

# 21-DAY FAST AND PRAY JANUARY 12, 2018

Henry T. Blackaby penned these thoughts;

*"Will God ever ask you to do something you are not able to do? The answer is yes--all the time! It must be that way, for God's glory and kingdom. If we function according to our ability alone, we get the glory; if we function according to the power of the Spirit within us, God gets the glory. He wants to reveal Himself to a watching world."*

I think we all know God is asking us as a church to do something we as individuals are not able to do in ourselves. It will require the full power of the Holy Spirit operating through each of us, anything less and failure is sure, but as Blackaby said, God "wants to reveal Himself to a watching world."

As we pray for our church, for ourselves, we are asking God to do mighty, impossible things through us. If we hope to move in power like the Early Church it makes sense that our prayers over our church mirror those found in the Early Church. Let's continue to explore and practice how they prayed.

## **1. The early church called on God to save unbelievers.**

*"Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved." (Romans 10:1)*

## **2. The early church prayed for the sick and they were healed.**

*"Let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and the prayer of faith will save the sick man and the Lord will raise him up." (James 5:14-15).*

## **3. They prayed to God for the casting out of demons and the destruction of demonic strongholds.**

"And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer" (Mark 9:29).

NOTE: The Bible is not a book about Satan. The Bible is from beginning to end a book about God. This simple truth matters, many people are interested in spiritual warfare. And they give the devil more attention than the Bible does. This approach distorts the scriptural picture of spiritual warfare.

Frederick Whitfield penned these words in 1855, they explain why we love Jesus, why we pray, why we turn ourselves inward, obediently, in self-examination.

There is a Name I love to hear,  
I love to sing its worth;  
It sounds like music in my ear,  
The sweetest Name on earth.

Refrain:

Oh, how I love Jesus,  
Oh, how I love Jesus,  
Oh, how I love Jesus,  
Because He first loved me!