



PASSIONATE PRAYER BRINGS REVIVAL

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In this first session, we want to talk about faith for revival. Faith for revival in Europe. We are going to end this session, hopefully, with a time of interactive prayer together.

This evening I am hoping to speak on the baptism of the Holy Spirit and we will talk about the power for revival. We will believe for the power of the Holy Spirit to really fall upon us. We are going to do everything on purpose to see a breakthrough for a revival in Europe.

PRAYER PRECEDES REVIVAL

Key 1: Prayer precedes revival.

One of the things I felt in prayer was very simple – the Lord said, “Prayer precedes revival.” Prayer precedes revival. Let us look at a couple of examples.

In Acts 1:14, *And they continued together in one heart in prayer. They and the women and Miriam, mother of Yeshua, and His brothers.* One of the things we are believing here, we are as one for such a time as this. Part of the “as one” is that we can pray together. Let us compare this verse in Acts 1 to the verse in Acts 16.

I am preaching to the choir in this verse. Acts 16:13 speaks of a very special woman named Lydia. *On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there.*

ACTS 1: BECOMING ONE

Key 2: We must be of one heart.

Notice the emphasis in both of those verses on *the women*. Well, *the women* have always been leading in prayer since Acts 1 – let us not kid ourselves! We men like to take the leadership, but it is only after *the women* have done the work.

Let us look at these two verses for a moment. Acts 1:14 *They were all together in one heart.* Now that is not easy to be in one heart. It was not easy for the disciples of Yeshua. Even Peter and John struggled with a lot of jealousy, arguments, and they had to work to become one. Part of what we do is to work to make team work, which is one reason why I took a little time at the beginning of this message to talk about our relationships.

Relationships are never easy; or, was that just a problem for us as Jews? It is really not easy for us and it is probably not easy for you, either. Relationships are always difficult. But it came to the point where they were one heart in prayer. And when they were praying in Acts 1, it leads to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2.

ACTS 2: OUTPOURING OF HOLY SPIRIT

Here is a deep theological truth – Acts 1 comes before Acts 2. They were praying together in Acts 1 and that is what leads to an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Acts 2.

Key 3: Passionate prayer leads to a Holy Spirit response.

In Acts 2, we see fire fall from Heaven. That only makes sense to me if they had fire in their hearts *first* while they were praying. They were praying with passion in Acts 1, and then in Acts 2, the Holy Spirit responded by pouring His fire and power upon them.

I do not know how God can pour His power on us if we are not praying with passion first. Why is He going to give us the fire of His heart if He does not see fire in our heart? We have to not just be praying; we must be praying in unity and praying with passion with fire in our hearts.

HIS FIRE BRINGS REVIVAL AND JUDGMENT

Key 4: God's fire brings revival to those who are ready and judgment to those who resist.

I felt the Lord was saying this while Becca was leading worship and prophesying. We need to understand that God's judgment also comes at times of revival. We are praying for the fire of God to fall. It is the same fire. When God's fire falls on people whose hearts are ripe, they have revival. But when it falls on people's hearts who are wrong, they have judgment. It is the same fire.

What starts as fire in our hearts in prayer, releases fire of revival upon God's people. That same fire is also the fire of judgment upon those who are stubbornly against God. These go together.

The events that will happen in the end times are caused by our prayers. It is not only that we are going to be here in the end times, *we cause the events to happen*. We pray and intercede with fire in our hearts, which releases His fire upon His people in revival power. But, when the fire comes, it also brings judgment upon the unrighteousness. So we will be walking in a time of fervent prayer which brings revival and judgment at the same time. We need to be ready for that to happen.

When these people prayed in Acts 1, it released a revival in Acts 2 that has been spreading around the world ever since. They were 120 people, basically from one congregation. Here we have many more than that. We have leaders from nations all over Europe. If we will pray the way they prayed, we can see the fire of the Holy Spirit that they received and it can be a much bigger response than they had. We have more potential for release of revival in this room right now than they had back then. They believed for a fire that would cause revival.

When the power came upon them and Peter rose to speak, he said, *This fire that you see is going to go all over the world because God promised in the Book of Joel that I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh.*

ACTS 2:16

Key 5: Believe again!

Well, what are you here for this weekend? What am I here for this weekend? I am here to believe that God can release His fire and His power and cause a breakthrough for revival so that God will pour out His Spirit on all of Europe! If you are *not* for that, you are in the wrong place. If you are *for* that, then let us go for it together.

A lot of times we come to these meetings - we Messianic Jews a lot have come from Israel to Europe - to ask for support. We want your prayer and we want your money. But, we have not come for that reason today.

I was praying last week as I saw things going on in the United States. I was praying with compassion for the United States. I felt the Lord tell me, you need to go back to the United States for a month on a mission to America. We need to send a mission to America from Israel to believe for a revival in the United States.

We are not here this weekend to come to you to ask you for support for Israel. We are here on a mission to Europe. We are here to stand with you to see a revival breakthrough in this nation. I asked, *what would the Apostle Paul do if he were here today?*

It is pretty hard in Europe. Someone might say, *You know all that unbelief, all those Greeks and those Romans - all those Muslims. I do not know, I am a little afraid.* No. He would say, *Let us start a revival. Let us start a revival!*

The revival that shook the whole world in Acts 2 started with 120 people praying from one congregation. We have almost three times that here today. People from nations all over Europe. All of you in leadership - we have a potential to start, *right now*, a revival that will sweep across Europe. With us, with you and with all the pastors, evangelists, and the people of God throughout Europe, we need one another. Let us stand together with anyone who wants to stand with us.

ACTS 16: LYDIA'S PRAYER GROUP

Then there was Acts 16. There was a little prayer group there with a woman named Lydia. I want you to think about the importance of what happened there. It seems like there were not any men there. Well, maybe there was a few. It was a prayer group of women. (Acts 16:13-15) It did not seem, from the description here, as if it were a very large group. I want you to see what happened here, though. At the beginning of Acts 16, Paul had a dream, a vision, of God telling him to go to Europe. He goes to Europe and what does he find? One woman with a little prayer group!

Key 6: One person with a prayer group can start a revival.

After that he also found the Philippian jailer. But with this little prayer group, *this was the beginning of the revival in Europe*. All over Europe, all over Greece, all over Rome, it spread across all of the nations of Europe. *It changed history*. It changed the Roman Empire. It changed everything that happened in all of European history. And how did it start? With one small meeting of women in prayer.

It was much, much, much smaller than this group of people right here. They had much, much, much less understanding of the Kingdom of God. They sort of also bumped into this bald, Jewish guy that came over from Israel to talk to them, but that is probably irrelevant. But, somehow, this small group of women received a vision for revival in all of Europe. They just started praying. They started praying, and they did not stop until all of Europe was changed. How much more can we believe for that today?

FAITH FOR REVIVAL

I want to speak in that light of faith for revival. I want you to have faith that revival can happen in this continent. We have to believe it.

Key 7: Have faith for revival!

I am not from Europe, but when I come here, sometimes I feel this huge fortress of unbelief, lack of passion. In Israel, when we share the Gospel, everybody gets angry; they start shouting and screaming and telling us they are going to kill us. We like it that way. You know what I am saying?

BEING LUKEWARM SPAWNS UNBELIEF

Sometimes in Europe you share and what you get in response is, they are not against you, they are not for you, they are not really for anything. I do not want us to receive that.

Key 8: Shake off lukewarmness!

I think we need to tear down that wall of unbelief. We need to tear down that fortress of unbelief in this nation and in all of this continent. It has already happened in Europe once, it can happen again. There are hundreds of thousands and millions of people in Europe that already believe and all we have to do is set them on fire with the Gospel and there can be a huge revival in this nation.

GOD LIKES CRISIS

Do not get me wrong, the situation, as it is right now, is a crisis. It is not a good situation, but God likes a crisis.

REVIVAL IN INDONESIA

I am going to encourage your faith. As far as I can tell, the past ten years more people have come to faith in Jesus in the nation of Indonesia than any other nation in the world. Indonesia is the largest Muslim nation in the world. More people have come to faith there than any place else according to statistics.

REVIVAL IN CHINA

Everybody speaks of the great historic revival that happened in China and it is still happening. A hundred million people have come to faith in China. Folks, it did not start with a hundred million people, it started with almost nobody. It started with one or two people that got healed in 1979.

They did not even have Bibles. They started to walk from village to village telling their testimonies and running away from the secret police. All of the original leaders, without exceptions, spent years in jail and were tortured. It was totally impossible to bring the faith to Communist China. God likes that kind of challenge. There today we have the largest group of believers in history. A hundred million people – amazing. And it is changing all of the people of China. We do not see that in the news too much.

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Key 9: Evangelism is a must!

One of the things that Youval and I have been privileged to do is to share with a group of Arab brothers – some of them from Christian backgrounds, some of them former Muslims – who have come to faith and they believe in evangelizing Muslims. We received in prayer - this is similar to you as Aglow - that we need to make Muslim evangelism a priority. Then we realized that we could not do it, so we began to seek out our Arab brothers. We have some beautiful Arab Palestinian Christian brothers. We pray for them, give them money, whatever we can do to stand with them.

We just held a seminar with them last month in our outreach center between Jerusalem and Tel Aviv. We had primarily three wonderful Christian evangelists to Muslims sharing a seminar with us on how they share the Gospel. Can I tell you something about them?

Number 1, they have suffered. They have really suffered. Their friends have suffered. Some of their churches have been disseminated. But I want to tell you something, they have faith.

I can remember several times I came to them and said, "Oh, it is so terrible the way Islamic extremism is taking over the Middle East." They look at me and they say, "What is the matter with you? Where is your faith? Do you not realize that this is what our people need? They have been so blinded by Islam for all these years that they do not realize what Islam really is; now they are going to see what it is and this has to happen before they are going to come to faith. We are believing for millions of them to come to faith."

If they – the Muslim Believers have faith, why can we not have faith? You might say, "Well, they were just crazy." But when you see Muslim Believers like our friend, Harun, who spoke at the last Conference, telling how tens of millions of Muslims are coming...18 million, should have hit 20 million entries to their website in the year 2015, you can see the impact of their faith.

You know how they got started? Harun had nothing. He started a little radio program and then a little television program. He started to explain what was wrong with Islam because he grew up as a Muslim. Then what happened, the Muslim leaders became so angry, they began to promote the station all over the world, telling people all over the world *not* to watch.

I want to tell you, if Harun can have 20 million people enter his website this year, we need to believe. We need to believe - and right now is the greatest time in history to see Muslims come to faith. I believe most of the Muslims in the world today are looking at Islam and saying, "Something is wrong. Does anybody have an answer for us?" Those are not the people who are getting the publicity on the news programs.

But most of the people are asking questions. They have not heard an answer. We have an answer to give them that when they find out about it, we believe there is going to be a massive revival among former Muslims as well.

We need to believe for this to happen. We are planning to come this summer to do a Muslim evangelism conference for the Arab pastors in Europe. Let us believe together for all these Muslims that have come to Europe. Let us get this straight. They are fleeing *away* from Muslim countries. I do not care what the news says, there is something in their hearts that says, "It is not right what we have back in our countries." They are fleeing from Muslim countries. Let us be ready to give them an answer about the Life of God and the Love of God and the Truth of God and the Resurrection of Jesus.

CATHOLIC REVIVAL

I also want to believe that we can see a revival in the Catholic Church. There was a meeting here last week of the Pope and the Cardinals with the chief Rabbis of Italy. It made the news in Israel. We thought it was kind of funny because when you looked at it, everybody was wearing a head covering and you could not figure out at first which ones were the Jews and which ones were the Catholics. Listen, if we can believe for a revival in Israel, if we can believe that all of Israel can be saved, why can we not believe for revival of the Holy Spirit and the Gospel in the Catholic world?

There are so many Catholics. I want to tell you, it was Catholics that shared the Gospel with me almost 40 years ago. That is how I came to faith.

Let us believe for revival in the Catholic community around the world. I do not understand everything that they believe or do not believe in, but the Holy Spirit can touch them. They can be lifted up and be born again by the love of Jesus. Let us believe for that to happen.

Let us believe for

- Millions of Muslims to come to faith.
- Millions of Catholics to see a revival spread across the Catholic community.
- The secular community in Europe to experience revival.

ESTHER 4: PRAYING WOMEN

Let us look at another passage of prayer, which is also in the title of our seminar – *As One for such a time as this*. How can we not read from Esther 4?

Esther 4:14, *And if you remain silent at this time, salvation and deliverance will rise up for the Jews from another place; but you and your father's house will be destroyed. Who knows if for such a time as this you have come to the Kingdom?*

Then Esther answers Mordecai and she says, *So therefore gather all the Jews together who are located in Susa in the capital and let them fast for me and not eat and not drink for three days and nights. I and my maid servants will also fast and in the end I will go into the King against the law of the country and if I perish, I perish.* Esther 4:16

Now, again, who is praying? *The women are praying.* There were a few men there praying, too. But mostly it was women once again.

We are talking about faith for revival and that prayer precedes revival.

It says in Esther 4:14 that maybe you were called to the Kingdom for such a time as this. I was praying about this yesterday and I felt the Lord said, “And what time was that?” “Excuse me here, but You know we are praying, yes, I have been brought to the Kingdom for such a time as this. This is my time to come to the Kingdom.” “Well, yes that is true, but what kind of time was it?”

INTERNATIONAL CRISIS = FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS TIME

Listen closely, ***it was an international crisis.*** It was the worst possible time that you could imagine!

What Mordecai is saying to her is, “for *this* time, *which is a disaster*, this is potentially one of the worst disasters in human history. It is for this purpose for you to pray against this international, historic disaster and crisis. It is for this purpose you have come to the Kingdom.” Now that is bad news.

Key 10: National crises makes room for Kingdom purposes to come forth.

Now there is good news when you get to the second half of the Book of Esther; but, the first half of the Book of Esther is bad news. Before we can have faith for victory in the good news, we do need to understand what the situation is. ***We do need to understand how deep the crisis is so we can pray with enough passion to bring the victory.*** I believe in the victory and that is where we are going.

- To get to the victory we are going to have to pray with passion.
- To pray with passion you are going to have to realize how bad the crisis is.

Let us think just a moment about the Book of Esther. It said that there was an international federation of 127 nations. We would not know about any international union of nations around the world today, would we? Yes we would.

AN EVIL MESSAGE

An evil force came out of the nation of Iran, at that time, and what was the message? The message was this – Kill all the Jews. An international coalition with a message to kill all the Jews, led by Iran. That is what the situation was in the Book of Esther.

We need to understand where we stand today because this is not just about Jews. This was before Jesus, before Christianity, and before Islam. In radical Islam, there is not a difference between Jews and Christians. That spirit that was back there *before* the time of Jesus that wanted to kill all the Jews before Jesus to stop Jesus from coming the first time - that same spirit *after* Jesus wants to kill all the Jews and the Christians today. That same spirit that wanted to kill the Jews before Jesus, wants to kill the Jews and the Christians after Jesus. *Today, you are in that group that they want to kill.* And you can say, just like Esther, “Well, nobody knows I am Jewish, so maybe we can just kind of keep quiet at this time.” And Mordecai said to her, and I say to you, *Christians of Europe, do not kid yourself because the spirit in radical Islam wants to kill all the Jews, it wants to kill all the Christians.*

Of course, I am saying this on purpose – there is a difference between radical Islam and moderate Islam. But I am not saying that moderate Islam is going around thinking that they want to kill Jews and Christians, but in the spirit that is in Islamic extremism, they want to kill Jews, they want to kill Christians, they want to destroy European civilization and take over the world where the Sharia Islamic state can be the law. Understand what is going on.

Key 11: Understand the times in which we live.

We face a similar crisis. This was a threat. The King passed a law to kill all the Jews, which would be the equivalent today of passing a law totally against Israel and against all Christians that stand with Israel. That is what is coming down the road, folks. It would be better for us to stand against it now before it becomes a law.

As Jane has said, “This is the greatest crisis facing Europe since the early 1940’s.” We need to stand against it.

GOD’S NAME IS FOREVER

I felt in prayer, also, that the Lord spoke something to me. It took me a little while to figure it out. I felt the Lord said, *The same God who said, ‘Thou shall not commit adultery and thou shall not murder’ is the same God who said ‘I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and that is My name forever.’* I heard that in my heart. I thought, Lord I do not understand that. Let me say it one more time. Then I heard the Spirit tell me, *The same God who said ‘thou shall not commit adultery’ and said ‘thou shall not murder’ also said ‘I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and that is My name forever.’*

Key 12: God’s name is forever.

A SPIRIT OF ADULTERY

I have been wondering what that means. In western civilization and in entertainment, there is a tremendous spirit of adultery. Everything you see in every show, it is all about adultery. And if that is where your heart is, in adultery, then you do not want to come close to a God who is telling you do not commit adultery. Did you get that? If what you want is adultery, then you want to *not* believe in a God who is telling you *thou shall not commit adultery*.

When the heart of people is for adultery, it has to be also against God. You cannot be for adultery and for God at the same time. So, if you are for adultery, and if that becomes the center of western culture and entertainment, then by its very nature, you have to be against God and that God is also a God who says, *I am the God of Israel*. Ultimately, if your heart is set on sexual immorality, ultimately you will be against God and you will hate Israel because it is the God of Israel who is saying *thou shall not commit adultery*.

There is a deep investment in every culture whose highest value is sexual immorality to be against Christians who believe in God and to be against Jews who claim to be under the God of Israel. That is why that all goes together.

The spirit of adultery is like the spirit of anti-Israel and it is like the spirit of anti-Christians. It is all the same thing. That is what we are up against. We are going to win the battle but we have to know what it is.

There was a commentator in Sweden this week who said, “I do not understand why some of the radical feminists are defending the men who raped the women in Sweden. Apparently, they are more interested in protecting Muslim men from criticism than they are in protecting Swedish women from sexual abuse.” That is true. It is true of Europe. It is true of the United States. And to tell you the truth, it is true of a lot of Israel.

You would be surprised that some of the greatest anti-Israel proponents are in Israel. The worst anti-Zionist are some of the people who live in Israel. Why? Because they also are so committed to sexual immorality, and they are also against the God of Israel who says thou shall not commit adultery.

So it is not a question of one people group being better than another. I appreciate that a lot of you love our people, thank God. We need your love - that is for sure. Sometimes I am a little amazed that there are some Christians that think Jews are actually better. What we say about that is, you would have to be a Gentile to think that.

THE WORLD IN CRISIS

We had so much news in Israel this month. Our former Prime Minister is going to jail for corruption. Our Interior Minister resigned for sexual abuse. The top model in Israel is under investigation for tax evasion. Some ultra-religious Jews are under investigation for murdering an innocent Arab family. I could not even list what we go through in one week. We are the chosen people you know. Our people we are out to make Tel Aviv, where our congregation is in Tel Aviv, to be the homosexual capital of the world. There is so much sin in our country.

Our people are just like any other people. Europeans, Jews, Arabs, we all need the love of God. We all need the Gospel. And what is happening in the crisis around the world is that people are realizing that the natural situation is not going to work any longer.

What Europe has been is not what is going to be there any longer. Europe as you know it is gone. So there is a crisis. People are going to have to change. Either they can just succumb and submit to evil, or we can rise up in faith, love, and truth, and use this as an opportunity to share the Kingdom of God.

I believe that because of the problems, the people of Europe for the first time in many years are starting to ask questions, big questions about who we are, what is the meaning of life, what should we do, what is Islam, what is Judaism, what is Christianity? The people are asking questions and it is time for us to rise up and give them some answers.

Key 13: We are people who have the answers the world needs.

There are two other things about the Book of Esther that I want to mention. The evil figure in the Book of Esther is called Haman. The word used to describe him in the Hebrew is usually translated as *the enemy*. This is just something I am throwing out for you to enjoy. The same Hebrew word is used to describe the anti-Christ.

In other words, you see Haman referred to in Hebrew by the same word that is used later on in the New Testament referring to the anti-Christ. So what we have is a picture in the Book of Esther of what is going to happen in the years of the tribulation - the international federation of nations, the spirit of murdering Jews, Christians, and Israel, and all that is led by an evil spirit.

Now here is the good news. Let us jump to the end of the passage. What do you think of when you think about the Book of Esther? This was one of the greatest crises in world history. It almost was one of the worst disasters in all of history. It came this close to being the worst disaster in history.

What happened when a group of a few women began to pray and fast? Now what do you think happened at the end of the Book of Esther? They stop the evil decree, right? No! They did not just stop the evil decree. There was a world revival. There was a world revival in 127 nations of the world. People all over the world became believers in the God of Israel. Those who were already believers began to feel themselves close to the Jewish people. And the believers around the world began to take positions in government. This was a huge revival. Are you getting what I am saying?

PRAYER CHANGED CRISIS INTO REVIVAL

This was not just avoiding the bad decree. You are still not getting what I am saying. This moment of crisis was changed around to be one of the greatest revivals known to mankind. It swept across all of the nations of the world. One hundred and twenty-seven nations including India, Africa, and it swept across the Arab world. People became saved all across the world. This was a huge, historic revival. The leader of the world proclaimed faith in the God of Israel and he gave to the Bible believers permission to run the government all over the world.

Key 14: Prayer turns crisis into revivals.

That is what resulted from that prayer. I want you to see this. When I said *for such a time as this*, this is where you stand right now. This is a crisis. It can go one way or the other. This could turn out to be one of the worst disasters in human history – the destruction of Europe, massive anti-Semitism. Or, it could be a turning point where there could be a sweep of revival across the nations of Europe and across the Arab nations including Iran.

Now listen to this, I said in the beginning that this evil spirit that came out to kill all the Jews and the Christians by parable, came out of Iran. It is true that in Iran today with Shiite extremism, they are funding more of the terrorism around the world than anyone else. But beloved, it was in Iran that this revival broke out. It was the head of Iran that received faith in the Lord. It was in Iran that they kicked out those extremists. It was in Iran that they let the believers take over the government. Out of Iran swept a revival that came across the whole world.

I do not know what is happening in Iran today, but I can guarantee you, there are thousands, hundreds of thousands, millions of people in Iran today that are asking questions. They are saying, what is this about? This cannot be right. What is happening? And the people in Iran, the people in the Arab world, the people in Europe are asking questions today that they have never asked before.

At that worst moment in history where there was almost a massive disaster and holocaust, it turned around because of the prayers of a small group of women who changed history and changed that international disaster into one of the greatest revivals recorded in the entire Bible.

Think about that for a minute. Can you find me a revival greater than that in the whole Bible? 127 nations. Bible believers taking over the government. Amazing. And it happened fast. It was because of the crisis that it was released.

I have one more point that I want to share with you and then we are going to pray.

- We talked about the international crisis.
- We talked about team work amongst us.
- We talked about the God of Israel confronting this world with moral values.
- We talked about passion for prayer.
- We talked about the fire of the Holy Spirit bringing revival at the same time as judgment.
- We talked about prayer preceding revival.
- We talked about that the God who said *thou shall not commit adultery and thou shall not murder* is also the God who said *I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob and that will be My name forever*.

We forgot to talk about the other side of that. What if you were against Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob? What if you are offended by that idea, which has unfortunately swept across a lot of the Arab nations? What if you do not believe in adultery? What do you do? Murder. Because if you do not believe in the God of Israel who said thou shall not murder, then you can murder. And if you want to murder, you would have to get rid of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. I am not aware of any quotes in the Qur'an where it says thou shall not murder. If it is in there, they seem to be skipping over it. Murder goes back to the very start of Islam with Mohammed.

People say, well it is the same God, it is the same religion. But it cannot be because the God of the Bible says thou shall not murder. And if you go around murdering people around the world, you do not believe in the same God who said thou shall not murder. In other words, there is a central conflict of values from Islam extremism on the one hand that wants to murder and Western European secularism that wants to commit adultery.

If you want to either murder on the one hand or commit adultery on the other hand, you are going to sometime reject the God of Israel because He said *thou shall not commit a murder and thou shall not commit adultery*.

MOVING OUT OF PRAYER INTO INTERCESSION

I think that is for another topic. Let us finish up in the Book of Romans.

I want us to end up in prayer. There is a depth of prayer intercession, I believe, that starting in this group right here, and other groups like you around Europe, where we can see a breakthrough for revival in Europe. We have to believe it, we have to tear down the stronghold of unbelief, and we also have to pray with a passion.

Key 15: Moving from prayer into deep intercession that brings results

I do not believe that a lukewarm prayer is going to change the situation in Europe. Listen to what Esther said. She said, "If I die, I die, but I am going to stand in prayer for the salvation of my people and it will be a life and death matter to me." When you pray as a matter of life and death, you pass out from prayer into intercession. That is the difference between prayer and intercession in my mind.

When you say, this is an issue of life and death, I am going to go all the way for this no matter what the cost, I put my life on the line for this, then, you break into intercession where you release a different kind of power. Amazingly enough, when that pretty young girl said I am going to pray and fast, and if I die, I die, but I am going to give myself for the salvation of my people, within a week, all of history changed and one of the greatest revivals in history broke out. It had to go into the depth of her heart.

I am thinking about someone else who also said that about prayer and intercession. This will be our last verse about prayer.

ROMANS 9: PAUL

Let us look in Romans 9.

Here when Paul is speaking about his prayer for the Jewish people, for Israel, and I want to draw this over into our prayer for Europe today. He says in Romans 9:2 *Great is the sorrow and the pain in my heart always for I would be ready for myself to be cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers who are my people, my own flesh and blood, the children of Israel.*

See how similar what Paul says to what Esther said. He said, "I am going to pray as if this is a matter of life and death for me. Either this prayer gets answered or I am dead. Either this prayer gets answered or I am willing to do anything, even lose my salvation," - which of course is impossible. Is he saying he would lose his salvation? He is saying, "I would do anything at any cost to pray to see my people saved." This is the same thing that Moses said when he sat in front of God and God said, "I am going to wipe out the Jewish people." Moses said, "Well then wipe me out, too. Cut me out of Your Book forever."

As I understand it, God was saying, "I was looking for you to say that." God is pushing us to a place, a place of passionate intercession, a fire in our hearts, a willingness to do anything.

I want to ask you in that way. My beloved brothers and sisters all over Europe, do you care that much about your people? Do you care that much about the people in Norway, Sweden and Denmark? In France and Italy, Britain, Spain, and across the country in Eastern Europe? Do you care that much about your people? Are you saying, "This is my flesh and blood, and I would do anything to pray for their salvation?"

How are we to pray? People ask that. A lot of people say, "I will pray for the peace in Jerusalem" - and I am glad for that. But, that can sometimes be an avoidance.

Here is what Paul said in Romans 10:1, "This is my prayer for Israel, that they would be saved." Our people do not need peace and prosperity, they need salvation. I am glad that you stand with our people for peace and prosperity, we do that also. That is second-level prayer.

A first-level prayer, Paul said, "This is my prayer for my people, that they would be saved."

We all believe in Israel. One of our favorite verses is, *All Israel will be saved*, Romans 11:26. We sing it, we pray it every day. But before you get to a revival in Israel, you have to get to the remnant in Israel. You see, you have to strengthen the remnant in Israel before you get to the revival in Israel. We believe that all Israel will be saved; but, before that, you have to get to the remnant, the Messianic remnant in Israel being saved, being strengthened. And before that has to happen, the people all over the world, and particularly in Europe, have to be praying for them.

So, as we need you to pray for us, we want to pray for you. If it is true for Israel, it can be true for your nation as well, because you are the extension of our people. You believe in Yeshua; you have joined our hearts and faith and we want you to pray for all of your nations to be saved. If it does not get to the whole nation, then 90 percent. If not 99 percent, 50 percent. But let us believe together. Paul said, "This is always in my heart."

In a moment we are going to have you pray in little groups around the auditorium. But I want you to pray with passion. I want you to pray as if this is a life or death issue for you - as if somebody was pointing a gun at your head and saying you are going to pray as a life or death issue. Does anybody care about you? Does anybody care about your nation? You do! We do! That is why we are here. Let us care about your nation. Let us care about it so deep that it will be in our hearts. This is the spirit of intercession.

Last story: This happened to me and my wife in 1981. A famous Bible teacher named Derek Prince, whom you may know, was teaching in a church in the United States and my wife and I were his chauffeurs. We drove him and his wife to this church. He spoke on Romans 9, 10, and 11. He asked the people if they would like to have that same spirit of intercession for Israel. They did that just in the auditorium. It was a large church. They just started praying in groups of two or three. He was on the stage. Betty and I were in the audience with his wife. We took hands and we began to pray and all of a sudden I burst out uncontrollable in tears. Something went into my heart. It was like a pain, like a burning. It has never left me. That is the intercession that I have for Israel to be saved.

We are not here today to ask you to pray for Israel. We are here to ask you to pray for your country and for Europe. I want us to receive a spirit of intercession for the nations of Europe. We probably have 20 nations represented here. Do you see what we can do right now in prayer?