



WELCOME TO CEC..... Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER Blessed be your name
PRAYER
SINGING TOGETHER When I survey
UPDATES Pastor Phill
SINGING TOGETHER As I rise (Christ be all around me)
BIBLE READING Mark 14:1-9 (Church Bible page 1071)
MESSAGE Taught by Pastor Phill
COMMUNION Just as I am (I come broken)
King of Kings, Majesty
Amazing Grace my chains



The Power of Prayer ~7
The prayer you won't want to pray.
Jeremiah 8:18, 21

1. For God to burden my heart, I must be _____.

'While Jesus was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman, came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on Jesus' head.'
Mark 14:3 NIV

'The Lord turned around and looked straight at Peter, and Peter remembered that the Lord had said to him, "Before the rooster crows tonight, you will say three times that you do not know me." Peter went out and wept bitterly.' Luke 22:61-62 TEV

2. When God burdens my heart, it leads to _____.

'My grief is beyond healing; my heart is broken... I hurt with the hurt of my people. I mourn and am overcome with grief.' Jeremiah 8:18, 21 NLT

'You've come out to fight me with a sword and a spear and a dagger. But I've come out to fight you in the name of the Lord All-Powerful. He is the God of Israel's army, and you have insulted him too!'
1 Samuel 17:45 CEV

'When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven.'
Nehemiah 1:4 NIV

'As he approached Jerusalem and saw the city, he wept over it and said, "If you, even you, had only known on this day what would bring you peace—but now it is hidden from your eyes."' Luke 19:41-42 NIV

3. When God burdens my heart, give _____.

'I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault. I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done.'

Philippians 3:5-7 NLT

'With Christ as my witness, I speak with utter truthfulness. My conscience and the Holy Spirit confirm it. My heart is filled with bitter sorrow and unending grief for my people, my Jewish brothers and sisters. I would be willing to be forever cursed—cut off from Christ!—if that would save them.'

Romans 9:1-3 NLT



SMALL GROUP SERMON DISCUSSION

1. What are some of your pet peeves? What things annoy you the most?
2. What do you think about asking God to burden your heart? What feelings does that stir up?
3. Read Mark 14:1-9. What did the pouring of perfume symbolize?
 - How might that act translate into 21st century living and our act of devotion?
 - What do you think a fully devoted follower of Jesus looks like?
4. Read Jeremiah 8:18 and 21. Have you ever experienced God's blessings as a result of suffering? What happened?
 - Why do we so often want a life of ease and comfort?
 - Is it ok to want that? Why or why not?
5. Read 1 Samuel 17:45 and Nehemiah 1:4. What was David and Nehemiah burdened by? How might we be burdened in the same way today?
6. What if God's greatest blessings were on the other side of our greatest burdens? How do you feel about that statement?
7. Read Romans 9:1-3. Have you ever experienced this sort of burden for someone or something else? Describe your experience.
8. What truly breaks your heart on behalf of God? What are you going to do about what breaks your heart?

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