

Called to the Capital City - Governmental Intercession

I. WHAT IS THE ASCEND SERIES?

ASCEND is a four part teaching series looking at four areas that we are called to as a house of prayer community. The Church, The Believer, The Mission, and the City. This is part 4: Called to the Capital City - Governmental Intercession.

Tallahassee is the Capital City of the 3rd Largest State in the Nation, a Forerunner state for awakening. As a house of prayer we take the to mandate of being called to stand in the gap on the hilltop over this governmental city very seriously and want to help intercessors really understand what is governmental intercession.

II. INTRODUCTION – WHAT IS GOVERNMENTAL INTERCESSION?

Webster's defines govern as "to direct and control; to regulate by authority; to influence; to direct; to restrain; to steer or to regulate the course of; to exercise authority to maintain the superiority." To exercise authority is to govern. Praying with authority is "governmental intercession."

You **rule, govern and exercise authority though your intercession**. God uses intercessors to influence leaders and legislation and change nations! We must come to really understand what God can do through intercession to move in the city, the state and our nation and indeed, the nations of the earth. I am not talking about politics, but God's government being established though our prayers and intercession! Politicians and government officials legislate through man-made laws and rulings. We legislate through spiritual laws, principles, and activities. We legislate through prayer! I tell people: "***I want my name known in heaven, feared in hell and heard in the halls of government***" and I mean it!

1 Tim 2:1-4 "*Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth*". (NKJ)

A. God wants our hearts to align with His heart and His purpose and His Word is clear that we are to intercede for our leaders

B. Intercession must pray for the governmental leaders, since the scripture exhorts us to do this. Indeed, this is the calling of God to His church in this hour. Since we are already "seated with Christ in Heavenly places" we must take our place as God's "kingdom of priest" and begin, in a measure, to rule and reign with Christ on the earth.

C. God has called us to shape history through prayer and fasting! He has chosen to partner with us in prayer in accomplishing the will of God on this earth.

Isaiah 22:22

"Then I will set the key of the house of David on his shoulder, When he opens no one will shut, When he shuts no one will open."

Tallahassee’s Capitol Building is 22 stories and the 22nd floor is all glass and has a panoramic view that you can see for 50 miles. We call this our Isaiah 22:22 place of authority. It is awesome to pray over the government, the capitol city, the university campuses and the state and nation from the highest place in our Capitol Building and the highest place in our Capital City. The legislators have asked us to host prayer there every Tuesday morning during session. We have been doing this for years and now we have been praying every month on the 22nd floor all year long. We have seen many answered prayers as we have interceded for our leaders. We “escort” leaders to their seats and remove them from their seats through intercession. We pray over godly bills passing and ungodly bills failing through intercession. We have seen so many answers to prayer and have seen Florida shift to a pro-life state and have seen 3 justices seated on the FL Supreme Court that are pro-life. We must intercede for our Supreme Court and the US Supreme Court to shift to a majority of pro-life justices. This is governing through intercession.

We must stand in intercession for our Capital City, our City and County Government, our State Universities in this city -- FSU, FAMU and TCC to see another Jesus Movement sweep the campuses and the government in Tallahassee NOW! Declare awakening is here and awakening is coming! Declare the lost will be saved in this city! Take your place on the wall of intercession! God wants to use you to write His stories in you and through you!

HISTORY BELONGS TO THE INTERCESSORS (quote by Walter Wink, intercessor and author)

Jeremiah 1:9-10

"Behold, I have put My words in your mouth. See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant"

Dutch Sheets, one of the best teachers on governmental intercession in our nation has been boldly declaring this for a long to the Church in this nation: *“Church, it's time to arise in God's governmental authority – to direct, control, regulate, influence, restrain, steer, and regulate the future course of this great nation. We must shift from petition prayer to declarative prayer. We must engage in authoritative governmental intercession, laying hold of God's Word and making it the sword that divides what is permissible from what cannot be! We must come alongside and fervently support those in seats of government whose goal is to set God's Word as the plumbline and use spiritual laws, principles, and activities to affect political decisions.*

II. THE REVELATION OF OUR AUTHORITY IN CHRIST

A. We need a revelation of our spiritual authority that is based in our union with Jesus. We need revelation of our deep connectedness with Him as our head and who we are as His body that is God’s chosen vehicle to “express the fullness of Jesus’ power into earthly realm.

Ephesians 1:17-23

“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, 18 the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the exceeding greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the

working of His mighty power 20 which He worked in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all principality and power and might and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come. 22 And He put all things under His feet, and gave Him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all.”

B. We have been raised to sit with Jesus in heavenly places, thus given access to God’s Throne. We have authority to legislate from a heavenly prospective. It is a different view when we see what God shows us and declares His Word over things. Doors are open and shut in the spirit realm by believers on earth speaking God’s Word. God is calling us to partner with His heart and be governmental intercessors to cry out for righteous leaders who will stand for LIFE, traditional marriage and for America to stand with Israel.

Ezekiel 22:30

“So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found no one.”

We are watchmen in this hour and we must pray for our President, his family, the cabinet, congress, supreme court justices and for state and city government. Pray for Israel and the nations of the earth. We need to be praying for the peace of Jerusalem everyday. Pray for North Korea now. We must stand in the gap!

The November 2018 elections must be prayed over and we must cry out for justice to be established. We must stay engaged daily, not just at election time to stand in the gap for our leaders and our nation.

Amos 5:14-15

“ Seek good and not evil, That you may live; So the LORD God of hosts will be with you, As you have spoken. 15 Hate evil, love good. Establish justice in the gate.”

Amos 5:24

“But let justice run down like water, And righteousness like a mighty stream.”

We go into intercession for our leaders and realize we are partnering with God’s heart. We pray His Word over leaders. His desire is for our leaders to rule in the fear of Him:

2 Samuel 23:3-4

“He who rules over men must be just, Ruling in the fear of God.

4 And he shall be like the light of the morning when the sun rises, A morning without clouds, Like the tender grass springing out of the earth, By clear shining after rain.”