



Where Heaven Meets Earth

Eph. 6:10-18; Exo. 33; 1 Thess. 5:17

Bottom Line:

Do not forsake the meeting tent.

Introduction:

Bon Jovi may have had it right.

“A spiritual life without prayer is like the Gospel without Christ.” – Henri Nouwen

Struggle

Three things hindering the prayer life: the guilt of shame, the fear of silence, and the busyness of my schedule.

There is often a wrong perspective on prayer.

Truth

Prayer is the primary means by which we will meet with God.

Prayer is essential in the Christian life. In fact, it has been said that prayer is the Christian life.

*“If any of you should ask me for an epitome of the Christian religion,
I should say that it is one word – prayer.”
– Charles Spurgeon*

Ephesians 6:10-18

The former six weapons do not work apart from the seventh – the weapon of prayer.

Prayer is where we find God’s presence, and God’s presence is where we find power.

Disciples of Jesus must be taught how to pray (rf. Luke 11).

Heaven meets earth in the hidden life with God, the secrecy of the prayer closet.

*“If we don’t have a hidden life with God,
our public life for God cannot bear fruit.”
– Henri Nouwen*

The level upon which I desire to know God can be assumed by how much of my life is consumed in the spiritual practice and discipline of prayer.

Exodus 33:7-11.

The tent was once for Moses; it is now for me.

Conclusion:

Do not forsake the meeting tent, for it is there that you will encounter the Spirit of God and His power. What if we could live a life that is in constant communion with God? A life that would be like what Paul said to the believers at Thessalonica, “praying without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17). If you will bring the 2020 year into the meeting tent, you will come out with more than you came in with.

Next Steps:

- Create a space in your home that is devoted to prayer.
- Add a prayer time to your calendar and set an alert.
- Pray with your spouse every night this week.