

2014 A SUMMER FOR GOD

A summer for God. That was my great desire as I came home from a winter in Florida. Ephesians 3:20 kicked into action immediately. As I entered my first prayer meeting a voice inquired from the front....WHO ARE YOU? It was a stranger.... a guy named Ryan. He had started the group. A few weeks later Ryan and I met at the Rowdy Rooster in Panama to discuss discipleship (God had impressed me two weeks before to disciple him). Our first meeting lasted nearly 4 hours! This guy was hungry for God! Over the next months we met for 3 to 4 hours most Saturdays. We were brothers. We became friends. He has blessed me greatly in so many ways.

God was moving on Tuesday nights too. The last one in July was pivotal. The Holy Spirit worked powerfully to touch Kristin, Miranda and Becca. I was still feeling God's presence the next evening after work in Mayville. Instead of going home I decided to walk along Chautauqua Lake and pray. Over the next nearly two hours God was touching my heart as I prayed for the Tuesday prayer team. Looking back now, that was when I fell in love with a special woman who had entered my life. I did mention more than once to you that prayer produces intimacy. It is true. It does. Before I share more.... let me share with you my thoughts about a special group of people..... I call them MVP's. Mighty valuable pray-ers. After you read about them you will also see why I call them the terrific twelve!! Many others have come to prayer.... but these have been the most faithful.

Wilbur Hearing.... not so good. Hearing from God..... very good! I love your evangelistic heart and desire for holiness.... which comes from the Holy Spirit. You are a Holy Spirit dispenser along with a some oil too! We all say..PRAISE THE LORD!

Jo You have few words to say but when you do, they are timely and important. Thanks too for the book you gave us. You and Wilbur are a fulfillment of Psalm 92:12-15.

Doug I love your passion for compassion! Freed from a spirit of rejection.... you have a great desire for others to receive God's free and full acceptance in Christ. Early in the summer you were identified as David.... a man after God's heart. You have listened well to the voice of the Spirit. Your love will cause your faith to take on greater dimensions to see others set free (like when you spoke zoe over Kristin!) What counts is 'faith activated, energized, expressed, working through love'. - Gal. 5:6 Amplified.

Erin You are an encourager. You love God, worship, the Word, people, prayer, and keeping a journal of our Tues. prayer times. (If it comes up missing, I promise to return it after I have read it all!). No weapon formed against you will prosper! - Isaiah 54:17

Elisha Perfect love drives out all fear! - 1 John 4:18. You have discernment and a sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. Your love is going to abound more and more in its depth and you will have increasing wisdom. - Philippians 1:9,10. You will have unusual favor to share God's love and truth with people. Your enthusiasm is contagious!

Kristin Your passion for God has touched us all. Your pinpoint laser counsel has hit the hearts of many. A few months ago I gave you Isaiah 60:1-3. In order to fulfill that, you had to have a revelation of 2 Corinthians 3:16-18. You have unveiled yourself before us and God. The glory is showing. Academic knowledge has it's purpose at times but you have something much more valuable..... the Spirit of wisdom and counsel that Jesus relied on. - Isaiah 11:2-3. Keep letting God use you.... it will increase!

Ryan You are at the center of this list. No surprise. You are at the center of a lot of things... starting the prayer meeting... bringing lots of people back to a God focus. Because of your influence.... I have reconnected with longtime friends and connected with some new ones! Why? Because you allowed God to be the center of your life. We all thank you so very very much. You are a leader and a soldier of the truth. God will bring you into the balance of John 1:16-17..... Jesus was full of grace and truth.

Dan Daniel... that's who you are. He was a man of virtue who dared to stand alone. You are growing into a man of prayer and the Word too. You have a quiet strength which will effect many other men. - Book of Daniel

Tara We love your passion for souls and your passion for the Word. You remind me of Catherine Booth..... wife of the founder of the Salvation Army. A fiery female in God's army. May your kind increase! Jeremiah 5:14 Words of FIRE!!!!!!!!!!

Libby You have a steadfastness in God. You and Jessie have reminded us of the importance of friendship, faithfulness and the value of memorizing the Word of God. - Psalm 112:1,2,6,7

Jessie You may be quiet at times but just your presence at Tuesday prayer is noticed by us and by God. You are a good example of faithfulness and love for God. You are our missionaries at the school. May God use you both to stand up for Him! - Proverbs 18:24

Raiven You remind me of Mary.... the mother of Jesus. She was about your age when she gave birth to Jesus. She was pure, innocent and a servant of God. She willingly received God's Word for her - Luke 1:38. In her prayer she showed humility and love for God. - Luke 1:46-55. You have been quick to obey God's call to serve Him. The birth of Jesus through young Mary was quite unusual. God is going to birth something through you that is special, it will also bring much blessing to many. Do not strive... just let God bring to pass what He desires through you. Receive Mary's advice in John 2:5 'Just do whatever He (Jesus) tells you.'

The first weeks of August I was crying a lot.... touched by what God was doing in me and around me. Ryan and I planned a Men's Retreat. God birthed the Prayer Agent Weekly messages and then the desire to train disciplemakers. In June, God had downloaded in me the mission to write and disciple and now a desire to encourage. On Sept. 21 I met for disciple plans with Ryan and Kristin. Near the end of our meeting was another pivotal moment. As we listened to the song I'm Abandoned, I broke. I could not even pray. Looking back, it was a moment of a renewed lifetime commitment to Jesus. I was sold out for the Kingdom of God. No turning back. I had my life assignment: W.E.D. Write..Encourage..Disciple. To prepare the bride of Christ for that great wedding day with Jesus. I had fallen in love with a woman..... the bride of Christ. Here are some scriptures from this summer of love!

Psalm 27: 4	I fell in love with being in God's presence
1 Peter 5: 6	Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand
1 John 2: 15	Do not love the world or anything in it
Hebrews 3:13	Encourage one another daily
Hebrews 10: 24-25	Spur one another on toward love and good deeds
James 4:8	Come near to God and He will come near to you.

You reminded me of the importance of truth, the heart, compassion, evangelism, the Word, the danger of religiosity, sensitivity to the Holy Spirit, humility and most of all to seek after God with all my heart. Thanks for making this a summer I will always cherish. You have touched my heart very deeply. I love you . - John Beckerink 2014

