Calling Intercessors: A Year in Review

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I. INTRODUCTION

- A. *Examining core values*. What are values? Values are firmly held beliefs consistently acted upon. We discover our own values by examining the behaviors that are most consistently done. We can *determine* our values by resolving to consistently act upon particular beliefs.
- B. *Core value*: Intercession. The prayer of intercession is one of the core values of this ministry and spiritual community.
- C. God has *ordained* that His Kingdom purposes would first function through the ministry of intercession. He invites His people into the glory and privilege in partnering with Him in the place of intercessory prayer.
 - <u>Ask</u> of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. (Ps. 2:8)
 - 13 And whatever you <u>ask</u> in My name, that <u>I will do</u>, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. (John 14:13, 14)
- D. Heaven is filled with *unceasing worship and prayer*. God established it in this way.
 - 8... the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. (Rev. 5:8)

II. INTERSECTION OF PRAYER AND PROMISE

- A. *Principle*: The Lord tells His people *what is coming* (promise) and invites them to participate in the unfolding of the promises *through prayer*. The intercessor tells God what God tells them to tell Him.
- B. Paul instructed young Timothy to engage with unrelenting faith in the promises made over his life.

 18 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies [promises] previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, (1 Tim. 1:17-19)
- C. Promises will not suddenly materialize over a people. Rather, the Lord gives *part* of the future information to invite His people to join Him through intercession as those things materialize.
 - ⁷ Surely the Lord GOD does <u>nothing</u>, unless He <u>reveals His secret</u> to His servants the prophets. (Amos. 3:7)
 - ¹⁷ And the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am doing...? (Gen. 18:17)

III. A YEAR IN REVIEW (2021 UNTIL NOW)

- A. **February** *The Philippians 3 Press*. Paul the Apostle determined to *not settle for less* than what God would give Him in this life *the upward call of God*.
 - ¹² Not that I have already attained, or am already perfected; but <u>I press on</u>, that I may <u>lay hold</u> of that for which Christ Jesus has also laid hold of me. ¹³ ...<u>one thing</u> I do, <u>forgetting</u> those things which are <u>behind</u> and reaching <u>forward</u> to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ <u>I press</u> toward the goal for the prize of the <u>upward call</u> of God in Christ Jesus. (Phil 3:12-14)
- B. **March** *deliverance from the Laodicean spirit*. Jesus is determined to rescue a spiritually lukewarm and wretched church from her spiritual *self-reliance*. A sobering warning with a glorious promise. "*If you open the door of your heart to Me, I will open the door of My glory to you.*"
 - ¹⁶ So then, because you are <u>lukewarm</u>... ¹⁷ ... you say, '<u>I am rich</u>, have become wealthy, and have <u>need of nothing</u>'—and do not know that you are wretched... ¹⁸ I counsel you to <u>buy from Me gold</u> refined in the fire... ¹⁹ As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten... be <u>zealous</u> and <u>repent</u>.

 ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door ... If anyone hears... opens the door, I will ... <u>dine with him</u>, and he with Me. ²¹ To him who overcomes I will grant to <u>sit</u> with Me on My throne...(Rev. 3:16-21)
- C. **April 18th** The *Promise of Luke. 4:18*; in particular, healing power. Chris Reed first visit to IHOPKC, prophesies Luke 4:18. The increase of Holy Spirit ministry. He also mentions Eph. 4:18 (spiritual darkness) and Daniel 4:18 (spiritual insight by the Spirit).
 - "The <u>Spirit of the LORD</u> is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to <u>preach the gospel</u> to the poor; He has <u>sent Me to heal</u> the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind... (Lk. 4:18)
- D. **May** *John 13-17 Conversation*. These chapters may very well be the "*gold*" Jesus spoke of in Rev. 3:18 The promise of end-time unity, love, and glory.
 - ²² And the <u>glory</u> which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be <u>one</u> just as We are one...²⁴ "Father... that they may behold My <u>glory</u> which You have given Me... ²⁶ ...the <u>love</u> with which You <u>loved</u> Me may be in them, and I in them." (Jn. 17:22-24)
- E. **July** *Standing with God's purposes for Israel* her salvation in a future *time of trouble*. Intercessors like Corrie Ten Boom and Dietrich Bonhoeffer in an hour of future trouble and captivity.
 - ²¹ For then there will be great tribulation [trouble], such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. (Mt. 24:21)
 - ²⁴ In that day <u>Israel</u> will be <u>one</u> of three with <u>Egypt</u> and <u>Assyria</u>—a blessing in the midst of the land, Is. (19:24)
- F. **September** escalation of the *Truman Legacy Park (TLP) conversation*. In essence, TLP is a vision to develop the IHOPKC-owned 160 acre historic Truman farmland into a multifaceted park that emphasizes and mobilizes God's prophetic purposes for the nation of Israel. Truman was a *political intercessor* for the establishment of the nation of Israel (1948), God will raise up *spiritual intercessors* in Grandview for the salvation of Israel.