

LEADING FROM THE THRONE ROOM PART 4 LEADING PEOPLE INTO THE THRONE ROOM

Introduction: We want to talk about going from being in the throne room for people to leading people into the throne room and bringing the presence and power of God from the throne to people.

Two observations:

A. Leading people (family, friends, hurting people) in prayer is one of the most powerful things you will do. It has incredible impact.

Abe Lincoln- The prayers of my mother followed me to this day.

1. How we lead our kids in prayer and how praying sets the course of their lives.

2. Being ready to ask people to pray for them can be one of the greatest vehicles for God to show up in people's lives. (Inez/Sarah at the airport)

B. God wants us to be vessels through which what He has in the throne room for people get delivered into their lives. (When I would go to the Philippines.) Jesus taught his disciples to be aware of gifts He wants to channel through us from Heaven to earth.

“As you go, proclaim this message, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received; freely give.” (Matt. 10:7-8)

One of the greatest shifts in my ministry began in 1982, when I first met John Wimber and became part of the Vineyard movement. I didn't fully grasp the potential impact of what could happen in lives through bringing prayer to people in a way that really invited the presence of God to come in power in their lives. Sharon and I were healed, we took this back and started training our people... something called the prayer model... amazing things began to happen in our church and even in the streets. (Calls from Parkland High School)

Today, some core principles to leading people in prayer and bringing the presence of God from the throne room into the lives of people for healing, freedom, and miracles.

My hope in this lesson is to encourage everyone, in the most intentional way, to be someone who not only prays for people but with people.

1. What you believe will determine what you expect and attempt for God in praying for people in desperate need. Do you expect and believe that God will show up in power, like Elijah, that the fire will fall? **Some core beliefs.**

a. Believing that the kingdom is at hand.

“But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.” (Luke 11:20)

In the same way, we are authorized and know we can help get people to Heaven, we are also authorized to help bring heaven to people.

We are in the presence of the already but not yet. His now presence is ours to expect and invite. He will come in some way, even if it is not in the full way we might want.

“Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have, give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.” (Acts 3:6)

We know that healing isn't in our worthiness, our 'anointing' but it is in the kingdom, the open heaven Jesus created when He died and rose and ripped the veil.

b. The promise that His gospel is inherently a gospel not only of words but also of works.

“Jesus went through Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.” (Matt. 4:23)

“I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling. My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power.” (I Cor. 2:3-5)

The word God gave us to give not only speaks but works. For every proclamation there is a demonstration, for every revelation there is an activation.

Too many people just read the menu but never order the meal!

“Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.” (Mark 16:20)

c. One key aspects of our faith, is that we see the calling to help people experience God as something that is not a special ability but it is our identity.

We are here to be Jesus' hands and feet. Ministry is what we do and give out of God's resources not ours; it is the privilege of grace to stand in Jesus' authority to say what Jesus would say and bring what Jesus would bring to the situation of need we are facing (Police officers put on a uniform). I'm a kingdom agent with the keys of the kingdom to ask what Jesus would ask and expect what Jesus would expect.

2. The ability to lead people into the throne room and bring the throne room to people comes naturally out of our intimacy with God. It is because we hunger to be with Jesus and walk in His presence every day.

a. People who bring the presence are continually hungry to be in the presence of God.

"Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here." (Exodus 33:15)

"But when they saw the boldness of Peter and John and realized they were unschooled and ordinary men they took note that they had been with Jesus." (Acts 4:13)

b. Moving in the power of the Holy Spirit doesn't come from hype but from hearing. Not from dishing out profound words but from dialing into Father's whispers.

"Very truly I tell you, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does. For the Father loves the Son and shows him all he does. Yes, and he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed." (John 5:19-20)

c. In a significant way intimacy and realizing the power of God comes from realizing and embracing our weakness so that we are desperate for God, depending on Him.

Jim Cymbala- "I discovered an astonishing truth: God is attracted to weakness. He can't resist those who humbly and honestly admit how desperately they need him. Our weakness in fact makes room for his power."

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that the all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." (2 Cor. 4:7)

3. Don't hype yourself; humble yourself.

John Wimber used a phrase, "Supernaturally natural." God intentionally wants to put the cookies on the lowest shelf so that everyone knows that they get to play.

You don't have to pretend to have faith because it's ok if you don't feel any. Galatians 2:20 says we live by faith in the Son of God.

Take all of the pressure off of you and put all of the pressure on God. This is not a performance.

It is especially important to know that "Sometimes God works when you pray but most of the time He works because you prayed." –Gerald Brooks

With our honesty and humility, we create gaps for God to fill.

4. Practice the obedience of faith. Faith looks like being willing to step out faithfully in asking and expecting God to do the impossible not because you are so successful but simply because you want to be completely obedient.

a. There is a committed tenacity to those who are used to seeing God bring breakthroughs, healings, and victories with those they pray for.

Wimber prayed for 200 people before he saw a healing. How many times have you swung the bat? We don't know how many locks are on that door.

A great prayer leader will take the burden of prayer for people the way that a bulldog takes hold of a bone. What an amazing gift to have someone who prays for you that way.

b. This includes being willing to take risks based on holy hunches, gifts of the Spirit.

What happens to those who faithfully begin to pray for people is that they begin to receive an awareness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Things you sense in a room, yourself, or a person.

You **see** it- picture.

You **read** it- like a Scripture.

You **feel** it- like a sympathy pain.

You **know** it- like a hunch/gift of faith.

You **speak** or say it- like a bubbling up.

All of these require the willingness to risk.

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5. They have a plan to pray with people.

5-Step Healing Prayer Model

(Note that one of the most powerful things about this model is that it is doubly interactive. We are on a journey with the person and the Holy Spirit, not performing. One beggar telling another where the bread is).

Step 1 Interview: What do you need Jesus to do for you.?

- Ask the person's name.
- Ask what they want; listen to the Holy Spirit.

Step 2 Cause (diagnostic decision): Why is this person in this condition?

- Discern what is emotional, spiritual, physical, or demonic.
- Where appropriate invite confession or repentance.

Step 3 Prayer Selection: How should I pray?

- Invite and bless the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
- Petition on behalf of the person.
- Discern prayers to God and from God.
- Speak to the pain and condition.
- Lay hands or anoint with oil if appropriate.

Step 4 Assessment: What's happening? (Mark 8:22)

- Observe the person (pray with your eyes open).
- Ask the person what is happening.
- Continue to listen to the Holy Spirit.
- Go back to steps two and three if necessary.
- Always be aware that there are often more than one wave and you could go in a different direction. Be willing to wait; God is not in a hurry.

Step 5: Follow-up: How do I finish ministering?

- Has the Holy Spirit finished ministering?
- Has the person indicated that ministry is over?
- Have you run out of prayers?
- Affirm the person and encourage them to follow Christ.
- Encourage further ministry where necessary.
- Pass on information to a pastor when appropriate.