

## THE PROMISES FROM PRAYING TOGETHER

*On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. "Sovereign Lord," they said, "you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of our father David: "'Why do the nations rage, and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against His anointed one.' Indeed, Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what Your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus." After they had prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the Word of God boldly.*

Acts 4:23-31 (NIV)

### ❖ Why We Pray Together:

*For the eyes of the Lord range throughout the earth to strengthen those whose hearts are fully committed to him.*

2 Chronicles 16:9a (NIV)

1. There is POWER in TWO or MORE.

*A cord of three strands is not quickly broken.*

Ecclesiastes 4:12b (NIV)

2. There is a GUARANTEED PRESENCE in TWO or MORE.

*"For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them."*

Matthew 18:20 (TEV)

3. There is a CLEAR PROMISE in TWO or MORE.

*"Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven."*

Matthew 18:19 (NIV)

### ❖ When We Pray Together:

1. There is SUPERNATURAL POWER when we pray together.

*After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken.*

Acts 4:31a (NIV)

2. God STRENGTHENS the church when we pray together.

*And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the Word of God boldly. All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.*

Acts 4:31b-33 (NIV)

3. God gives us WISDOM when we pray together.

*And they prayed and said, "You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place."*

Acts 1:24-25 (NIV)

*For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you. We continually ask God to fill you with the knowledge of His will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives...*

Colossians 1:9 (NIV)

4. The church becomes UNIFIED when we pray together.

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts...*

Acts 2:42-46 (NIV)

5. The church looks OUTWARD and it is MULTIPLIED when we pray together.

*Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off.*

Acts 13:3 (NIV)

*And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.*

Acts 14:23

6. People are SAVED and lives are CHANGED when we pray together.

*And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

Acts 2:47b (NIV)

❖ What About Me... Am I Doing My Part?

1) Am I being DISCIPLINED and OBEDIENT in my personal prayer life?

2) Am I committed to PRAYING in UNITY with my church family?

3) Am I willing to MAKE TIME to pray with my family and others?

❖ Closing Truth: May God DO THIS again... Pray we will see God do this in us.

*While they were praying, the place where they were meeting trembled and shook. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak God's Word with fearless confidence.*

Acts 4:31 (MSG)