**11-22-15 “Praising through Prayer”**

Psalm 105: 1-6 1 Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! 3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! 4 Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! 5 Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered, 6 O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

Verse 1= We learn three ways of Praising

1. Give thanks
   * Season of Thanksgiving
   * Thankful posts on Facebook
     + Fishing, safe travels, sunshine, food, clean house, friends, good medical reports, lay speakers, pianists, weather, family, oatmeal, community, veterans, roof, faith, laughter, heat, sunshine, medication, marriage/Anniversary, paved roads, indoor plumbing, snuggles, Friday, coffee, birthday, cake, meatloaf, job, raincoats, days off, Fall Festival, alarm clocks, Love, church, lessons learned, tire plugs, coworkers, rainouts, boxes.
     + Colossians 1:16-17 16 For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. 17 And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.
   * Glory in his holy name (v.3)
     + Bounce the glory back up
     + All of this is His glory, bounce it back to him
   * Praise Song: Give thanks with a grateful heart Give thanks to the Holy One Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son
2. Call upon his name
   * Pray
   * 1st believers= Genesis 4:26 To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the Lord.
   * Sing to him, sing praises to him (v.2)
     + Song in our heart
   * let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!  Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! (End of v.3 and v.4)
3. make known his deeds
   * Tell of all his wondrous works (v.2)
   * Remember the wondrous works that he has done (v. 5)
   * the judgments he uttered, (v.5)
   * his miracles (v.5)

* Where I want us to hang out this am
* What the Lord has been pressing on my heart
* James 5:13-18 13 Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. 14 Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. 15 And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. 16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18 Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.
* Men's Group  
  + 1st text message: Good morning! Prayed for us all this morning that we would be willing to press into and through our fears in our heart to accomplished those little things and big things that the Lord is pressing on our hearts to accomplish whether it's praying with and praying for someone, etc. When these things happen, please share them with us so that we can celebrate alongside of you and also be encouraged.
  + Next week the leader asked us to pray that God would give us a name, description, etc.: Guys. If you got a face, clothes, person/name and/or word to share with someone this morning and the Lord places that person in front of you and you share with, pray with, talk with them....please shoot me a text and let me know. I love and want to hear the stories being written of followers who are being who they were designed to be. Thanks. Love y'all.
  + James and talking about taking selfie with someone God put in our path #beobedient: Well God is a funny sometimes. Went into Publix this evening and a lady in tears asked me for money. She said she needed money for food and a hotel for the night for her kids. I didn't think a selfie was appropriate however God was able to work thru me. I told her God will never give up on her and that he loves her. Kids and mom r taking care of for the night. I was nervous!!
  + Next week the leader shared about how he was asked to go pray for someone that day and this is the text we received the day after: Just to follow up with you on the lady I want to go pray with yesterday She had just seen a renal specialist the day before. They felt that the issue with the kidneys were being caused by her blood pressure shooting up to 200/140 and then the kidneys perpetuated the problem with the high blood pressure. when we got to the house, she was in a lot of pain in her kidneys and lower back and a migraine like headache from the high blood pressure. Her pain in head and kidneys went from a 10 to a 2 the first time we prayed and then to a 0 the second time. Come on. Jesus is so good! Blood pressure dropped to normal. I touched base last night and still no pain and blood pressure normal. She is supposed to go back to the specialist after they get back all lab results from her previous visit and do more labs to compare. Can't wait to hear about those. I really believe the Lord is pushing our men's group to become unhinged for His glory to be shown through us and in us. Keep pressing in and keep sharing stories. Love y'all!
  + The next day leader went to a service= Bobby, then healing for another's back, encouragement for one of the leaders
  + Next week the Smoothie King fail= Someone behind the counter, need prayer, etc. NO GO
* I share all of this this am because I want us to press into a time of being bold to pray for one another for miracles, healing, signs and visions
  + Christine Cain= "We pray for miracles, signs, wonders but refuse to put ourselves in a place where we need one"
  + This am we are going to put ourselves in that position
  + We are going to
    - Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles (v.5)
      * 3 weeks ago the story of Jody's elbow
    - To be Okay with weird, AWKWARD (for us, not for Jesus)
    - Realize that God's original intention was no sickness pain and one day that will be realized
    - know 100% nothing happens if you do nothing or same thing
    - Realize God calls us to have faith and pray
    - know that the Miracle is having faith even if nothing happens
    - know that the Greatest miracle someone to know the love of Christ/God
* Healing Service
  + Thanksgiving over the oil: O God, the giver of health and salvation, we give thanks to you for the gift of oil.  As your holy apostles anointed many who were sick and healed them, so pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on this gift, that those who in faith and repentance receive this anointing may be made whole; through our Lord Jesus Christ AMEN.
  + Anoint each person with oil:  I anoint you with oil in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
  + We lay our hands on you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. . . . . . . . . . . . . . .May the power of God's indwelling presence heal you of all illnesses-of body, mind, spirit, and relationships-that you may serve God with a loving heart. AMEN
  + Prayer
  + Hymn
  + Dismissal