

*"If my people who are called by my name
will humble themselves, and pray...
2 Chronicles 7:14*



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PRAYER GUIDE

“The Spirit of the Lord GOD
is upon Me, because the
LORD has anointed me
to preach good tidings to
the poor; He has sent me
to heal the brokenhearted,
to proclaim liberty to the
captives, and the opening
of the prison to those who
are bound”

Isaiah 61:1

Dear Temple Family,

Throughout my own personal walk with the Lord I can attest that prayer has been so very important in my spiritual life. When you have been serving Christ as long as I have you begin to get a keen sense of where you are spiritually, and the times when I felt spiritually weak were times when my prayer life was lacking. I have always tried to set aside time each day to meet with the Lord and, as I reflect on my journey of faith, these are times that I have personally witnessed God work in my life. Between answering my specific requests and drawing me closer to Himself, my love for, and commitment to, Him has strengthened.

The book you have in your hands is a twenty-one day devotional and prayer guide. It is a vital part of our Dream Big Campaign and is specifically concentrated on taking us deeper in our walk with the Lord as we seek to do the impossible. Someone once said that "prayer is the method that moves the hand that rules the world." I'm asking each of you personally to take the challenge with me that is presented in this book. I firmly believe that as we take this journey together our lives will be greater and more spiritually rich than ever before. As we do this I'm convinced that God will draw us together in unity and fellowship, therefore I am personally asking for a commitment from you. I can only imagine the power that will be unleashed over the next twenty one days as we read the same material and pray for the same things together. We serve a God "who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." We are calling out to God to do greater things than we've ever seen before; may our eyes together behold His power and His glory. God bless you all and thank you for taking this journey with me.

Pastor Rodney Pearce

We have created this guide to help unify our church in prayer as we join together with God and the work He has called Temple to accomplish in this community.

Each Sunday we'll introduce the prayer emphasis for that week. On Monday through Friday, you'll find 5 daily readings which are divided into these sections:

SCRIPTURE from the Old Testament and the New Testament for you to meditate on. Read them several times.

REFLECTION on the truths found in God's word. Take time to consider the meaning of these truths for yourself, your family, and our church.

PRAYER to help you begin your conversation with God. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you as you pray. Trust that He will lay on your heart and mind specific ways to pray for yourself and others.

INVITATION to respond to God's word. Use the lines to record how God speaks to you each day. Additional space for notes is at the back of this booklet.

On Saturday, you'll find an ACTION STEPS page with ideas to help you practice the truths of God's word. Seek out ways to pray as a family, to serve as a family, and to represent Christ as a family.

[Note: if you're single you may consider praying with some of your church family during the next 21 days. Your connect group is a great place to start, or contact the church office if you haven't yet plugged into a group]

May we humbly join together expecting and believing that God is able and willing to do far more through us than we could ever imagine!



SUNDAY, MAR 11TH: CONNECT TO GOD

Father, open our eyes to see YOU, our ears to hear YOU, and our hearts to know YOU!

SCRIPTURE: "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened." -Matthew 7:7-8 (NIV)

REFLECTION: The focus of our prayer for week one is to seek God with pure and humble hearts. We ask God for knowledge of his will for our lives and the power to carry it out. We seek to find the treasure that is Christ in us. We knock on the door to the throne of our King so we may stand in his presence and gaze upon the richness of his glory!

PRAYER: Keep this prayer in mind this week: "FATHER God, create in me a divine connection to your HOLY SPIRIT through the power of your WORD."

RESPONSE:

MONDAY, MAR 12TH: CONFESS OUR SIN

SCRIPTURE: "If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." -2 Chronicles 7:14 (NKJV)

"Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." -Matthew 6:12 (NKJV)

REFLECTION: Today we recognize that we are coming before the throne of a Holy God. Though he is merciful, loving, and compassionate; He is also just, righteous, and pure. We need to confess our sin to God. We may need to ask God to break our hearts for the sin in our lives. We may need to forgive others in order to receive His forgiveness. Today we humble ourselves before God, the creator of all things.

PRAYER: Holy God, I confess today that there is no one righteous except you. I have fallen short of your glory. At times my sin consumes me. I confess that I need you to overcome my hurts, hang-ups, and habits. I confess that I need you to teach me your ways and make my paths straight. Father, help me to forgive others so I may experience the peace of your forgiveness. Open my eyes to see my life as you see it. Cover my sin with the blood of Christ and make me clean again....

INVITATION: What specific sin do you need to confess to God? Should you confess this sin to another individual whom you trust to hold you accountable? How will you turn in the opposite direction of this sin? Is there anyone you need to forgive?

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective." -James 5:16

RESPONSE



TUESDAY, MAR 13TH: DISCOVER HIS WILL

SCRIPTURE: "A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps." – Proverbs 16:9 (NKJV)

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." -James 1:5 (NIV)

REFLECTION: Today we recognize that God has a plan for our lives and for the lives of those around us. We ask Him to provide wisdom to know and understand His plans. We ask Him to provide courage to walk the path He has laid before us.

PRAYER: Holy Spirit, speak to me today. Increase my knowledge and understanding of my Father's plans for my life. Father, I ask you to provide what I need to carry out your will in my life. Increase my faith so that I may walk on the path you've set before me. Help me to stay focused on my own life and the things I can control...

INVITATION: In what area of your life do you need to surrender your plans and desires to God? Are you willing to accept His plans if they look different than your own? What is one way you can step out in faith to follow God's plan for your life today? Share this step with someone you trust and take action!

RESPONSE

WEDNESDAY, MAR 14TH: MEET OUR MAKER

SCRIPTURE: "The Lord God has put his Spirit in me, because the Lord has appointed me to tell the good news to the poor. He has sent me to comfort those whose hearts are broken, to tell the captives they are free, and to tell the prisoners they are released." – Isaiah 61:1 (NCV)

"God created everything through him [Jesus Christ], and nothing was created except through him." -John 1:3 (NLT)

REFLECTION: Today we acknowledge that we were created by Christ for His pleasure. We acknowledge that we need His Spirit in us to bring good news to others. We recognize that His Spirit will set our hearts free and provide our lives with purpose. Today we seek to surrender our lives to Jesus Christ.

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, my desire is to walk with you today. I confess that you alone are Lord. You alone are able to save me. Bring comfort to my heart where it is broken. Help me to experience freedom through your sacrifice on the cross. Help me to claim the work that you have done for me and walk confidently in your love for me...

INVITATION: What one step do you need to take to quit walking in YOUR strength and start walking in the power of Christ in you? Have you surrendered your heart to Christ? If not, consider this your step today. If yes, have you surrendered your thoughts? Your problems? Your family? Your dreams? Your wallet? Your pain? Your anger? Your addiction? Your job? Your entertainment? Your education?

RESPONSE



THURSDAY, MAR 15TH: GAZE ON HIS GLORY

SCRIPTURE: "The Lord is great and our praise to Him should be great. He is too great for anyone to understand." -Psalm 145:3 (NLV)

"Who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God." -1 Corinthians 2:11 (NIV)

REFLECTION: Today we believe that God is greater than we could ever imagine. We trust that His ways are higher than our own and His goodness is beyond our comprehension. We ask ourselves if we've placed God in a box and defined Him with human terms. We ask ourselves if we've allowed our own limits to determine the limits of our God.

PRAYER: Father today I ask you to help me to see you and to understand who you are. I praise you for you have no limits. You have always been with me. You will never leave my side. Lord, I want to know you. I want to know your ways. Show me your glory...

INVITATION: Make a list of challenges that are currently in your life. Now make a list of words to describe God. How would your life change if you choose to focus only on the second list? Choose one thing you'll do today to stay focused on your God rather than your life circumstances. Share your goal with someone you trust.

CHALLENGES:

WORDS THAT DESCRIBE GOD:

FRIDAY, MAR 16TH: EXPLORE HIS WORD

SCRIPTURE: "I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you." – Psalms 119:11 (NIV)

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for showing people what is wrong in their lives, for correcting faults, and for teaching how to live right." – 2 Timothy 3:16 (NCV)

REFLECTION: Today we take up our sword which is the word of God. We recognize that our true struggles are beyond the realm of this world. We expose Satan as the liar that he is. We take our thoughts captive and make them obedient to Christ.

PRAYER: Father, help me to walk blamelessly before you. Help me to understand your word and to apply it to my life. Teach me to live a life that is set apart for you. Protect me and my family from the schemes and lies of the evil one. Set my eyes on you alone, and help me to guard my thoughts. Use your word to transform me and renew my spirit..

INVITATION: Look back at the verses from this week. Choose the one which speaks to you the most and write it below. Write it also on another piece of paper and put it in a place where you'll see it often. Try to memorize this scripture.

RESPONSE



SATURDAY, MAR 17TH: ACTION STEPS

Below is a list of actions you can take related to this week's prayer focus. Don't try to do them all. Instead choose the ones that will work best for your family and life circumstances.

- Create cards to help you memorize the scriptures found in this week's readings. Post them in your car, workplace, and around your home.
- Do a word study on the face of God. You can do this using a Bible Concordance or visiting one of the following websites:
 - » www.blueletterbible.org
 - » www.biblegateway.com
 - » www.biblehub.com
- Use the internet or visit the library to research the names of God.

CHILDREN CONNECTION ACTIVITIES:

- Talk with your family about the face of God. What does God's face look like in your mind's eye? For children, explain that no one knows the answer to this question (Exodus 33:20-23), but the question can help us relate and connect to God. Explain that we are created in His image (Genesis 1:27). Allow children to cut out different parts of faces in magazines and glue them together to create a collage. Children may see God's face differently than adults do. Let this activity be fun for your family and then lead your children in a prayer of thanksgiving for how God has created us in His image.
- Find free spaces in your life to talk about God. Some examples of free spaces are sitting around the dinner table or driving in the car. As you discover these time slots in your family, begin to lead your children in a conversation to name the character traits of God. Find out what they know and share what you are learning!
- Make a sticker chart for God! Help your children make a simple chart with boxes for each day of the week. Tell your children to place a sticker (or draw a smiley face) on God's chart each time they see something special God has done for them that day. You may need to provide an example to help them get started. Look for green lights when you're running late, flowers that you didn't plant, and sunshine that warms you on a cold day.

SUNDAY, MAR 18TH: PRAY FOR OTHERS

Father, EQUIP us to bear your name, to GO where you've called us to go, and to DO what you've called us to do.

SCRIPTURE: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom should I send as a messenger to this people? Who will go for us?' I said, 'Here I am. Send me!'" -Isaiah 6:8 (NLT)

PRAYER: The focus of our prayer this week is to allow Christ to increase in us. We offer prayers for others as God lays them on our hearts. We ask God where He desires us to go on His behalf and what He desires us to do. We commit to follow Christ wherever he leads us.

Keep this prayer in mind this week: "LORD, Jesus, set my eyes on you and your power so that I may boldly and courageously follow you."

RESPONSE

MONDAY, MAR 19TH: PRAY FOR BELIEVERS

SCRIPTURE: "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." -Joshua 1:9 (NIV)

"My prayer is not for [the disciples] alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." -John 17:21-21 (NIV)

REFLECTION: Today we learn that Jesus prayed for us just before his death on the cross. We see that He desires believers to BE ONE. We find a command to be strong and courageous. Today we pray for believers around the world and locally to be strengthened in the power and love of Christ. We lift up believers who face persecution for their faith and we praise God for a country where we can freely worship our King!

PRAYER: Father God, I thank you for the blessing of living in America where I can freely worship you and share my faith with other believers. Father forgive me when I take that blessing for granted. Create a revival in my community, and set a blazing flame in my heart. Help me to encourage my fellow believers. Help me to humbly seek unity among my fellow church members and within my areas of ministry. Father, fight for those who are persecuted because of your name. Show me how I can be a blessing to my brothers and sisters in Christ...

INVITATION: Write down the name of a missionary and a church leader. Pray a prayer of thanksgiving over these names. Pray also for their protection. Would you commit to pray for them every day this week? Has God called you to do more than pray?

TUESDAY, MAR 20TH: PRAY FOR OUR NATION

SCRIPTURE: "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance." – Psalm 33:12 (NKJV)

"I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. Pray this way for kings and all who are in authority so that we can live peaceful and quiet lives marked by godliness and dignity." – 1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NLT)

REFLECTION: Today we recognize that we are a people who belong to the Lord. We pray for a revival in our nation. We pray for our leaders to recognize the authority of our Lord Jesus. We pray for laws that reflect the truth of God's word. We also give thanks for the men and women in our nation who serve our country as lawmakers, military, fire fighters, police officers, first responders, and emergency workers. We give thanks for their families who sacrifice as well.

PRAYER: Father God, I ask you to bless this nation with love and mercy. I pray that you will guide the authorities within our nation to do your will as they lead us. I ask for your hand of protection to cover our leaders and our land. May we be a nation that brings honor and glory to your name...

INVITATION: Would others know you are a Christian if the only conversation they ever heard you have was political in nature? Would they hear your respect for authority? Would they hear your love for others? Are your words about our nation honorable?



WEDNESDAY, MAR 21ST: PRAY FOR JOHNSTON COUNTY

SCRIPTURE: "And He [God] changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and raises up kings; He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding." – Daniel 2:21 (NKJV)

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." – Ephesians 6:12 (NIV)

REFLECTION: Today we boldly claim that there will be a victory in Johnston County through the power and might of Jesus Christ. Chains will be broken and captives will be set free. We claim that Temple will play a part in God's plan to awaken our county to His presence. We pray also for leaders who will make key decisions that may affect our ability to follow through with the vision God has cast among His people. We pray against the attacks of Satan to halt, slow, or detour the progress of the Dream Center...

PRAYER: God most High, I praise you because you are a mighty warrior for your people. You are a banner that goes before me in the battle. You cover me from behind. You are a strong tower where I can rest and find refreshment for my soul. I thank you for the victory you have spoken over Johnston County, and I wait expecting to see the glorious things which you have planned as they come to life...

INVITATION: Ask God to give you the name of one person, living in Johnston County, whom you can fight for in prayer. Write their name below along with a promise of the good thing you are believing God will do in their life! Begin to pray daily for this person.

THURSDAY, MAR 22ND: PRAY FOR TEMPLE

SCRIPTURE: "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" – Psalms 133:1 (NIV)

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."-John 13:35

REFLECTION: Today, we choose to love one another. We choose to walk in unity. We choose to give grace and to believe the best about other members at Temple. We choose to make amends with anyone whom we have hurt. We choose to forgive anyone who has hurt us. We choose to be thankful for the staff here at Temple...

PRAYER: Lord Jesus, I confess that there are moments when my opinions and convictions do not align perfectly with every person who attends Temple. I ask you to give me the grace to respond to those circumstances in love and humility so I may be an agent of peace within my congregation. I thank you for each staff member and their families. I ask for your blessings to reign down on each of them. I ask also for your hand of protection to cover them...

INVITATION: Use the space below to write down your top 3 favorite things about Temple. Determine if there is another member who would be encouraged by your list. A ministry leader? A teacher? Someone else within the church? Reach out to that person and allow God to use you to build them up.



FRIDAY, MAR 23RD: PRAY FOR YOUR PERSONAL CIRCLE

SCRIPTURE: "Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." – Psalms 127:1a (ESV)

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." – Matthew 5:10 (ESV)

REFLECTION: Today we lift up the people who are closest to us. We pray for their physical, emotional, and spiritual needs. We ask for salvation for loved ones who do not know the Lord. We ask for blessings and encouragement for our friends and family. We lift up authorities in our lives. We acknowledge that we need God in each of these relationships...

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, I lift up my loved ones up to you. I pray that those who have not chosen to give their lives to you in obedience to Christ, will surrender. I pray that your hand of protection will be on my loved ones. I pray for those you placed in positions of authority over me to find it a joy to lead me. Help me to trust their decisions. Father, I hunger for more of you in each of my relationships...

INVITATION: Think about your closest relationships. Do these relationships reflect a hunger and thirst for righteousness? Are you in the habit of serving and loving those around you? Do you look to the needs of others and find ways to be a blessing? What is one way that you could show love or encouragement to someone close to you today?

SATURDAY, MAR 24TH: ACTION STEPS

Below is a list of actions you can take related to this week's prayer focus. Don't try to do them all. Instead choose the ones that will work best for your family and life circumstances.

- Make a list of needs you see in your community. Ask God to reveal to you how He has called you to be a part of the solution to these problems.
- Do a word study on one of the following words: surrender, confess, or neighbor. Use a concordance or one of these helpful websites:
 - » www.blueletterbible.org
 - » www.biblegateway.com
 - » www.biblehub.com
- Find a stranger and bless them. You could leave an extra-large tip for your waitress, help a homeless person, invite your cashier to church, or pray with someone who seems distraught.

CHILDREN CONNECTION ACTIVITIES

- For older children help them to look through scripture seeking a life verse to guide them. Explain that this is a verse they'll memorize and use throughout their life to help them walk with the Lord. Share your life verse or look for one for yourself if you don't have one.
- Create a paper chain with prayer requests written on strips of paper and then looped together. Be sure to include names of people you know who need salvation. You can also include other needs like healing or financial needs. Post the prayer chain in your house somewhere that will remind you to pray over the specific needs. Explain that you'll cut the chains as God answers each request. Make a big celebration with cheering and clapping when a chain is cut!
- Help your children interview an older person they know about the things God has accomplished in their life. Help your child create a list of questions before sitting down to speak with them. A great person to interview might be a grandparent or aunt or uncle. If all your family is unsaved, consider a teacher or friend from church.



SUNDAY, MAR 25TH: PRAY ABOUT MY PURPOSE

Father, create in us CLEAN hearts that are SURRENDERED to the OPPORTUNITIES you've CREATED for us.

SCRIPTURE: "The Lord has told you, human, what is good; He has told you what He wants from you: to do what is right to other people, love being kind to others, and live humbly, obeying your God." - Micah 6:8 (NCV)

PRAYER: The focus of our prayer this week is to say YES to God. We say yes to the things God has called us to do. We say yes to the things God has called us to give. We say yes to the people God has called us to love. We say yes with the resources God has given to us.

Keep this prayer in mind this week: Father teach me your ways and set my feet on solid ground so that I can honor you with my life.

RESPONSE

MONDAY, MAR 26TH: WE SAY YES WITH OUR TALENTS

SCRIPTURE: "Do you see someone skilled in their work? They will serve before kings; they will not serve before officials of low rank." - Proverbs 22:29 (NIV)

"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." - Ephesians 2:10 (NLT)

REFLECTION: Today we recognize that God has gifted us each with talents and abilities that He intends for us to use for his kingdom. We see that God has prepared a special work for us to do and He is preparing us to accomplish this work. Today we give our special skills, passions, and talents to God. We ask Him to teach us how to use these gifts for His glory!

PRAYER: Lord, I thank you for the wonderful way you have created me. I am in awe when I consider how you have knit me together. Help me to discover the talents you've given me. Allow me to use these talents to encourage and help others. Prepare me to humbly point any praise I receive back to you. I want to be used by you...

INVITATION: Make a list of things you are good at. Ask God how you can use your gifts for His glory. If you made a list of needs in our community this past Saturday, review it. Do any of your talents align with a solution for those needs?

TUESDAY, MAR 27TH: WE SAY YES WITH OUR TIME

SCRIPTURE: "Teach us to number our days carefully so that we may develop wisdom in our hearts." – Psalms 90:12 (CSB)

"So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days." – Ephesians 5:15-16

REFLECTION: Today we see that our time is limited. We must choose how we will invest our energy. We must determine to live for things which will produce an eternal fruit. We give our time to God and ask Him to define how we should use it for His glory.

PRAYER: Holy Spirit, guard my heart from an unwillingness to give you my time. Help me to carefully consider the opportunities placed before me. Guide me to make wise choices so I do not take on more than I can handle. Create in my heart the desire to be generous with my time and to use my time to further your kingdom...

INVITATION: How do you need to say yes to God with respect to your time? Do you attend church regularly? Do you serve? Do you have time set aside for prayer and bible study daily? Do you consistently have time to connect with your family? Do you have time for rest? Do you plan for unexpected things that will happen each day?

WEDNESDAY, MAR 28TH: WE SAY YES WITH OUR LIFE CIRCUMSTANCES

SCRIPTURE: "If you keep quiet at this time, someone else will help and save the Jewish people, but you and your father's family will all die. And who knows, you may have been chosen queen for just such a time as this." – Esther 4:14 (NCV)

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit – fruit that will last – and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you." – John 15:16 (NIV)

REFLECTION: Today we call on our God to redeem our life circumstances. We know that He has chosen us long before we even knew of our need for Him. He has appointed us to go out in battle for the poor, the lonely, the broken-hearted, the wounded, the depressed, the sick, and the lost soul. Today we offer every circumstance we've ever faced to our King to be used for the growth of His kingdom. The church is the people, and we seek to be where God would have us to be.

PRAYER: Holy Spirit, bring healing to my life. Take every burden that I have once carried and make it your own. Use the challenges I have faced to encourage others. Use the blessings I have to bless others. Help me to be thankful in all circumstances. Help me to praise your Holy Name...

INVITATION: Will you allow your past or your God to define you? Are there circumstances that continue to weigh on your heart and mind? Are you willing to give those memories to God? Are you as intentional about remembering what God has done for you, as you are about remembering how man has hurt you?



THURSDAY, MAR 29TH: WE SAY YES WITH OUR FINANCES

SCRIPTURE: "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this, says the Lord of hosts, 'if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.'" – Malachi 3:10 (NASB)

"No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money." - Matthew 6:24 (NLT)

REFLECTION: Today we acknowledge that God desires to bless us as we are obedient to His call to give. We resolve to take the next step in this obedience. For some of us, this will be our first time giving. For some of us, this will be our first time tithing a tenth of all God has given to us. For some of us, this will be our first time presenting an offering above our tithe. For some of us, this will be our first time making a specific sacrifice in order to give. For all of us, we seek to take our next first step forward in being a faithful steward of our finances.

PRAYER: Father, help me to fall deeply in love with you. Help me to yearn for your Holy Spirit. Remove any evil desires in my heart to serve or love money and wealth. Teach me to give generously as you give. Grant me the faith to believe that you will provide all my needs as I am faithful and obedient to you in this area of my life...

INVITATION: Has God spoken to you this week about a specific amount to place on your commitment card? Are you willing to trust His plans? Are you willing to make the necessary changes to be a faithful steward of your finances and to participate in the Dream Big Campaign?

FRIDAY, MAR 30TH: WE SAY YES TO THE VISION

SCRIPTURE: "Then he told me, 'This is the word of the Lord to Zerubbabel; You will not succeed by your own strength nor by your own power, but by my Spirit,' says the Lord All-Powerful." – Zechariah 4:6 (NCV)

"Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think." – Ephesians 3:20 (NLT)

REFLECTION: Today we believe that God will use Temple to fulfill His promise to our county. God will use us to make the vision of the Dream Center a reality. We will build a ministry that will be used for generations to come to bring freedom to the prisoners and healing to the brokenhearted. It will serve as a safe haven for women and their children to learn and grow in the knowledge of Jesus Christ. It will be a place to come for prayer. A place filled with songs of worship and praise. It will be a place where the hungry and the poor will find food and rest. It will be a place where the veteran and the homeless will find hope. It will be God's Dream Center for God's people.

PRAYER: Father, I humbly ask you to use me. I ask you to help me to be filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, and self-control. I praise you because your plans are more amazing than my mind can imagine. I thank you for allowing me to be a part of your plans...

INVITATION: Do you believe that God is faithful? Do you believe that His name will bear fruit in your life? In the life of your loved one? Write out a prayer of thanksgiving for the thing you are believing in God to accomplish as if it had already been completed!



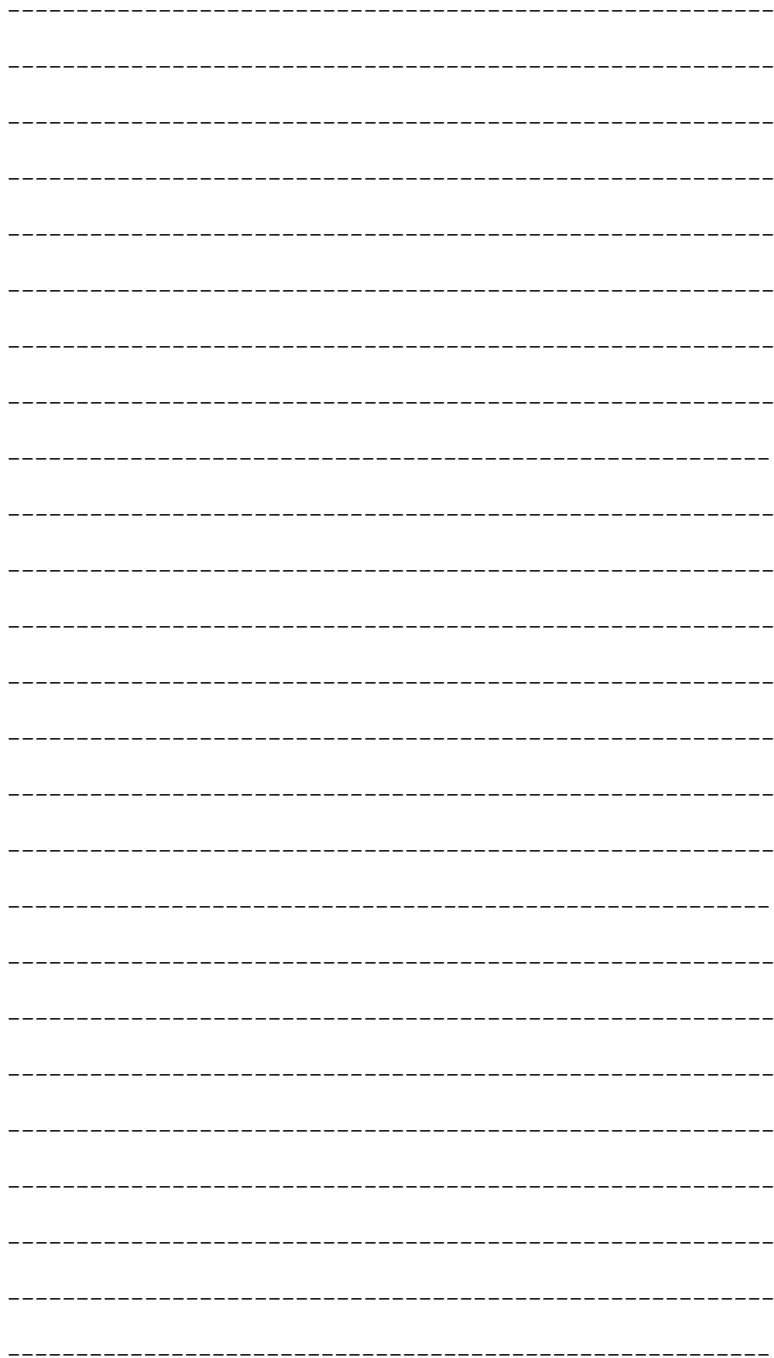
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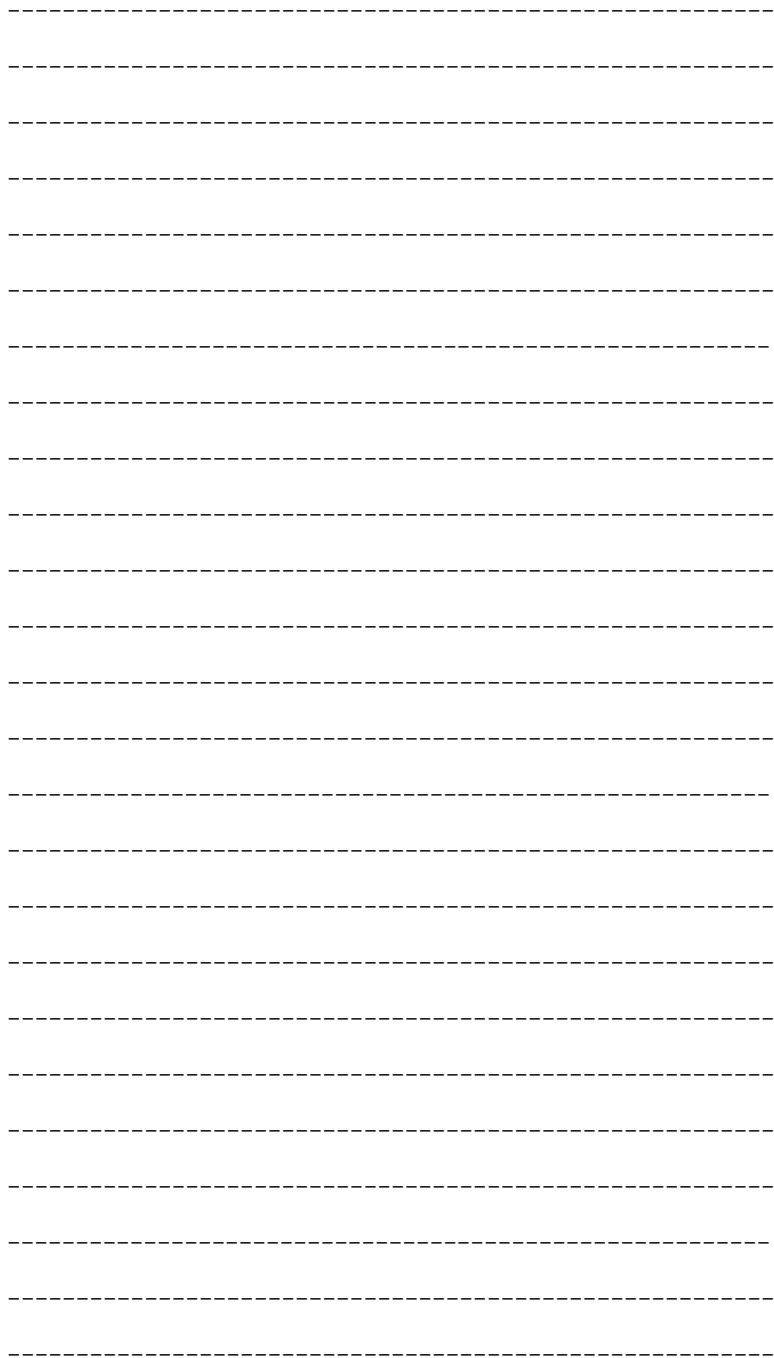
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- Do a word study on "Chosen". Use a concordance or one of the following websites:
 - » www.blueletterbible.org
 - » www.biblegateway.com
 - » www.biblehub.com
- Read and meditate on the parable of the talents found in Matthew 25:14-30

CHILDREN CONNECTION ACTIVITIES

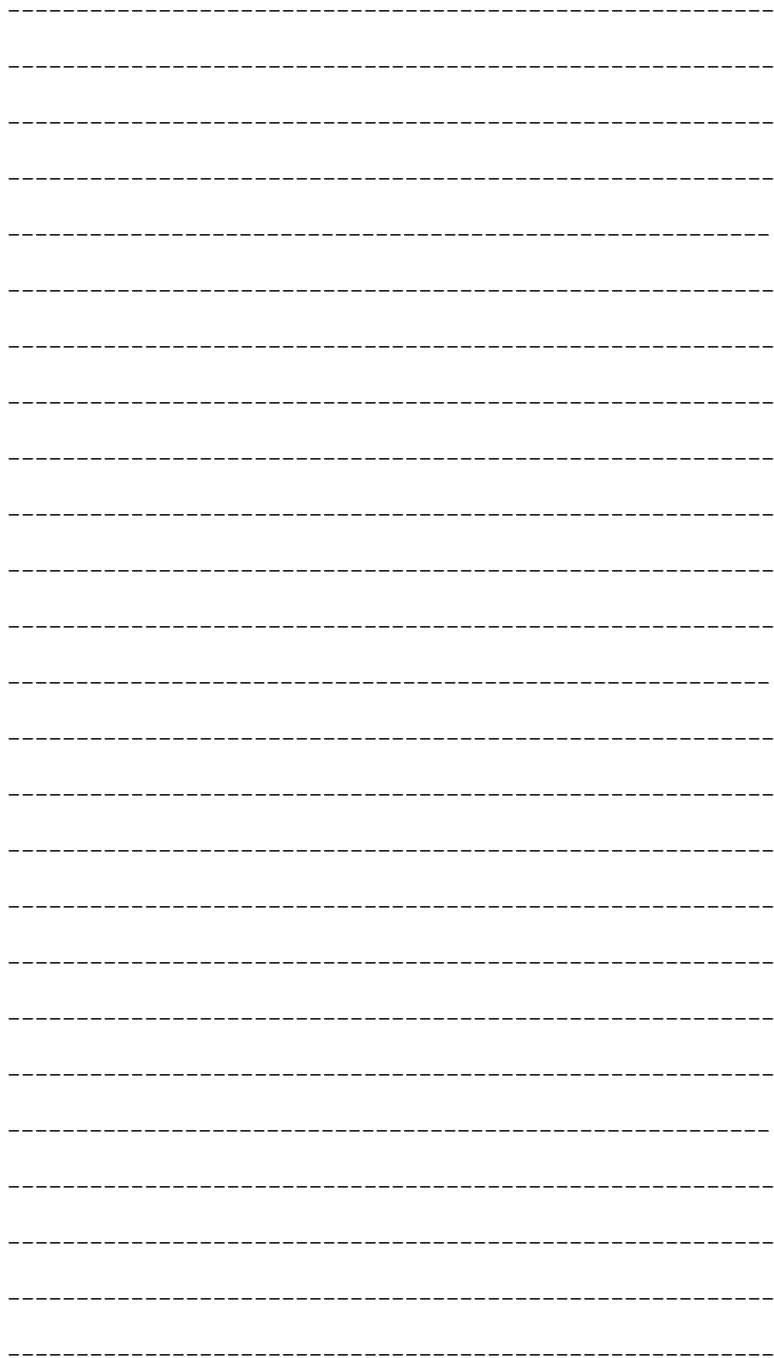
- Hold a family meeting to share the commitment card with your children. Invite your children to make a commitment as well. Help your children choose a chore they could do today to earn money to put in the Dream Center Offering.
- Read Matthew 6:24-33 with your children. Discuss how God has already provided for your family. Invite children to draw a picture of the birds in the air and the lilies. Display their pictures somewhere in your home to remind the entire family that God always provides.
- Look back over the last three weeks. Take time to consider all that God has spoken to you through His word. Journal a few of your thoughts here:



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