

REVELATION MOMENTS

Acts 10:9–13 (NCV)

While I was in Santa Fe NM Pastor Artie Aragon made this statement in a sermon; *The longer that I am saved and the more my ministry grows, the more I need prayer...*

That stuck with me and has become very true in my own ministry experience. In the passage we are going to look at Peter is praying and it's in that faithful obedience GOD MEETS WITH HIM, and brings him a revelation that unlocks the gentiles.

Acts 10:9–13 (NCV) About noon the next day as they came near Joppa, Peter was going up to the roof to pray.¹⁰ He was hungry and wanted to eat, but while the food was being prepared, he had a vision.¹¹ He saw heaven opened and something coming down that looked like a big sheet being lowered to earth by its four corners.¹² In it were all kinds of animals, reptiles, and birds.¹³ Then a voice said to Peter, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.”

I PRAYER FAITHFULNESS:

A- It is vital to the Pastor that he maintains an established prayer life.

1. This is our example: PWM prayed every morning... PGM prays every morning... Staff Pastors set the same example
 - a. This reveals how important prayer is to us as a church & fellowship.
2. But how important is it to you? One day when you are out, there won't be PG to ask you if you've prayed
 - a. This has to become your own... I remember PG saying; *If you lack a faithful prayer life, ASK God to give you a heart for prayer!*
3. You will need this when you go out, when you are facing a city, facing people's problems, facing difficulties, rebellion...
 - a. **Ephesians 6:13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **withstand** in the evil day, and having done all, to **stand**.
 - i. Withstand: Resist... Stand: Come through still on your feet! ... That happens through PRAYER!

B- Peter caught this revelation from his pastor/example: Jesus... We read of him praying & praying often.

1. Here Peter is in ministry, preaching & reaching, seeing the miraculous...

a. And part of his life & ministry is Prayer. **Acts 10:9** About noon the next day as they came near Joppa, Peter was going up to the roof to pray.

i. Taking time in the functions of ministry to pray... I believe this was normal...

2. I have often in ministry & in discipleship come into spontaneous times of prayer...

- a. I need direction/wisdom/strategy/revelation/inspiration/encouragement... I pray
- b. I want to rejoice/express gratitude/praise God... I pray

3. Do you have a faithfulness to prayer? It is vital to ministry (*of any kind*)

II REVELATION MOMENTS:

A- There is nothing special about this prayer meeting Peter has on the roof-

1. **Acts 10:10 NCV** He was hungry and wanted to eat, but while the food was being prepared, he had a vision.
 - a. This is just a moment of prayer while waiting for lunch- BUT THEN GOD SHOWED UP
 - i. This is the wonderful part of Prayer Faithfulness- God could show up at any moment! V11 He saw heaven opened
 - b. Like evangelism, you have more chance for fruit when you are faithfully planting seed...
 - i. When you are dedicated to prayer, you are giving yourself opportunity to hear from God!
 2. There have been so many times in ministry where God showed up in a prayer meeting and gave me what I needed
 - a. A stirring/revelation/inspiration/a strategy/understanding/encouragement/hope/breakthrough/special knowledge
 - b. Times where heaven opened, and there was access to God's will- These are Revelation Moments
 - i. Sometimes it's heavy... sometimes it's a passing thought... or a thought impression... or an audible voice
 - ii. But it's God giving an access for a purpose!

III THE FRUITFUL IMPACT:

A- There were practical results to this revelation moment-

1. We know Peter winds up getting a veiled understanding “*do not call what I have cleansed common*”... then once at the house of Cornelius (a gentile household) the Holy Ghost falls on the entire household and they get saved, baptized, and filled Holy Ghost

- a. **Acts 11:18** When they heard these things they became silent; and they glorified God, saying, “Then God has also granted to the Gentiles repentance to life.”

i. The Gentiles opened to salvation- From a simple spontaneous prayer meeting... Peter had a revelation moment!

B- This is the POSSIBILITY of your ear & heart being inclined to the voice of God.

1. **Isaiah 55:3** Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live...
2. I wonder; What does God have for you? What does he want to tell you/show you/reveal to you?
 - a. Are you positioned to hear? Have you established this fundamental part of your salvation?
3. I have seen the fruitful impact of prayer! I am a satisfied customer.