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**Prayer Series: Upward. Inward. Outward**

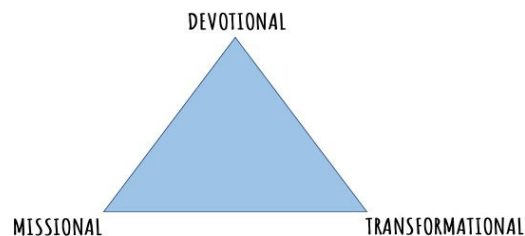
**Study 6: Ways To Pray Outward - Pray for BOB**

Note: You can listen to or watch the sermon of the same title, Craig Robertson, Feb 20, 2022

**Intro.** When Jesus invited us to pray with him “Our Father in heaven . . . your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven” he was inviting us to pray WITH him for the *advancement* of the Father’s Kingdom into both your life and the lives of others. As we pray this **Outward** we are asking for the Father’s authority, power, love, and goodness to enter this world. As we pray his kingdom “come” into the lives of others we are praying for *our own participation* in bringing it.

When we pray “your will be done on earth as it is in heaven” we are asking for both the *alignment and surrender* of one’s life and priorities to the Father’s will, which is good, acceptable, and perfect.

We cannot commune UPWARD in prayer without the Lord giving us his heart for the lost. Our burden for the lost must move our prayers OUTWARD to mission. For missional prayers to be effective we need to pray for BOB!



Brian Alarid says it well: “Mission is sharing the love and Good News of Jesus Christ with people who are far from God (i.e. people lost to God ). That includes evangelism, compassionate service, cross-cultural missions, and one-on-one discipleship. The mission is to share Jesus with a broken and hurting world. And your mission field is right where you live, work and play. God calls some people as missionaries to foreign nations, but He calls everyone to be a bold witness and force for good. God has given you a circle of influence and wants to use you to impact these people for eternity.” - pg. 128 *When People Pray*.

Personal Journal time- Ask God these questions and write down what you sense He is communicating to you.

Group Discussion Questions- share what you heard.

As a group- pray boldly together in the Spirit that the lost be found.

### **Pray for BOB . . .**

**Burden** – Hear the burden Paul expresses in his words to the men and women of the church and the way God feels as we pray for the world.

“First of all, then, *I urge* that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for *all people* . . . This is *good*, and it is *pleasing* in the sight of God our Savior, *who desires* all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.” (1 Timothy 2:1, 3-4)

Journal Question: A burden can come to us as a thought with an emotion connected to someone or something. It could be love, anguish, anger, or sadness of heart. Ask, “Oh, Lord, who or what burden do you want to lay upon my heart right now?”

Group Discussion: Read Nehemiah 1:4. Share the burden the Lord put on your heart and the emotion attached with it?

**Opportunity** - “For the Son of Man came to SEEK and save the lost.” (Luke 19:10) Jesus not only TOOK opportunities but SOUGHT opportunities to fulfill his mission. His mission was drenched in much prayer in quiet places that would lead him to unexpected places or people..

Journal Question: Now hold up your burden and ask, “Lord, what is the first step I should take to bring a blessing or word from you?” It could be a movement to change things or a bold witness of the gospel. What are the obstacles that would make this difficult if not impossible?

Group Discussion: Read Nehemiah 1:11; 2:4 Sometimes we have a burden but never pray for a divine strategy or opportunity to act upon it. Share the next step the Lord laid upon your heart. Will it be easy or difficult for you?

**Boldness** - We all get intimidated or frightened at times when we are called by the Lord.

Journal Question: What truth do you need to believe or what attitude needs to change for you to obey God's missional call?

Group Discussion: Read Nehemiah 2:2 Where do you need the Holy Spirit to embolden you and why?

**Group prayer** - Read Acts 4:23-32 and pray for boldness!!