

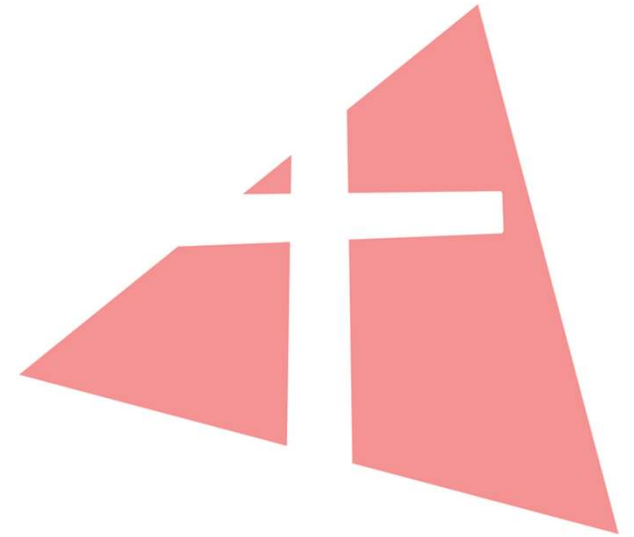
# **PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER**

**April 26<sup>th</sup> 2020**



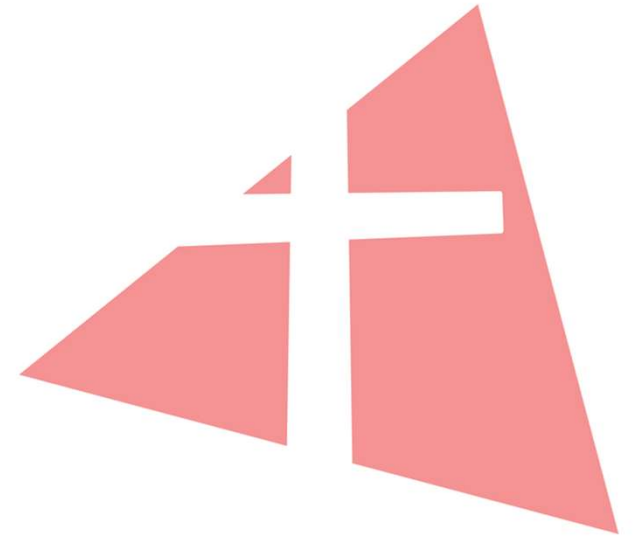
# OUR SERIES

- **Prayer is for God's Glory**
- **The Lord's Prayer**



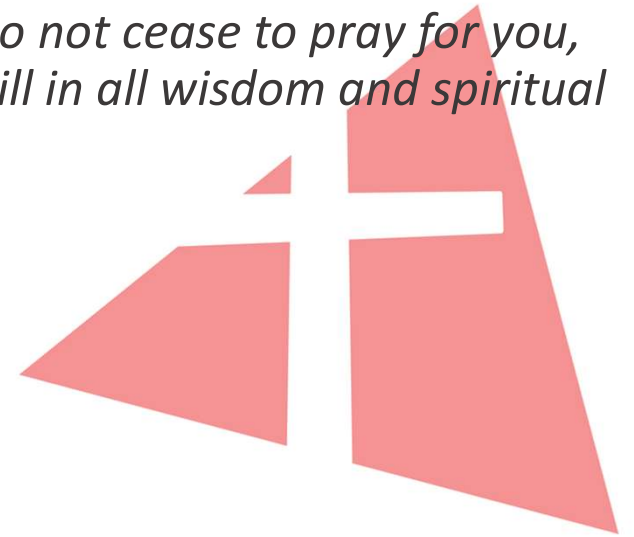
# THREE TYPES OF “PRAYING FOR OTHERS”

- **General prayer for all kinds of Christians**
- **Praying for non-Christians**
- **Specific, personal prayer for/with other Christians**



# COMMANDMENTS & EXAMPLES

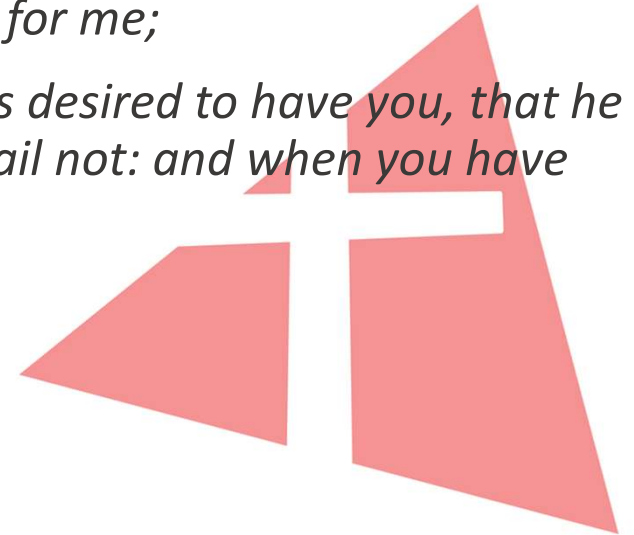
*Colossians 1:9 For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding;*



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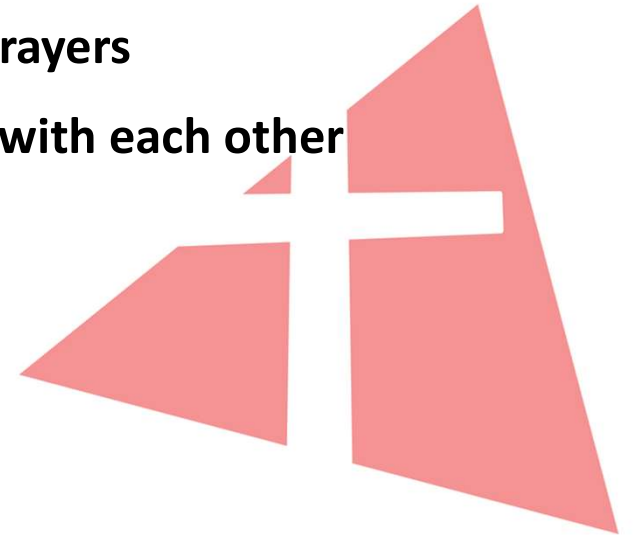
*Romans 15:30 Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;*

*Luke 22:31-32 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat: But I have prayed for you, that your faith fail not: and when you have returned, strengthen your brethren.*



# THE BIBLE

- We all need a small group of people to share deep, personal prayers
- We can't really offer personal prayer unless we also share life with each other



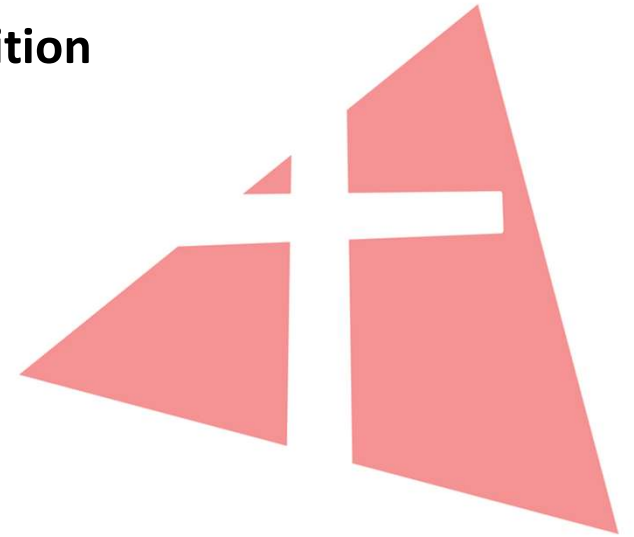
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- Clearly, the Bible does tell us to pray with/for each other
- Unfortunately “praying together” sometimes sounds more like “bringing glory to satan”



# THE FOUNDATION

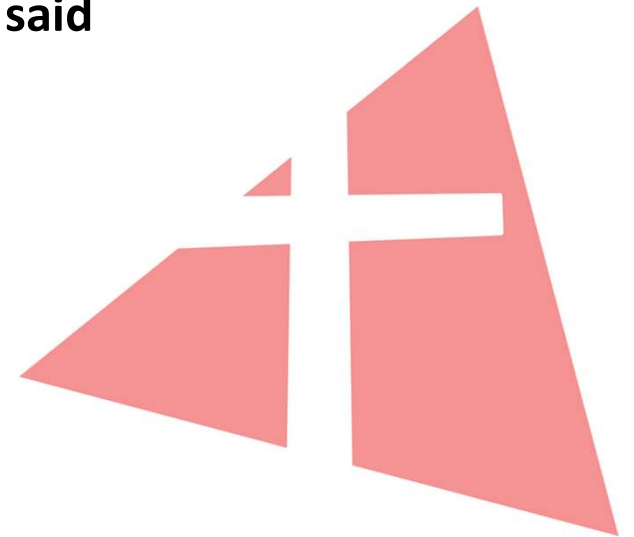
- **Personal prayer must include teaching, correction and admonition**
- **Prayer is “applying the Bible to the current situation”**





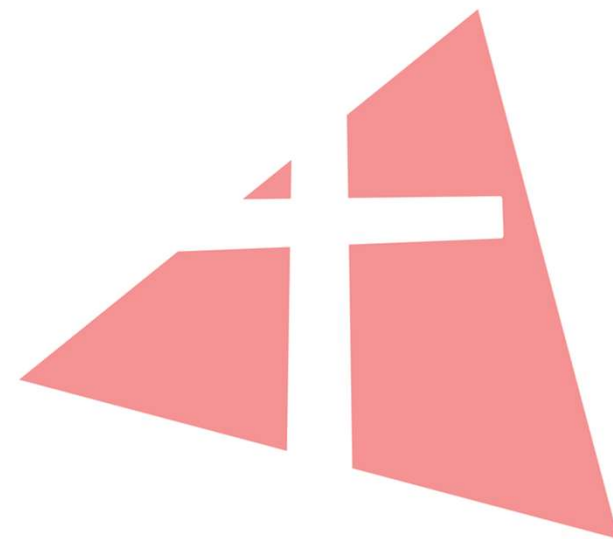
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- **Personal prayer is not to simply repeat what the other person said**
- **“Telling God what He tells us to tell Him”**
  - Not “Telling God what people tell us to tell Him”



# FOCUS OF PERSONAL PRAYER

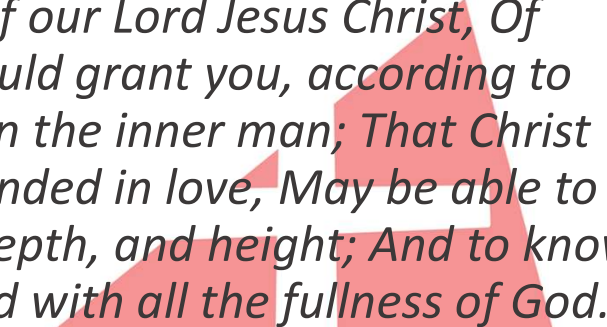
- God's Glory



# FOCUS OF PERSONAL PRAYER

- **God's love**

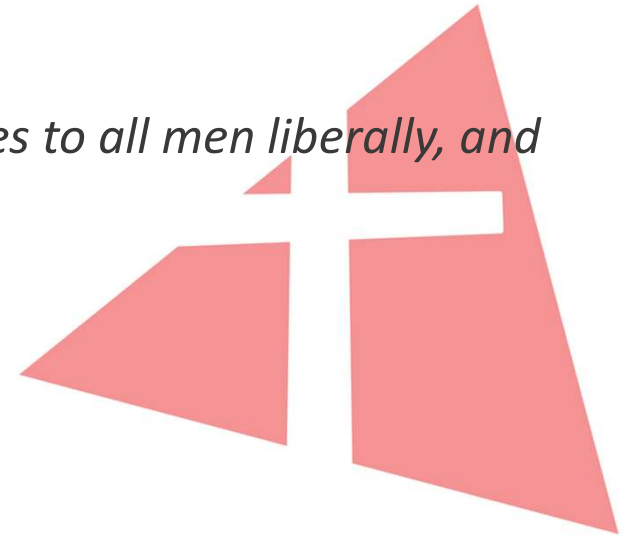
*Ephesians 3:14-19 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Of whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man; That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passes knowledge, that you might be filled with all the fullness of God.*



# FOCUS OF PERSONAL PRAYER

- **Wisdom**

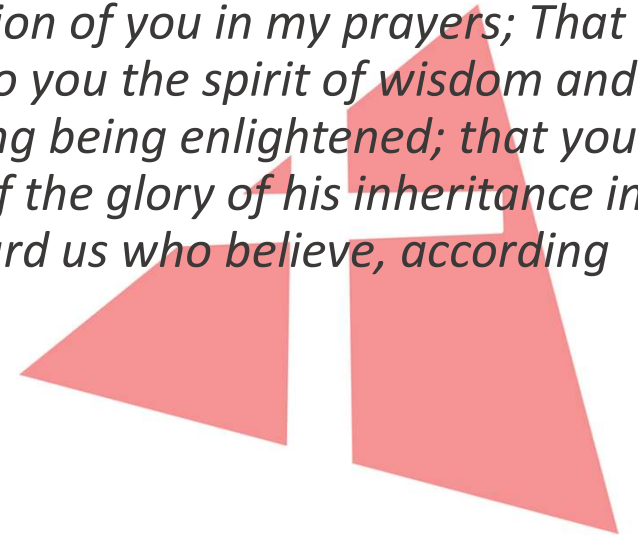
*James 1:5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all men liberally, and reproaches not; and it shall be given him.*



# FOCUS OF PERSONAL PRAYER

- **Spiritual insights**

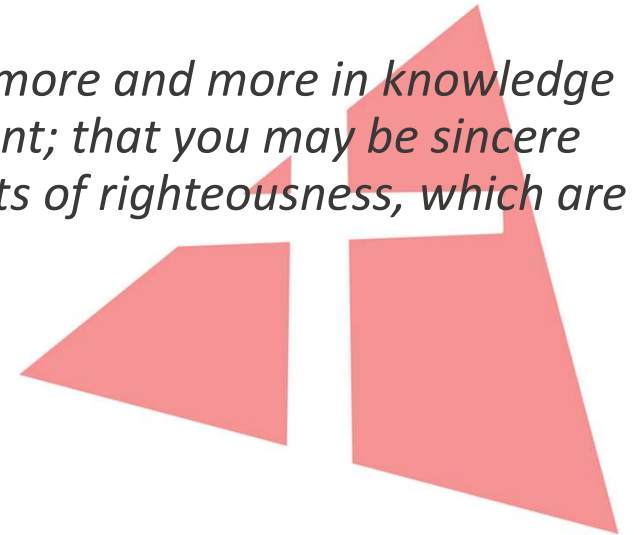
*Ephesians 1:16-19 Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of his calling, and what is the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,*



# FOCUS OF PERSONAL PRAYER

## ○ Transformation

*Philippians 1:9-11 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment; That you may approve things that are excellent; that you may be sincere and without offense till the day of Christ; Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.*



# FOCUS OF PERSONAL PRAYER

- **Unity & Relationships**

*Romans 15:5-6 Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be like minded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: That you may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*



# FOCUS OF PERSONAL PRAYER

- **Boldness**

*Acts 4:29-30 And now, Lord, behold their threatenings: and grant unto your servants, that with all boldness they may speak your word, By stretching forth your hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may be done by the name of your holy child Jesus.*





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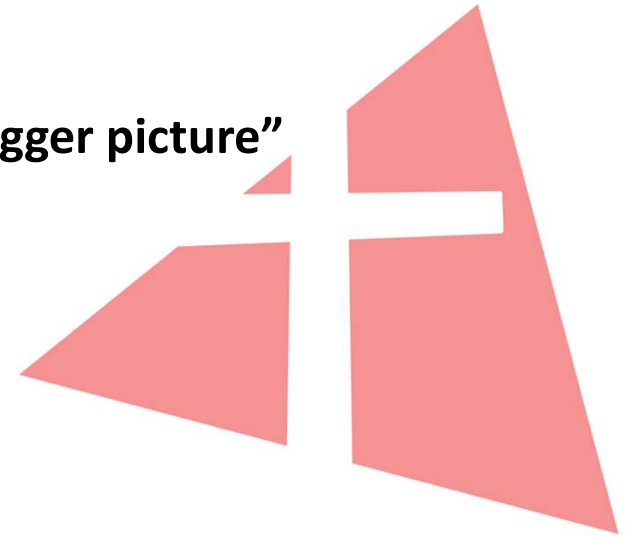
- **Spiritual gifts**

*1 Corinthians 12:31 But covet earnestly the best gifts: and yet I show unto you a more excellent way.*



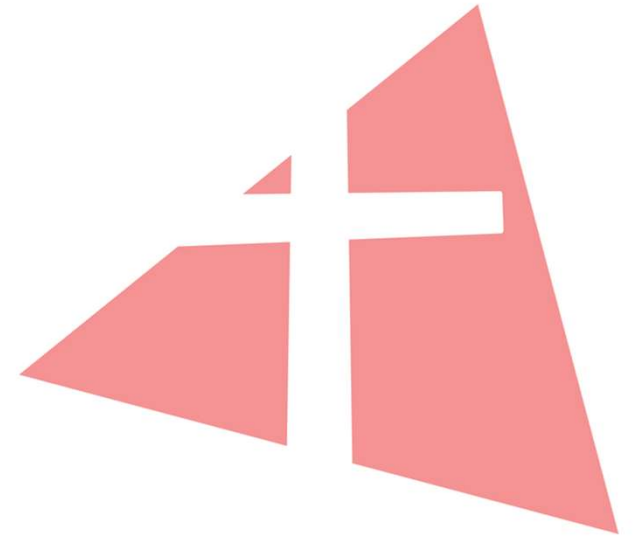
# JUST TO BE CLEAR

- Nothing wrong praying for specific things
- But we need to pray for those specific things in light of the “bigger picture”



# PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER

- If we keep the “bigger picture” in mind, we’ll pray differently



# IN CONCLUSION

- **“Telling God what He tells us to tell Him”**
  - Not “Telling God what people tell us to tell Him”

