
Upcoming Events

PYCD Men's Basketball, Women's Volleyball, and Badminton (June 19th, Saturday)

PYCD memory verse list for Levels 3 and up and Bible Quiz info is now available:
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Weekly Schedule

Wed, Apr 21st (Mesquite) Ladies Prayer @ Mammen & Salomy's res (7 PM)
Fri, Apr 23rd (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Babykutty's res. (10 AM)
Sat, Apr 24th (Mesquite) PYCD Picnic @ Mesquite Paschall Park (10 AM)
1001 New Market Rd., Mesquite 75149

Prayer for the Nations: Colombia (Latin America)*

- Colombia has a troubled history; 170 years of civil wars and dictators have scarred the country. A growing number of disillusioned people gave support to violent guerrilla groups.
- A new constitution, introduced in 1991, attempts to give the government greater control in ending the cycle of violence. Although a couple of high profile leaders of drug cartels have been captured or killed, there is still no real improvement in the levels of violence or crime.
- There is a growing number of Christians in Colombia. This is a miraculous sign of God's faithfulness and protection because Christians are often targets of violence by drug cartels and guerrillas.
- Bellavista Prison is a maximum security prison in city of Medellin. It is home to some of Colombia's most hardened and violent criminals; the murder rate inside the prison used to be as high as one per day! Many prisoners are hearing about God and becoming Christians. In a place that was called "hell on earth" prisoners are praying round the clock, the murder rate has dramatically fallen and inmates are being trained in their very own Bible school!
- Pray for Colombia's cities; Bogota, Medellin and Cali. Tens of thousands of children live on the streets in these cities and Medellin is Colombia's drug and crime capital.
- Colombia has a reputation as being one of the most violent countries in the world. Corruption, kidnappings and murders continue to terrorise society. Pray for all those who are working to bring a lasting peace to Colombia.
- In some cities the number of evangelical Christians has multiplied by twenty times in the last 10 years. This sort of growth can be threatening to whatever group is in control of the area. Many church leaders are targets of violence and many have been martyred. Many Christian leaders have left the country – pray that those who have stayed would be given strength and protection.
- Life for missionaries working in rural areas of Colombia is extremely dangerous. There is only a small number of Colombians who have committed to working as missionaries with the remote Amerindian tribes. Pray that more Colombians would be inspired to get involved with mission – in their own country and around the world.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=17

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"For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods."

(Ps 95:3)

Welcome

“Man’s Extremities: God’s Opportunities”

(Read Mark 1: 40-44; Matthew 8:2-4; Luke 5: 12-14)

Praise the Lord. Welcome to the house of the Lord as we worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. It is indeed a blessed privilege to be able to worship our creator, sustainer and redeemer Lord because He deserves to be worshipped.

Do you need a touch of the Almighty this morning? Then look at this leper who met Jesus and asked for healing. During the public ministry of Jesus there were people who came to touch him because they believed that power shall flow out of him and heal them. In this passage we see that Jesus himself touched this man without him even asking for it.

According to the Israelite law this man was considered afflicted in many ways. He was physically suffering because of the wasteful disease. Add to that the religious and social ostracism that he is suffering because of his physical condition. Moreover he is also bearing the psychological scars because of this sickness. According to Lev 13: 45-46, he was supposed to stay outside of the city gates and cry ‘unclean’ and was ceremonially unclean to participate in any of the rituals of his fellow beings. Thus, in many ways this man was in deep need for a divine touch because his need was too great. His extremities were going to become an opportunity for God to reveal his compassion and mercy.

He acknowledged his need and hence he came to Jesus. He could have stayed back like many others in the same situation. But he realized his need and thought doing something about it. This brought him in close proximity to Jesus. He did not think of solving this situation by means of any other resource like seminar, tapes, conference etc but thought of coming to Jesus instead. He did not want any opinion concerning his sickness but wanted opportunity to meet his creator and savior. He came in all humility and bowed down before Jesus and accepted the fact that Jesus has absolute power to heal him. But he probed the will of Jesus to heal him at that moment. That is why he asked Jesus to heal him if wills. He was pleading for the mercy of Jesus more than his power at that moment.

The example of the leper surely shows us some principles to see Jesus using our extremities as opportunity for him to show his glory and power. First of all we need to acknowledge that we have a need in our life which Jesus alone can fulfill. Secondly, this calls us to come directly to Jesus because he not only has the power to heal but is rich in mercy and compassion. Thirdly, we need to come in all humility because God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble.

Jesus was moved with compassion to touch the leper. He could have spoken the word and healed him but this person needed that personal touch from the savior to reassure him of God’s mercy and compassion. The touch of Christ was symbol of his mercy which the leper had invoked. This is true of the savior even today. Do you want his touch? He can meet you at the greatest point of your need with his touch that reveals his power and tender mercies. May we experience this touch in our difficult times because when we are at the lowest can we truly see the power of God manifested in us. Our extremities, then becomes the window of opportunity for God to extend that divine touch.

In Christ Alone

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Sermon Notes