

We are going to continue our series on the Concert Ministry... We have so far looked at the Primary Purpose; Evangelism... Concert Ministry Results; Involvement, Development, Discipleship... Salvation Atmosphere; Creating an atmosphere where the Gospel shines leading to salvation... Today; we are going to think about Prayer Targets

Acts 4:31 ESV And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

I SPIRITUAL NEED:

A- Any work that you will do for God is going to be met with resistance-

1. Garden: Adam placed to tend and keep it; was immediately met with resistance
 - a. Moses: In going to Egypt was met with resistance by the magicians and Pharaoh
 - b. Promised land; They had all the “ITES” to deal with opposing the plan of God

2. Into the NT we still see resistance:

- a. Jesus: Was Tempted by Satan just before the start of his ministry
- b. Disciples: in our passage are facing opposition of the religious, and later persecution by Rome.

3. In many forms you will face resistance: People/Officials/Spiritual

B- See; On our own we can't accomplish what we have been called to do. We have a spiritual need

- a. **Jn15:5** for without me ye can do nothing...

1. In our Passage they see this reality; so what is their answer? **PRAYER**

- a. **V31** when they prayed... This was their response to their need/the opposition/set backs- was prayer

2. See; We have prayer before the concert for a reason:

- a. We are creating an atmosphere... We are engaging in spiritual warfare... We are confessing our need!

- b. See by prayer People are contributing to the results of a concert/service/rally/conference

- i. Old quote: *Work like it all depends on you, PRAY like it all depends on God.*

II PRAYER TARGETS:

A- So lets first think about prayer mistakes: *Things people do or don't do that make this time have little to no effect*

1. Some make the mistake of ONLY praying in tongues;

a. **1 Corinthians 14:15** I will pray with my spirit, but I will pray with my mind also; I will sing praise with my spirit, but I will sing with my mind also.

i. Some sit in a prayer meeting and don't actually say anything... they speak in tongues... Which has some value, but the MIND is unfruitful... You aren't really praying for anything

- b. James 4: You do not have because you do not ask God... What is it you want? Then say it!

2. Some make the mistake that Presence is enough... I showed up, so God will move...

a. These don't even speak in tongues... They are present thinking that by honoring an expectation they have met their requirement for ministry, and will as a result be used & effective.

3. Really; We need to pray specifics: **Hebrews 11:3** By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

- a. Prayer and the words you use has a creative dimension to it! You can create what was not before the words were said!

B- So lets think about Practical Prayer for the concert: **HOW SHOULD WE PRAY?**

1. Visitors: We need people who are not saved to come to the concert... That God would draw through relationships or flyers that were passed out.

- a. In that: Pray that God keeps certain people away: disruptive/religious/divisive

- b. Pray that good visitors STAY! That they will not be distracted and pulled away... Compelled to stay-

2. Salvation: That people will respond & get saved... Converted... Get involved... become disciples... Pastors

3. Anointing: On everything we do... Bands/Drama/Video/Testimony/Cafe... Anointing=Divine Effectiveness.

4. Preacher & the Preaching: That God would anoint them, inspire them, and guide them-

5. Unity: That all involved will all be on the same page.

- a. **Psalms 133:1-2** Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! It is like the precious oil... God moves through this...

III FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST:

A- The results of prayer is Spiritual Power is unlocked

1. **Acts 4:31** And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

- a. They were filled with the HG AFTER PRAYER...

- i. Their need was met by the power of the HG

- b. That is what we need, and that is why we pray!

2. Then, they Spoke with Boldness: There is a HG confidence that connects to this...

- a. Which appeals to people... This is what I need! *An anointed persuasion/HG drawing*

- i. Not a show/not talent/not pride & rockstars... I need this message of Hope! I NEED JESUS

3. From this people WILL respond! You will see your desired results! John 15- FRUIT!

- a. SF: M.- picked up family came in super drunk/got saved/radically converted... But we prayed for that