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Praying On Purpose

1 Corinthians 9:19-27

Series: (Re)Discovering the Power of Persistent Prayer

Central Passage

1 Corinthians 9:22 (ESV) — 22 ...I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some.

Central Thought: Persistent prayer moves us beyond a preoccupation with our needs and desires, to a passion for the purposes of God to be fulfilled within the people around us.

Purposeful prayer...

- ❖ Reorients our passions – from my rights to others' needs.

1 Corinthians 9:19 (ESV) — 19 For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them.

- ❖ Rearranges our priorities – from what I want to what God wills.

1 Corinthians 9:22–23 (ESV) — 22 To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. 23 I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

*Luke 10:2 (ESV) — 2 And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore **pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest** to send out laborers into his harvest. Christ. 29 For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.*

- ❖ Refocuses my spiritual situational awareness – from passive to alert and engaged.

Colossians 2:1–2 (ESV) — 1 For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, 2 that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ...

Ephesians 6:10–12 (ESV) — 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

John 10:10 (ESV) — 10 The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

Homework

- ❖ Read Red Moon Rising.
- ❖ Begin (continue) to pray on purpose.