

## Overview of Prayer Meeting, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

When we have prayer services at church, we not only spend the service time itself in prayer, but we spend the day in prayer, intercession and the Word of God. Sunday's are set apart for the Lord, whether it's in prayer or the preaching of the gospel with a message, and this Sunday, like every service, we started with a time of worship, prayer and ended with communion.

The opening scripture was read from **1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**; *"16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies. 21 Test all things; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil. 23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify[a] you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 He who calls you is faithful, who also will do it."*

We certainly know that our adversary the devil does not want us to rejoice, pray or give thanks, right. He does want us to quench the moving of the Holy Spirit, he does want Christians to despise prophecy and he certainly doesn't want us to test all things nor hold on to what is good. Yet that is precisely what must be done at all times. We really see an unprecedented spiritual, demonic attack on everything the Apostle Paul tells us to do in these days.

This prayer meeting primarily focused on the news of the death of Founder and President of Turning Point USA, Charlie Kirk this past week. Everyone in the western world and around the globe have been commenting on TV, radio and social media about it. It's probably safe to say that the Christian world has been rocked, and yet should it be? Do not each of us pick up the cross every day and follow Jesus? There was much that we prayed about, but feel it's necessary to continually point people back to Jesus. Countless thousands are grieving and looking for answers, yet the only true peace and comfort comes through knowing Jesus Christ personally as Lord and Saviour. Things like this happen because we live in a fallen and sinful world and Jesus is the only one who paid the penalty of sin by dying on the cross, rising from the dead, to give us eternal life in heaven with Him.

The Apostle Paul gives Timothy in **2 Timothy 3:1-5** a sober warning; *"But know this, that in the last days [a]perilous times will come: 2 For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 unloving, [b]unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5 having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!"* He continues in verses **12-13** saying; *"Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived."*

We are in the last of the last days and we need to hold fast to the Word of God like never before and not be shaken or moved spiritually when we see perilous things like this transpiring. The Word of God is our anchor that keeps us stable even though storms are blowing all around us.

Paul also tells the Roman believers in **Romans 12:17-21**; *"17 Repay no one evil for evil. Have[a] regard for good things in the sight of all men. 18 If it is possible, as much as depends on you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. 20 Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him a drink; For in so doing you will heap coals of fire on his head." 21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."*

**James 1:19-20** also says; “19 [c]So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; 20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.”

Our hope and strength is not in the arm of the flesh, as a matter of fact, Jeremiah the Prophet says this in **Jeremiah 17:5** Amplified Bible; “Thus says the Lord, “Cursed is the man who trusts in and relies on mankind, Making [weak, faulty human] flesh his strength, And whose mind and heart turn away from the Lord. .”

Those are very strong warning words from the prophet. We are not to put our hope and trust in man, as a matter of fact even Jesus says in **John 2:24**; “But Jesus, for His part, did not entrust Himself to them, because He knew all people [and understood the superficiality and fickleness of human nature],”

Be watchful and mindful who you listen to as there are hundreds of voices out there, Christian and non-Christian, saying many things. Meditate and listen to the Word of God and test all things as we read in 1 Thessalonians 5:21. Put on the full armour of God every day as we read in **Ephesians 6:10-17** Amplified Bible; “10 In conclusion, be strong in the Lord [draw your strength from Him and be empowered through your union with Him] and in the power of His [boundless] might. 11 Put on the full armor of God [for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier], so that you may be able to [successfully] stand up against all the schemes and the strategies and the deceits of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places. 13 Therefore, put on the complete armor of God, so that you will be able to [successfully] resist and stand your ground in the evil day [of danger], and having done everything [that the crisis demands], to stand firm [in your place, fully prepared, immovable, victorious]. 14 So stand firm and hold your ground, having [a]tightened the wide band of truth (personal integrity, moral courage) around your waist and having put on the breastplate of righteousness (an upright heart), 15 and having [b]strapped on your feet the gospel of peace in preparation [to face the enemy with firm-footed stability and the readiness produced by the good news]. 16 Above all, lift up the [protective] [c]shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.”

Jesus said in the Great Commission the following to His disciples in **Mark 16:15-18**; “15 And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation. 16 He who has believed [in Me] and has been baptized will be saved [from the penalty of God’s wrath and judgment]; but he who has not believed will be condemned. 17 These signs will accompany those who have believed: **in My name** they will cast out demons, they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents, and if they drink anything deadly, it will not hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will get well.”

Jesus has given you authority in His name, use it to bind the works of the devil who comes to kill, steal and destroy.

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