



Key References:

2 Chronicles 7:1-3 (ESV)

As soon as Solomon finished his prayer, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple. ² And the priests could not enter the house of the LORD, because the glory of the LORD filled the LORD's house. ³ When all the people of Israel saw the fire come down and the glory of the LORD on the temple, they bowed down with their faces to the ground on the pavement and worshiped and gave thanks to the LORD, saying, "For he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever."

"By praying with friends, you will be able to hear and see facets of Jesus that you have not yet perceived" – **Tim Keller**

2 Kings 6:15-17 (ESV)

¹⁵ When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" ¹⁶ He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." ¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed and said, "O LORD, please open his eyes that he may see." So the LORD opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha.

James 5:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

1 John 1:9 (ESV)

⁹ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 – CORPORATE PRAYER BRINGS HEAVEN TO EARTH

Read 2 Chronicles 7:1-3. **What is the most powerful memory of God moving during a time of corporate prayer that you have experienced?**

What do you think Nathan meant by saying that corporate prayer brings heaven to earth? How does this happen in both big & small ways?

2 – CORPORATE PRAYER BRINGS UNITY

Read Acts 12:4-7. **Why was the church praying "earnestly"? How can we go from praying nicely to praying earnestly and with passion?**

Nathan said: *"Going through things together draws us together"*. **How can our prayer times together produce a deeper unity with one another? How does vulnerability and faith produce special times together?**

3 – CORPORATE PRAYER ENLARGES OUR VISION

Read the Tim Keller quote. **What are your thoughts on this? What then do we miss out on when we don't pray intimately together?**

Read 2 Kings 6:15-17. **What was Elisha praying for? What did the servant see after the Elisha's prayer? How does this scripture relate to us?**

4 – IT ALLOWS FOR HEALING + CONFESSION

Read James 5:16 and 1 John 1:9. **What is confession? How does each scripture link it to righteousness?**

Nathan said; *"every time when I've [confessed] there's something that has been released in my life"*. **How does confession open the door for healing?**

What are safe, loving & practical ways that we can confess to one another? (please note; there are legal requirements for reporting things like abuse)

Why is confession something that the enemy wouldn't want us to do?

5 – PASSION IN CORPORATE PRAYER IS CONTAGIOUS

Why is passion for something contagious? How can we be passionate in our corporate prayer meetings?

Read Exodus 17:12-14. **How can we hold up the arms of those around us in prayer? If we don't do this what are we missing out on?**

What times of corporate prayer exist at Oceanside?

Additional References:

2 Chronicles 6:12–14 (ESV)

¹² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel and spread out his hands. ¹³ Solomon had made a bronze platform five cubits long, five cubits wide, and three cubits high, and had set it in the court, and he stood on it. Then he knelt on his knees in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands toward heaven, ¹⁴ and said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you, [...]

Acts 2:1–4 (ESV)

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:42–47 (ESV)

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Acts 1:13–14 (ESV)

¹³ And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴ All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

“When we devote ourselves to prioritized private and corporate prayer God moves” – **Nathen Johnson**

Acts 12:4–7 (ESV)

⁴ And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. ⁵ So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church. ⁶ Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. ⁷ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, “Get up quickly.” And the chains fell off his hands.

Psalms 133:1 (ESV)

¹ Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!

Ezra 10:1 (ESV)

While Ezra prayed and made confession, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, a very great assembly of men, women, and children, gathered to him out of Israel, for the people wept bitterly.

Exodus 17:12–14 (ESV)

¹² But Moses' hands grew weary, so they took a stone and put it under him, and he sat on it, while Aaron and Hur held up his hands, one on one side, and the other on the other side. So his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. ¹³ And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword. ¹⁴ Then the LORD said to Moses, “Write this as a memorial in a book and recite it in the ears of Joshua, that I will utterly blot out the memory of Amalek from under heaven.”