

Week 14
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Transforming Daily
“... one accord in prayer ...”
Acts 1:14

Some of the best memories of my Christian walk were experienced just after I was saved and learning how to pray. My brother-in-law, Jesse, taught me how to pray in public, but it was his father, my first pastor, who taught me how to pray with one accord (no, I am not referring to the Honda, he had a Chrysler and a Toyota). I believe our church was experiencing true revival in those days, and what a sweet time of corporate prayer it fostered.

Wednesday evening mid-week prayer service was one of those fond memories. The prayer time, which was after a song service and preaching, would follow for what seemed like hours. Not only was the altar filled with people on their knees, and laying on their faces, but also the first two rows of pews (pews are those wooden long benches that people sat in). One person after the other seamlessly prayed their supplications, petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving to God in Jesus name. It was as if everyone individually made up one person collectively.

Through those prayers God chose to move according to His will and men and women, girls and boys were healed of sicknesses, spouses were reconciled in marriage, some gained employment for, and promotions at, work, young people became better students and obedient to their parents, salvation of all ages occurred on a regular basis with their subsequent baptisms, Sunday Scholl exploded, Church Training was expanding, people surrendered to full-time ministry and missions, discipleship, fellowship and soul winning increased exponentially. It was revival! The most unlikely people that you would see together came together. Executives, laborers, sales, blue collar, white collar, young and old, rich and poor, male and female, at that place for that time we were of one mind. We had the mind of Christ!

I haven't seen corporate prayer expressed like that since 1979. I've heard about something like it in other places, and I have had many sweet hours of prayer in the presence of other believers from other churches through the last 30 plus years, but I haven't experienced again what we experienced in those few years. Why? I have no idea. What I do know is that I am to follow the will of the Lord. I am to pray without ceasing. I am to continually offer prayers of intercession, supplication, petition and thanksgiving individually and corporately.

Do you pray as an individual? Do you pray with others? When you pray with others do you seek to be likeminded? Are you in one accord in prayer (and no, I am not referring to the car unless of course it helps foster like-mindedness in corporate prayer)?