

BE A BRINGER

“40 One of the two who heard John speak, and followed Him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 41 He first found his own brother Simon, and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated, the Christ). 42 And he brought him to Jesus....”
John 1:40-42a

A bringer makes one touch each week by investing and inviting someone to Christ and church.

Name three people you will pray for their salvation this week:

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR THE WEEK

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the LORD in ceasing to pray for you;....” I Samuel 12:23a



Conquer Your Challenges

A woman once approached the famous preacher, G. Campbell Morgan, after he spoke and asked, “Do you think we should pray for even the little things in our lives, or just for the big things?” In his dignified British manner he replied, “Madam, can you think of anything in your life that is big to God?”

The apostle Paul would have said, “Amen!” God is not just able to do beyond what we ask, but abundantly beyond. But that’s not enough, He is able to do far more abundantly beyond what we ask. But, we still aren’t to the limit: “Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us.” Now, what is it that you need? I want to encourage you to pray in faith, asking God to do far beyond all that we can ask or think.

Yet at the same time, I want to be realistic in applying this text. Even the apostle Paul, who penned these great words, had many disappointments in his ministry. Demas was one of Paul’s fellow workers, and yet he deserted Paul because he loved the world (cf. Philemon 24, 2 Tim. 4:10). Surely, Paul prayed for Demas to repent, but there is no biblical record that he ever did so. Paul prayed for the conversion of the Jews (Rom. 9:1-5), and yet they largely rejected the gospel. In church history, Adoniram Judson was a great man of faith, who gave his life to reaching the people of Burma. And yet, he labored for years before his first convert, and even when he died, there was not much visible fruit.

And so I want to motivate you to pray big prayers with faith in a mighty God, who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think. And, yet at the same time, I don’t want to gloss over the difficult struggles that you will surely encounter in your prayer life. We simply cannot know the big picture of what God is doing, and so invariably we will experience disappointments in prayer.

Keep in mind that in the context, Paul’s prayer for God to do abundantly beyond what we ask or think is a prayer for Christ to dwell in the hearts of believers so that we may comprehend His great love for us, so that we will grow to complete spiritual maturity. In that context, Paul is saying:

Because God is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, we should pray for that which would further His glory through Christ and His church.

KEY VERSE

Ephesians 3:20 (NKJV)

Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us

WEEKLY READINGS

Monday: I Timothy 4:13; II Timothy 3:16-17; Mark 4

Conquer Reading The Four Gospels

1. What attributes of Scripture do you appreciate most?
2. What are some things you have learned by reading the Gospels? How have you grown spiritually?

Tuesday: Hebrews 12:1-2; I John 2:15-16; Mark 5

Conquer Overcoming One Sin

3. What are some weights and sins that held you back last year? What steps can you take to remove them from your life in 2020?
4. Have you accepted the challenge to give up a sin? What challenges are you facing and/or what successes have you experienced?

Wednesday: Isaiah 40:28-31; Galatians 6:7-8; Mark 6

Conquer Exercising 150 Minutes Per Week

5. Isaiah 40:31 says that when you rely on God, He will give you the strength to walk and run. What do you need God to give you the strength to do in order to keep your commitment to exercise each day?
6. Temptation will come. What are some of the greatest temptations you face in your struggle to become healthy? What are you doing to handle those difficult times?

Thursday: Romans 10:1-4, Romans 3:21-26; Mark 7

Conquer Sharing The Gospel With Five People

7. Who do you truly desire to see saved? List their names below.
8. If your passion to see people saved is cold or lukewarm, how can you invite God to increase your desire in this area?
9. Who have you shared the gospel with during our 100 day challenge? What was that experience like?

Friday: I Timothy 5:1-2; Acts 2:41-47; Mark 8

Conquer Being Part Of A Multigenerational Church

10. According to I Timothy 5:1-2, how are we to treat people in our church family from different generations?
11. What are some benefits to being a multigenerational church? What are some of the challenges?
12. Did you accept Pastor Steve's challenge to establish a Christ centered relationship with someone older or younger than you? How can you be intentional about forming relationships?