as a man of prayer, taught me how to pray in the Holy Spirit.

My hunger for learning how to pray in the Spirit came from a perplexing problem. I read Ephesians 6:18, “praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.” This text really bothered me because I could parse the words and diagram the grammar, but I had this nagging sense that I was not experiencing the reality of it. Lloyd-Jones served as a mentor for me in making this verse a living reality. He led me on a three-stage guided tour of discovery: (1) what it is not, (2) what it is, and (3) how it is done.

WHAT PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT IS NOT

First, he helped me see what praying in the Spirit means by contrasting it with its polar opposite: praying in the flesh. Prayer in the power of the flesh relies upon human ability and effort to carry the prayer forward.

We all know what it is to feel deadness in prayer, difficulty in prayer, to be tongue-tied, with nothing to say, as it were, having to force ourselves to try. Well, to the extent that is true of us, we are not praying in the Spirit. (Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Living Water: Studies in John 4*, 99)

How do we overcome this difficulty in prayer? Praying in the flesh calls upon human ability and effort to push past the difficulty. If we are tongue-tied in prayer, we may try to overcome that difficulty with a stream of many words.



Jesus warned us against thinking we would be heard because we use many words (Matthew 6:7). If we struggle with wanting to give up after a short time in prayer, we may focus upon how long we pray. Success in prayer does not depend upon how much time we can log in prayer. Sometimes people try to overcome deadness in prayer by focusing on how well we can pray. We subtly trust in having perfectly composed, doctrinally correct prayers that rely upon the right diction, cadence, language, emotion, or volume.

These attempts to push past the difficulty in the power of

the flesh are attempts to imitate the liveliness that the Spirit gives in prayer.

The Spirit is a Spirit of life as well as truth, and the first thing that he always does is to make everything living and vital. And, of course, there is all the difference in the world between the life and the liveliness produced by the Spirit and the kind of artifact, the bright and breezy imitation, produced by people. (Living Water, 99)

If praying in the flesh is the counterfeit or imitation of praying in the Spirit, what is the genuine article? The second part of the guided tour was discovering what praying in the Spirit is.



WHAT PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT IS

Here is the key difference: in the flesh, we are pushing the prayers forward, while in the Spirit, we feel caught up in the way the Spirit carries the

prayer forward. Praying in the Spirit is experiencing the Spirit of life bringing prayer to life.

Praying in the Spirit means that the Spirit empowers the prayer and carries it to the Father in the name of Jesus. The prayer has a living quality characterized by warmth and freedom and a sense of exchange. We realize that we are in God's presence speaking to God. The Spirit illuminates your mind, moves your heart, and grants a freedom of utterance and liberty of expression.

Lloyd-Jones frequently used stark contrasts to make his point. He did not often go back and nuance the contrast between praying in the flesh and praying in the Spirit. He did not plot different degrees of experience; he simply posed sharp polarities to help us see the difference between the two.

It is helpful to acknowledge that there are varying degrees of experience when it comes to praying in the Spirit. It does not feel like revival every time we pray in the Spirit. There are varying experiences of feeling carried along or pushed forward. Sometimes praying in the Spirit will not feel electrifying at all. It will feel like groaning. The Spirit helps us in our weakness and intercedes for us according to the will of God (Romans 8:26–27).

I remember going on a bike ride where there was a gradual incline for the first half and a gradual slope down for the second half. I sometimes think of that as the experiential difference between praying in the flesh and praying in the Spirit. Praying in the flesh feels like an upward climb in which we are having to power up the hill. Praying in the Spirit reflects the reality of the downward slope. Obviously, there are degrees of decline. But the basic awareness of a downhill energy and momentum are present in all of the different degrees of a downward slope.

When we pray in the Spirit, according to Lloyd-Jones, we experience being carried or driven in prayer to God by the Spirit, but how is it done?

HOW TO PRAY IN THE SPIRIT

Praying in the Spirit has three aspects: (1) admitting our

inability, (2) enjoying the creation of a living communion with God, and (3) pleading the promises of God with boldness and assurance.

Step One: Admitting Our Inability to Pray

We should start with confession: we must admit our inability to pray as we ought. We must come face to face with our tendency to try to pray on our own. We start with the recognition that prayer is a spiritual activity, and the power of the flesh profits nothing at all. We should feel our dryness and difficulty and confess to him our dullness, lifelessness, and spiritual slowness and sluggishness (Living Water, 86).



But this step is not passive; it is the act of yielding ourselves to the Spirit. Confession leads to expectation and prayerful anticipation.

Step Two: Enjoying Living Communion with God

You are aware of a communion, a sharing, a give-and-take, if I may use such an expression. You are not dragging yourself along; you are not forcing the situation; you are not trying to make conversation with somebody whom you do not know. No, no! The Spirit of adoption in you brings you right into the presence of God, and it is a living act of fellowship and communion, vibrant with life. (Lloyd-Jones, *The Christian Soldier*, 100)

The place where you pray seems to be transformed. I start out praying in my living room, and suddenly I sense that I am

in the throne room.

One of the key differences here between praying in the flesh and praying in the Spirit is that you don't feel the need to rush to say anything when you pray in the Spirit. The living reality the Spirit creates is the awareness of God's presence. Experiencing his presence will seem much more important than any petition you are going to make (Lloyd-Jones, *The Christian Soldier*, 82). But the Spirit will not lead you merely to rest in God's presence in a passive way. There will be a holy boldness to plead the promises of God.

Step 3: Pleading with Holy Boldness

The result of the Spirit's work is that we bow before God as humbled children of God. We don't bow to a far away god, and we don't come to God's presence with a breezy familiarity. We come with an awakened sense of intimacy and awe. The Spirit also breathes bold life into our prayers - a holy boldness that pleads the promises of God with God.



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The beauty of this boldness is that it is a humble and holy boldness. There is no presumptuous sense of demand.

Do not claim, do not demand, let your requests be made known, let them come from your heart. God will understand. We have no right to demand even revival. Some Christians are tending to do so at the present time. Pray urgently, plead, use all the arguments, use all the promises; but do not demand, do not claim. Never put yourself into the position of saying,

'If we but do this, then that must happen.' God is a sovereign Lord, and these things are beyond our understanding. Never let the terminology of claiming or of demanding be used. (Lloyd-Jones, *The Final Perseverance of the Saints*, 155)

DON'T QUENCH THE SPIRIT

Lloyd-Jones once said that the quickest way to quench the Spirit is to not obey an impulse to pray. This point is very, very personal to me, so let me tell you a story from my own experience.

Once I was driving home from working at UPS. I worked the night shift during my doctoral days and never seemed to get enough sleep. I was driving home very early one morning, around 4:30, and falling asleep at the wheel. I tried everything to stay awake. I turned up the radio and tried to sing along. I even slapped myself. The next thing I knew, I woke up in my driveway. I was more than a little shaken. I didn't know how I got there.



I walked inside the house now eerily wide awake, and as I walked into our bedroom I noticed the strangest thing: my wife was wide awake, too. She would normally be asleep, but instead, she was sitting up in bed waiting for me.

She said, "Hi, honey, how was your drive?"

I said, "It's funny you should ask. I really struggled to stay awake on the drive home. In fact, I don't know how I got

here.”

She said, “Yeah I figured. . . .”

“Okay,” I said, “please continue!”

“Well,” she said, “I woke up at about 4:30 very suddenly, and felt this intense prompting to pray. I figured you must be struggling on the road since that is around the time you normally come home. So, I prayed for you.”

I think I am still alive, and typing these words, because my wife did not quench the Spirit in that moment. She obeyed the Spirit’s prompting to pray. I hope this story gives you a greater sense of what is at stake in prayer. Our tendency to quench the Spirit is not a small and inconsequential problem. Let us give ourselves to the reality of praying in the Spirit and renounce the temptation to try and pray in our own strength. And let us, after Lloyd-Jones’s example, always obey every impulse to pray.



HOW TO PRAY FOR YOUR FAMILY

by Priscilla Shirer, Lifeway Ministries

My husband, Jerry, and I recently faced this enemy challenge head-on. With my family's blessing I had accepted, much to even my own surprise, a part in a major faith-based film.



I was shocked to be invited to participate and shocked even more, after the directors saw my acting abilities, that they still wanted me to take the role.

Took me about as far out of my comfort zone as this girl had been in a long, long time, maybe ever. The movie (*War Room*), is about prayer - the power of strategic prayer, the kind of prayer power that God can activate in His people, and specifically the kind of prayer that can rescue a family before it careens off a cliff of near certain destruction.

The directors of the film wrote me a long e-mail before shooting began, filling me in on details to help me prepare for what was ahead. And among their many notes was a warning. They wanted to make me aware of Satan's penchant for targeting the people who'd been involved in their previous films and how he'd taken aim at the areas of their personal lives that were connected to the message of

that movie. Since this particular project was on the theme of prayer and family, they encouraged me to be vigilant about praying for my own family.

WHEN THE ENEMY ATTACKED MY FAMILY

Finally, summer arrived and I was on set. Even having been forewarned, I didn't fully realize how that summer of on-site shooting would affect some of the dynamics in my family.



We were just having fun in our new surroundings, soaking up the fresh adventure of it, not really thinking about the unique set of stressors placed on all of us - being away from home, out of our element, out of our usual rhythms. But pretty soon the slightest things would set off a disagreement. Hot feelings. Short fuses. By the time we made it through our final wrap on the film set, we were exhausted, not just physically but relationally.

Just as we'd been told to expect, the enemy attacked. But since we knew who was behind the tension, we made the deliberate choice to stop fighting with each other and to fight instead with the enemy. We vigilantly asked God to make our marriage and family bulletproof against these incessant

attacks. Too much was at stake. It was a big deal.

But you know what? All of our marriages and families are a big deal . . . because each one is a billboard for the eternal, unchangeable love story between God and humankind. Each of their successes or failures is of great importance, both in God's eyes and, therefore, in our enemy's eyes.

SO WHAT DO WE DO? HOW DO WE PRAY?

According to Scripture, the number-one purpose of marriage is how it represents the mystery of the gospel in active, living form. A man chooses a bride, loves her, makes a covenant with her and gives himself completely to her. The woman responds by receiving his love, surrendering to him, entering into this covenant bond with him and becoming one flesh with him.



It's not a perfect representation, of course, since the best marriage we can possibly make on earth still involves a pair of fallen, broken people. But in its deepest sense, at its deepest level, this primary human relationship between husband and wife is meant to be a living witness to others of the love of Christ for His church (Eph. 5:22–33).

1. Place Your Frustration In The Right Place.

Instead of directing your anger or frustration at individual members of your family, direct it at the enemy who has targeted the family you love.

2. Trust The Holy Spirit.



Quit trying to be the Holy Spirit in your relationship, responsible for poking and prodding that husband or wife of yours until

he/she finally sees things the same way you see them. Nowhere in 1 Corinthians 12, or anywhere else in Scripture where the divinely infused gifts of God's Spirit are listed, does "improving thy husband" appear as even a footnoted selection.

3. Pray For Your Spouse, Don't Seek To Improve.

The more you pray for your husband/wife, the more the Spirit will shine a spotlight on the places in your own heart and actions that need a bit of work, too. The only effective way to fight in marriage is to pray.

The family is one of the key axis points of God's purposes on earth. And your family, at the point of your sphere of influence, is a major component of what He is doing right here where you live. In order to make sure you're fully cooperating with Him and with the enormous opportunity embodied in your family structure and its people, they need you to not be on

their backs, not be up in their faces, but be down on your knees.

PRAY THESE VERSES FOR YOUR FAMILY

Consider praying the following verses:

FAMILY ATMOSPHERE

1. "Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." - **1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NASB)**
2. Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. - **Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)**
3. Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her. - **Ephesians 5:22-25 (ESV)**

ROLE OF PARENTS

1. Commit your work to the LORD, and your plans will be established. - **Proverbs 16:3 (ESV)**
2. Let your eyes look straight ahead; fix your gaze directly before you. Give careful thought to the paths for your feet and be steadfast in all your ways. - **Proverbs 4:25-26 (NIV)**

3. Whoever fears the LORD has a secure fortress, and for their children it will be a refuge. - **Proverbs 14:26 (NIV)**
4. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come. - **Psalm 71:18 (NIV)**
5. Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate. - **Proverbs 31:30-31 (NIV)**
6. Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. - **Ephesians 6:4 (ESV)**

CHILDREN

1. Behold, children are a gift of the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward. Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. How blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them. - **Psalm 127:3-5 (NASB)**
2. Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching. They are a garland to grace your head and a chain to adorn your neck. - **Proverbs 1:8-9 (NIV)**

PRE-BELIEVING FAMILY MEMBERS

1. Wives, in the same way, submit yourselves to your husbands, so that even if they refuse to believe the word, they will be won over without words by the behavior of their wives. - **1 Peter 3:1 (BSB)**
2. When I am with those who are weak, I share their weakness, for I want to bring the weak to Christ. Yes, I try to find common ground with everyone, doing everything I can to save some. - **1 Corinthians 9:22 (NLT)**
3. The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. - **2 Peter 3:9 (NIV)**
4. And when He (the Holy Spirit) comes, He will convict the world of its sin, and of God's righteousness, and of the coming judgment. - **John 16:8 (NLT)**



HOW TO PRAY FOR SINGAPORE

The Bible commands us in 1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NKJV) saying, "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence." As Christians, the Word of God holds us responsible to pray for those in governmental authority so that the right people will lead us to ensure peace and harmony in society.



1. Thank God For Peace & Prosperity Of The Nation

For many years, Singapore has been punching above its weight on the world stage and many international leaders have given Singapore high accolades. Our leaders have led well and we are grateful to God for the exceptional men and women in our government. We must recognize that all these come from the Lord and we must not take it for granted.

2. Pray For A Strong Government

Let us pray that God will give us a strong government that has a clear mandate to lead. This way, the government will

have freedom and authority from the people to make wise and sound decisions that cater to the long-term well-being of the nation - not just pandering to short-term demands of the populace. Above all, a strong government will be empowered to take moral leadership in the nation. Remember that the Bible says, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people." (Proverbs 14:34, NKJV)



3. Pray Against The Powers And Principalities

A stronghold is a collection of ideas that are in agreement with Satan's lies and accusations against the truth of God (v. 5). They are lies about God, who He is and what He says He will do, and when we receive them, they bind our hearts in darkness. Whole geographic regions can be affected by the same lies and assaulted by the same demonic darkness that is manifest. We are to pull down and dismantle spiritual strongholds by agreeing with God and His Word and by "casting down arguments"- renouncing the lies - that are against the knowledge of God, His Word and His will. In this way we break any agreement with Satan.

4. Pray For Revival To Break Out Among Churches

When churches spend their time looking inwardly at what would make their services more pleasing to those already part of the church, they fail to see the good news opportunities on their doorstep. We have got to get real and be honest with ourselves about what we need to do to build the kind of churches that God can use to touch our communities with His love. We need to be courageous leaders and courageous people who forego the pursuit of our own comforts for the sake of the lost, the hurting, the needy and the broken – these are the people Jesus came into our world for. This relentless pursuit is what will make the difference. This relentless pursuit is what will give hope to our Singapore.



FASTING

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Jesus cautioned us never to make a public show of fasting. When it's sincere, fasting is a deeply personal act. We may share our decision to fast with a few of those closest to us to garner their support or ask them to fast with us, but for the most part, fasting is a choice best kept to yourself.



Sadly enough, many Christians have used Jesus' command to fast in private as a loophole to abandon the practice altogether. This is a serious error in judgment, but even more, it says something alarming about the condition of our hearts. Why have so many of us discarded this ancient, hallowed practice from our lives?

Certainly, for Christians, fasting is not an issue of the law as it was for the Israelites. In Christ, we're free to choose whether and when we want to include it in our lives. But it's still an issue of the heart. What does it say about our desire for God, our hunger for His presence, and our passion for His will that we fast so little in seeking Him?

Perhaps it's not only our hearts but also our lack of understanding that makes fasting seem so archaic to our sensibilities. After all, what does fasting really accomplish in

the end? How can such a practice fit into the busy life of the postmodern world?

“Let us search out and examine our ways,” cries the prophet Jeremiah, “and turn back to the Lord” (Lam. 3:40, HCSB). Perhaps it’s time we examined our ways with respect to fasting, so that we might come to the Lord with fresh hearts and a renewed understanding of what it means to seek Him with our whole being.



The Fast Of Repentance

The logistics of a biblical fast vary by circumstance in Scripture. Sometimes it was a 24-hour void of food or drink. Other times it was a longer period, but the fast was observed only from dawn to dusk. And yet, whatever the form, the cry of the human heart to reconnect with God was always central to its purpose.

Fasting, by its nature, awakens us to repentance. It reconnects us to our inability to live without the sustaining blessings of God. It humbles us to remember that we are not, after all, the self-sufficient lords of our own lives. But most importantly, it

refocuses our hearts to see what we truly need for genuine life in this world, and it helps us recognize where we have wasted our energy on the frivolous and profane.



Ultimately, this is not a fast we do for God's benefit but rather for our own. We cry out as David did, "Search me, God, and know my heart" (Ps. 139:23a, HCSB). We, in turn, are doing the same when we choose to fast. We

fast to search our own souls in tandem with Christ. Without the distracting crutches of worldly comforts and with an ever-increasing awareness of our need, we look within, holding in our spirits this singular purpose: to uproot and toss aside anything He finds within us that is not pleasing to Him.

The Fast Of Supplication

There comes a time in everyone's life when the only thing left in you to do is collapse on the ground in desperation and plead with God. The world is too much for all of us. It's unfair, and it frequently deals us blows that shatter our souls without reason or cause. It doesn't care that your heart is breaking or that your strength is spent. Sometimes it doesn't even notice you're here.

But God does. He sees us all and listens to our every passing thought with love and captive interest. And it's precisely for that reason that we seek Him in faith through fasting and prayer.

The fast of supplication is the fast of Daniel to see his nation delivered from captivity. It's the fast of David to save the life of his infant son. It's the fast of Esther to deliver her people from certain destruction. And it's the fast that you will choose at the moment when you recognize your own powerlessness, and you'll turn your heart to seek God's intervening strength.

The fast of supplication is the fast of longing, pleading, and seeking to move the hand of God to change some circumstance in the world. But it's also the fast of pleading with God to change you - by bringing your heart in line with His highest purpose and opening your eyes to the deeper revelation of Himself that He is longing for you to see.

The Fast Of Restoration

Once you have integrated the discipline of fasting into your walk with God, do not be surprised when He begins to speak to you out of the fast, calling you to be someone you did not think you were and to do things you did not think you could do. The story of God encompasses far more than any one of our lives alone, and if given the chance, God will call you to step into the larger story He is telling - to become an emissary of His power and will in the world and a minister of His freedom and restoration to the lost and oppressed.

In the end, isn't that what our fasting and prayer have been for all along? We want God to redeem the world. We want Him to rescue the oppressed, to free captive hearts and lives, to feed the hungry, to heal our diseases, to fill the empty and dark places of the world with His hope and light.

Perhaps what the discipline of fasting ultimately teaches us is not merely that God shares our desire to redeem the world, but that He has chosen to redeem the world through us.

TESTIMONIES

THE POWER OF PRAYER

I was so wonderfully blessed of God through fasting and prayer that I cannot help but share my experience with you. I had joined a mutual loan club with some other ladies. This proved to be a bad investment and I lost all of my property including our house. In addition to that I incurred a debt of \$20,000. Finally our entire family had to move into a small room renting for only \$1000 a month.



My husband began to stay out until around midnight drinking heavily and playing poker with his friends, and I rarely saw him. I could find no way out of the

suffering, failure, and self-condemnation. I tried to commit suicide by taking an overdose of sleeping tablets, but I failed in that. One day, on my way to a dance hall, I met a friend of mine. She asked me where I was going, and I told her I was going to the dance hall to try to forget everything. She asked me if I would go with her to a place that was better than any of those places of entertainment so I consented and she took me to church.

That night the sermon was just for me from beginning to end. The pastor preached for me to surrender all my burdens to Christ and to accept the peace that comes from Him. I

poured out my heart to Jesus and confessed my sins to Him. I searched my heart and repented of every sin and accepted Jesus as my Saviour. I remembered the marriage ceremony when my husband and I were joined in matrimony by a pastor. However, from the time of my wedding I continued in a life of sin. But as I repented that day, I was given peace and rest from above.

My husband continued living an ungodly life. I thought to myself, "When I lead him to Jesus Christ, our family can have a happy home." With this thought I determined to fast and pray for my husband. Shortly after this, my husband had to leave on business for a week. After he left I went to the Prayer Mountain (Korea) without his knowledge and fasted and prayed. At the end of the week I hurried home in order to be there when he arrived, but he was already at home. He accused me of not caring for the house while he was away and said that I was responsible for the collapse of our home.

I shared my experience of the past few days with him and told him of the joy, new hope, and real peace God had given me since I accepted Christ as my Saviour. I told him I was fasting and praying for him to receive Jesus Christ as his Saviour also, emphasizing that only through Christ could new hope and joy be found.

He listened quietly for a while and then said he would like to go to church with me. Hallelujah! God had answered my prayers. My husband became a follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. He quit smoking, drinking, and gambling, and we are worshipping in church every Sunday and Wednesday without fail. From time to time I have fasted for five days or a week, and God has blessed us. God gave me a precious son to go with our two daughters and miraculously cleared our debt.

Before we met Christ, we had only false happiness but now we have true joy that only comes from Christ. There is no doubt that the power of fasting and prayer has opened the door of God's blessings to us.

GOD IS FAITHFUL TO HIS WORD

In 1960, Pat and Dede Robertson arrived in Tidewater, Virginia with three little children, \$70 in cash, and a command from the Lord to claim the airwaves from the prince of the power of the air and give them to the Prince of Peace. Living by faith and fueled by the power of prayer - the fledgling CBN Ministries began broadcasting from an old TV station that barely reached the end of the block. Today, CBN reaches all corners of the globe with the gospel of Jesus Christ through online evangelism, television broadcasts and humanitarian outreach that impacts hundreds of millions of people every year.

THE POWER OF AGREEMENT

Thank you, Jesus! My faith for family reconciliation grew after I started attending church in August of 2014. I would worship over my family, give thanks, make declarations, and get others to pray. Suddenly, I started to see fruit! My brothers miraculously reconciled near Easter, following the corporate fast, after over six years of little to no contact. Their kids met for the first time! A few of the younger kids met their uncles and aunts for the first time, too! Also, one of my brothers had not spoken to me for the last eight months. Yesterday, we reconciled, too! We had a family BBQ with all the kids! It was the first time we've done this in over six years! I saw my brothers laughing and smiling together! I am in awe and wonder at the King of kings!



“If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.”

2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)