

THE SIX WEEK PURSUIT HEROE'S LEGACY

WEEK 4 – Authority Wednesday - “My Grandparents”

BIBLE STUDY:

Read James 5:16-18 before reading our Devotional.

Devotional:

Dear Church Family,

My Grandpa was a pastor.

The churches he pastored were small in size, his life with my grandma and their kids was a humble one, and in generations to come few will remember the quiet man known as Ray Weaver. Then why is it that to this day, I feel a deep need to call out to God for the same anointing my grandparents had? The truth is in the fruit of their labors.

My dad and his ministry through the years is a direct result of Ray and Beverly Weaver’s faithfulness. I now am in ministry because of their faithfulness. Their family and so many others are blessed today because of what God had done through a sweet and quiet couple.

Oh, how I long for the same anointing to live as they did. And, you know what, I boldly ask for an even greater anointing from God. Not because I deserve it, but because I need it! You and I church, need the authority of God. Not so that we could lord over people, boss others about, or gain any recognition, but so that we may live honoring Jesus Christ. Church family, you are anointed by the Holy Spirit for ministry.

You know church, I have thought long upon this question of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit. Why does it happen? Why is it tied to speaking in tongues? Why is it not always at salvation? Why do seem people seem to wait years while others receive the Baptism immediately? Well, I believe I can say one thing on this matter with absolute certainty: the Baptism of the Holy Spirit grants us an authority in prayer and in declaring Jesus that we simply do not have on our own.

I have seen the difference in my own life. The ministry Jesus called me to is above and beyond me in every way. And while I will not bother with my whole story here, I will say that God has personally said to me: that I am not called because I am talented or gifted. In fact, I have seen that if God removes His hand, my ministry is ineffective and worthless.

God called me to the ministry because my grandparents prayed that their children and their children would be used of God. It is by no merit or work of my own that I write these words to you church. It is by the grace of God and the faithfulness of those who came before me.

Ray and Beverly Weaver had authority from God. I know this, because they prayed, and it came to be. That is what I want for you church. The prayers of righteous women and men are effective. There is authority where God is moving. Do you want Him to move you?

Sincerely,
Ty Weaver

CHALLENGE:

Today, ask God for His anointing. As you eat, as you drive, as you prepare throughout your day, ask God for His power to be His servant.

Take a moment, and answer this question: what do I need God's anointing for in my life? Do not keep your answer vague. Answer personally: how could the power of God's Holy Spirit help you live out your day-to-day life?

PRAYER:

Let's conclude with a time of prayer. You can structure this time however you feel lead. Listed below are some topics that could help guide this time of prayer.

- Pray for God to fill your life with His presence
- Pray for Jesus' Baptism of the Holy Spirit to fill you with His power again and again
- Pray for God to anoint you for ministering to others