

Champions Temple International

Fargo

October 2015 – Our Month of “*Building our Personal Relationships with God*”

Genesis 5:23-24

So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

Our God is interested in us having a personal relationship with Him more than our offerings or attendance in church. Our heavenly Father has always desired to be close to us, to have a relationship with us. Before Adam sinned in the Garden of Eden (**Gen. 3**), both Adam and Eve knew God on an intimate, personal level. They walked with Him in the garden and talked directly to Him. Due to the sin of man, we became separated and disconnected from God.

Having a personal relationship with God begins the moment we realize our need for Him, admit we are sinners, and in faith receive Jesus Christ as Savior. It affords the opportunity for true fellowship and better understanding of the will of God for our lives. **Dan. 11:32** say, the people that know their God shall be strong and do exploits. Your level of exploits is related to your personal knowledge of and relationship with the God you are serving. It is possible to focus on Christian activities like evangelism, prayer, preaching, and teaching, giving, and singing without developing a deep personal relation with the God you are serving. -**Matt. 6:1-4** Scripture says the Martha was distracted with much preparation **Luke 10:38-42** and Mary sat at the feet of Jesus to receive from him. In verse **42**, Jesus said – one thing is really needed and Mary chose that, so it will not be taken away from her.

Fellowship with God bring peace (**Phil. 4:6-7, John 14:27**), it renews – **Isaiah 40:31**, it bring knowledge, power, direction, discipline and dispels fear. We can overcome temptations. We can grow in and produce the fruits of the spirit – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control (**Galatians 5:22-23**)

This personal relationship with God is not as hard to attain as we might think, and there is no mysterious formula for getting it. As soon as we become children of God, we receive the Holy Spirit, who will begin to work on our hearts. We should pray without ceasing, read the Bible, and come to fellowship and activities in the church; all these things will help us to grow spiritually. Trusting in God to get us through each day and believing that He is our sustainer is the way to have a relationship with Him. Although we may not see changes immediately, we will begin to see them over time, and all the truths will become clear.

Even Paul, after personal encounters with the lord still said in **Phil. 3:10** - *That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;* Paul’s desire for greater knowledge of the Lord can be a guiding light for us today. Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away. **Gen. 5:22-24**

In this tenth month of October, the focus at CTI Fargo will be on our personal relationship of God.

Prayer, meditation on the word of God, fasting and personal time with God will be emphasized; hence October 2015 is declared unto you as your month of “*Building our Personal Relationships with God*” – **Gen. 5:24**. We will use the month of October to build and improve our personal relationships with God.

Prayer Points

Specific prayers for revival and Spiritual awakening

1. Ask God for mercy upon our church, Fargo and nation. Because of lukewarmness, materialism, and sin, we indeed deserve God's judgment far more than His blessing. Therefore, we must approach God with deepest contrition and humility. (Daniel 9:18-19)
2. Pray for the Church to understand the importance of a deep personal relationship with God. Dan. 11:32 Knowledge of God makes better Christian and unleashes his power.
3. Ask God to send deep conviction of sin, spiritual brokenness, a holy fear of God and genuine repentance among His people. There will be no revival without these elements and only "God can produce them in His people. We cannot "program" or work up genuine brokenness and repentance. (2 Corinthians 7:10)
4. Pray for all those struggling with sin or other personal issues to find the grace to overcome it. The bible says His grace is sufficient for us. (2 Corinthians 12:9)
5. Pray for deep cleansing, genuine repentance, and spiritual power to engulf our pastors and church leaders. Revival and spiritual awakening are extremely unlikely without a mighty move of God in our pastors and church leaders. Renewed pastors are absolutely crucial to a move of God in our day. (Ephesians 6:14-20)
6. Ask God to bestow spiritual hunger in His people and move them toward fervent intercession. God has to grant people the genuine faith and the fervent desire for prayer. With all our promotion and programming, we cannot "produce" a genuine prayer movement in fleshly strength. (Philippians 2:13)
7. Pray that God will bring loving unity in our church and a deep harmony between our members. Many churches need healing among members and many churches need to stop competing jealously with other churches. (John 13:35)
8. Pray that God would fill His people with a passion to see people saved. (Only God can give a genuine burden for souls.) Until God's people intensely pray for the lost and do aggressive soul winning, revival will tarry. Be sure you are constantly praying for many lost people by name. (Romans 9:1-3)
9. Ask God to grant His people a burning passion for missions and starting churches. Great revivals produce an explosion of mission projects, new ministries, and new church starts. Only God can grant a genuine passion for missions. Our passion must also embrace world missions. (Matthew 28:19)
10. Ask God to call thousands into ministry, missions, and Christian service. Many churches are dying for lack of soul winners, teachers and church workers. Furthermore, we can start only as many churches as we have church planters to start them. (Matthew 9:37)
11. Ask God to pour out His Spirit like a mighty purifying flood. Ask God to purify our "motives" as we pray for revival. It is possible to pray for revival for selfish or ambitious reasons. We must have "God focused" rather than "self-focused" motives for seeking revival. Our motives in seeking revival must be solely for: (a) The glory of God, and (b) The increase of the kingdom of God. We must not pray for revival just to solve our own problems or make our church successful in the eyes of men. (James 4:2)
12. Pray specifically for a might move of conviction and salvation upon key leaders and organizations of cultural influence. Some key examples are government officials, educators, teachers, and college professors, news and media people, talk show hosts, comedians, homosexual activists groups, and the music industry. (I Timothy 2:1-2)
13. Ask God to so pour out His Spirit that 20-30 million Americans will be converted in a single year. This would equal the Welsh revival when ten percent of Wale's population was saved in six

months! Ask God for a modern day of Pentecost in the United States. Pray for overwhelming conviction of the lost and deep cleansing of the Church. (Mark 11:22-24; John 14:13-14)

14. Ask God to send sweeping revival even if it takes hard times and difficulty to prepare the soil of men's hearts. (James 4:2) We must be willing for God to do whatever it takes to send the next Great Awakening. For revival to come, we must die to self and seek God at all costs. If need be, we must be fully prepared to suffer persecution. Ask God to grant His people a genuine death to self and a full embracing of the cross. (Matthew 16:24)

Scriptures of Personal Relationship with God

Psalm 91:1,14-15

¹He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

¹⁴Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name. ¹⁵He shall call upon me, and I will answer him: I will be with him in trouble; I will deliver him, and honour him. ¹⁶With long life will I satisfy him, and shew him my salvation.

Daniel 11:32-33

³²And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by flatteries: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

³³And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.

Prov. 16:7

When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

Philippians 3:10-14

¹⁰That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death; ¹¹If by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.

¹²Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. ¹³Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, ¹⁴I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

John 4:23

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

1 John 1:3

what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

Genesis 5:22-24

Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters. So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

Genesis 6:9

These are the records of the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his time; Noah walked with God.

Exodus 29:45

"I will dwell among the sons of Israel and will be their God.

Exodus 33:14-17

And He said, "My presence shall go with you, and I will give you rest." Then he said to Him, "If Your presence does not go with us, do not lead us up from here. "For how then can it be known that I have found favor in Your sight, I and Your people? Is it not by Your going with us, so that we, I and Your people, may be distinguished from all the other people who are upon the face of the earth?"

Leviticus 26:12

'I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.

Isaiah 57:15

For thus says the high and exalted One Who lives forever, whose name is Holy, "I dwell on a high and holy place, And also with the contrite and lowly of spirit In order to revive the spirit of the lowly And to revive the heart of the contrite.

Zechariah 2:10

"Sing for joy and be glad, O daughter of Zion; for behold I am coming and I will dwell in your midst," declares the LORD.

Mark 9:37

"Whoever receives one child like this in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me does not receive Me, but Him who sent Me."

John 14:23

Jesus answered and said to him, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our abode with him.

John 17:21

that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.

John 17:23

I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

2 Corinthians 6:16

Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.

2 Corinthians 13:11

Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.

1 John 1:5-7

This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

1 John 3:24

The one who keeps His commandments abides in Him, and He in him We know by this that He abides in us, by the Spirit whom He has given us.

Revelation 21:3-4

And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away."