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Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus. I write to you to speak of a subject of great importance and urgency: REAL PRAYER.

Luke 22:24 “...being in an agony, He prayed more earnestly: and His sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.” Hebrews 5:7 “... in the days of His flesh, when He had offered up prayers and supplication with strong crying and tears unto him that was able to save from death, and was heard in that He feared.”

Jesus’ disciples were wise to ask Him to teach them to pray, for there is much we can learn by observing the way He prayed. There was an exertion of serious effort and strong energy found in His praying. His praying was with great concentration and purpose. “Being in agony” He was in a great conflict with opposing forces. He said, “My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death.” The conflict had to do with His very soul! He would not only have a collision with Satan in the next few hours, but He was now colliding with an opposition of the soul. The object that was bringing Him such firm opposition, [Whether mentally, emotionally, physically or demonic] was being warred against through the power of strong intercession. Jesus went to war in His praying. He had engaged Himself in **real spiritual combat with this opposition. THE CHURCH MUST GET INVOLVED AND INTERLOCKED TO EARNEST PRAYING!**

We often focus on the pain and suffering of Calvary, but far too frequently we overlook that night of agony, that night of hostile conflict in Gethsemane. [Gethsemane means: olive press] As the Gethsemane battle raged, His praying became more intense. His praying held a precise direction or focus. If sin, sickness, disease and death were going to be conquered through the beatings and crucifixion, then this battle of the soul would have to be won first. Winning the prize of this great conflict had captured His mind, His full attention and will, and the prize of victory that He would gain would be for us, the believers. **YOU NEVER WIN THE VICTORY BY HAVING YOUR MIND CONSUMED BY THE BATTLE OR GIVING YOUR ATTENTION TO THE WEAPONS THAT HAVE BEEN FORMED AGAINST YOU!**

Luke, being a physician, described Jesus’ sweat as “great drops of blood,” not great drops of water or rain. I believe that’s because it wasn’t water, ordinary sweat, but it was indeed **great drops of blood!** Sweat is moisture, an excretion from the sweat glands and the process of sweating is part of the body chemistry. The sweat glands separate and eliminate waste from the blood or tissue. A human body produces “a minimum of a half of a liter of sweat each day which is hardly noticeable, but that amount can markedly increase in a hot environment and when the temperature is raised by exercise. These

situations [rise in temperature/exercise] cause certain blood vessels to dilate to help aid in releasing heat from the body.

As Jesus was praying so intently in Gethsemane, the excretion that came from His skin was not normal perspiration: it was His Blood- the life source of His flesh. "...the life of the flesh is in the blood." Leviticus 17:11 He was in agony as He labored in prayer. Life was squeezing its way through those tiny capillaries; through His earnest prayer, life was being released from His body! As the heat of this conflict raged, a dying and a giving of life was taking place. The Holy Spirit has shown me that this is what happens when the REAL intercessors start interceding through the name of Jesus. The hordes of Hell are bound and the life of God is released through the believer and will bring forth the manifested will of the Father on Earth. REAL PRAYING WILL BRING FORTH REAL LIFE!

By getting locked into praying you will become interlocked to the Holy Spirit. There is an interlocking connection to where the motion and operation of one will be constrained by the other. Through this divine connection, the operation of every member of the body of Christ must and will be constrained to the operation of the Word and Spirit. Regardless of having a fleshly body that was tempted in all points common to man; regardless of the hordes of Hell being present, Jesus' praying was with great earnestness and intent. In the conflict of His soul the prize was won through His prayer and intercession.

We are in agreement with you in fervent prayer for the Church and for our Nation. We are on the battlefield together. Thank you for being a part of this mission. Thank you for your love and support of this ministry. We love you!

In Christ Service,
Your Fellow Laborers,

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