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这样,你们不再作外人和客旅,是与圣徒同国,是神家里的人了。以弗所书二19

祷告——教会复兴之钥

摔跤的祷告

「因为我们不是对血和肉摔跤,乃是对那些执政的, 对那些掌权的,对那些管辖这个幽暗世界的,对那些在 诸天的恶灵摔跤。」 (弗六 12,原文逐字中译)

祷告中所用的「争战」一词, 意思是「一种对抗」, 但不是我们与神对抗, 因祂是站在我们这一边; 乃是与 恶者对抗, 虽然牠是失败的敌人(约壹三8), 牠却想 拦阻我们祷告。我们的摔跤可能是与撒但在心思上搅扰 的摔跤, 为要使心思定睛在基督的身上——这就是儆醒 和不住地祷告, 亦即「随时多方祷告祈求, 并要在此儆 醒不倦。」(弗六 18-20)

「我们的软弱有圣灵帮助,我们本不晓得当怎样祷告。」(罗八 26)这是叫我们得安慰的事。若不是藉着实例或教训,我们就不知道圣灵如何「帮助」我们?圣灵是如何「祷告」呢?「圣灵亲自用说不出来的叹息,替我们祷告。」(罗八 26)难道圣灵在祷告中不像人子在客西马尼园一样「劬劳」吗?假若圣灵在我们里面祷告,难道我们不会有分于祂在祷告中的「叹息」吗?若我们有时因为祷告的伤痛而使身体受亏损,天使会帮助我们像帮助我们的主一样吗(路二十二 43)?我们在神面前祷告时可能像尼希米一样哭泣、悲哀和禁食(尼 — 4)。

有人会问说:「但是,为罪忧伤和为期望别人得救而伤痛,那岂不是不必要,且是羞辱神吗?」这岂不是显示对神的应许缺乏信心吗?可能有些人是如此。但毫无疑问的,保罗乃视祷告(至少有时候)为一种争战(参罗十五30)。在写给歌罗西人的信中他说道:「我愿意你们晓得我为你们和老底嘉人,并一切没有与我亲自见面的人,是何等地尽心竭力;要叫他们的心得安慰。」

(西二1-2) 无疑的, 这是指他为他们祷告说的。

再者,他提到以巴弗是一位「在祷告之间,常为你们竭力地祈求,愿你们在神一切的旨意上得以完全,信心充足,能站立得稳。」(西四12)「竭力」这个字就是描写主祷告时「极其伤痛」原文是同字根(路二十二44)。使徒保罗又说,以巴弗「为你们多多劳苦」,这也是指他的祷告。保罗看见他在牢中祷告,见证他是长期、专心、不懈怠地为歌罗西人的好处祷告。看守保罗的御营守卫看见这些带锁链的囚犯在祷告,必深受感动且觉得希奇。他们举起带锁链的手祷告时的兴奋、眼泪和迫切的祈求,对他必是一种启示!

而我们的祷告又是如何呢? 无疑的,使徒保罗劝勉以弗所圣徒和其他人要「站住」, 乃是说到他自己的习惯:「靠着圣灵,随时多方祷告祈求,并要在此做醒不倦,为众圣徒祈求,也为我祈求,使我得着口才,能以放胆,开口讲明福音的奥秘,我为这福音的奥秘作了带锁链的使者。」(弗六 18-20) 我们可以确定,这是他自己祷告生活的写照。

所以当祷告遇到阻碍时,必须以祷告去除之。我们必须与撒但的诡计摔跤。当我们为别人的心思和疑惑努力呼求,直接攻打邪恶的灵界众军时,我们可能导致身体疲乏和痛苦。对我们而言,有时祷告就如使徒保罗所说的,是一种「争战」、「摔跤」,这必迫使我们「奋力抓住神」(赛六十四7)。若我们以为只有少数人曾在祷告中摔跤,那岂不是错了?我们是否如此认为呢?让我们永不疑惑主的能力和祂丰盛的恩典。

摘自《跪着的基督徒》 (天名基督徒)



聚会/代祷事项

10月16-22日	Weekly Meeeting	时间 /Time	聚会号码 / Meeting ID
聚会时间表	, , , , , , ,	1.31-3 /	962 3 113 y 1110 mily 12
主日信息	Lord's Day Message	10:00AM	604 266 5350
擘饼聚会	Lord's Table Meeting	11:10AM	00 / 200 0000
主日高中生聚会	Lord's Day level 4 Meeting	10:00AM	824 4612 7866
主日儿童聚会	Lord's Day Children's Meetings	10:00AM	Gr.1-5 937 0074 8511
工具70至水点	3.	10:00AM	Gr.6-7 843 4675 2729
周二祷告聚会	Tuesday Prayer Meeeting	7:30PM	604 266 5350
周四生命探索	Thursday Life Exploration	10:00PM	实体聚会
周五青少年祷告 & 查经	Friday YP Prayer & Bible Study	7:00PM	920 648 587
周六「各区家聚会」	Home Meeting (Chinese)	请洽各家负责人	
周六高中生聚会	Saturday HS Meeting	7:30PM	858 888 07698

一、请为周六(10/22)的英文福音聚会祷告,求神带领我们按照神的吩咐,把福音传到万民中。求神怜悯恩待每一位受邀请的福音朋友,赐给他们愿意悔改的心,愿主耶稣的救恩归于一切相信祂的人。

二、请为年老、体弱、患病的 弟兄姊妹们祷告,求主顾念他们的 需要,赐平安、信心与医治。教会 鼓励弟兄姊妹们多多关心、照顾 软弱的肢体,为他们祷告。



HS RETREAT

Thank the Lord for all He's done in this year's highschool retreat. Thank Him for the summer-like weather during that autumn weekend so we can enjoy His creation, kayaking on the lake and hiking in the woods. Coordinating these activities also worked out so smoothly.

Thank the Lord for the place where we lodged. It was spacious, warm and wonderful, meeting our needs. Thank Him for keeping all twenty four of us safe and healthy in this retreat, before and after.

Thank Him for bringing us serving ones together in one mind and heart, serving diligently for His purpose. Thank the Lord for this generation of highschoolers. Their willingness to help us where they can, their attention during the messages and their hearts set on pursuing the Lord are all things to be thankful for. Though not everybody committed to separate unto the Lord, we continue to really pray for each of them and thank Him for this opportunity to reveal their spiritual needs and to help us better understand them through this period, which we would never have known by merely seeing them on Sundays. We pray the Lord use this opportunity to bless their years to come. (Peter Wang)

Thank the Lord for this opportunity to have a getaway retreat with the high schoolers after 2 years, it was a blessed time for the high schoolers to meet the Lord and to bond, and also a time for the serving ones to get to know them personally.

One thing I really enjoyed and thank the Lord for in this retreat is a time of fellowship with the grade 12's we have every night. It's a time we simply sit in a circle and share our thoughts and feelings; a time that we weren't talking as serving ones and ones being served; and also a time to strengthen one another in prayers. Thank the Lord we all opened up to have sweet fellowship, the sweet fellowship has truly become an encouragement to me, and may it also become one to them in this season of change.

I also thank the Lord for His work among the high schoolers. Prior to the retreat the Lord has been reminding me to be patient in service, not to try with my own methods or ways that seem to work, but to be patient to wait for the Lord to work. In this retreat I witnessed how the Lord has been working among the these young people, and that He will continue to work in them. Although sometimes it feels frustrating when serving the high schoolers, we will continue to hope in the Lord and minister them before the Lord, because "Those who sow in tears/ Shall reap in joy." (Psalm 126:5) (Samuel HY Chan)