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Withdrawing With God: The Power Of Numbers

Psalm 34:3 - *Come, let us tell of the LORD's greatness; let us exalt his name together.*

Matthew 18:20 - *For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them.*

- 1) The Undeniable Fact Of Christ's Resurrection.**
- 2) The Necessary Presence Of The Holy Spirit.**

Acts 1:12-14 - *Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, a distance of half a mile.¹³ When they arrived, they went to the upstairs room of the house where they were staying. Here are the names of those who were present: Peter, John, James, Andrew, Philip, Thomas, Bartholomew, Matthew, James (son of Alphaeus), Simon (the zealot), and Judas (son of James).¹⁴ They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.*

Corporate Prayer Was Foundational And A Core Value Of The Early Church

Acts 2:42 - *All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.*

Hebrews 10:25 - *"...let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another..."*

- 1. Unites Believers Together And Encourages The Burdened.**

Romans 15:5-6 - *May God, who gives this patience and encouragement, help you live in complete harmony with each other, as is fitting for followers of Christ Jesus.⁶ Then all of you can join together with one voice, giving praise and glory to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

- 2. Attracts The Presence And Power Of The Holy Spirit.**

Acts 4:23-24, 27-31 - *As soon as they were freed, Peter and John returned to the other believers and told them what the leading priests and elders had said.²⁴ When they heard the report, all the believers lifted their voices together in prayer to God: ...²⁷ "In fact, this has happened here in this very city! For Herod Antipas, Pontius Pilate the governor, the Gentiles, and the people of Israel were all united against Jesus, your holy servant,*

whom you anointed. ²⁸ But everything they did was determined beforehand according to your will. ²⁹ And now, O Lord, hear their threats, and give us, your servants, great boldness in preaching your word. ³⁰ Stretch out your hand with healing power; may miraculous signs and wonders be done through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹ After this prayer, the meeting place shook, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Then they preached the word of God with boldness.

When The Spirit Of God Is Present, The Supernatural Happens.

Acts 13:2-3 - One day as these men were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, “Appoint Barnabas and Saul for the special work to which I have called them.” ³ So after more fasting and prayer, the men laid their hands on them and sent them on their way.

As We Become A People Of Prayer, We’re Building A Place For God To “Show Up”

3. Increases Our Faith.

Acts 12:1-8, 12-14 - About that time King Herod Agrippaa began to persecute some believers in the church. ² He had the apostle James (John’s brother) killed with a sword. ³ When Herod saw how much this pleased the Jewish people, he also arrested Peter. (This took place during the Passover celebration.) ⁴ Then he imprisoned him, placing him under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each. Herod intended to bring Peter out for public trial after the Passover. ⁵ But while Peter was in prison, the church prayed very earnestly for him. ⁶ The night before Peter was to be placed on trial, he was asleep, fastened with two chains between two soldiers. Others stood guard at the prison gate. ⁷ Suddenly, there was a bright light in the cell, and an angel of the Lord stood before Peter. The angel struck him on the side to awaken him and said, “Quick! Get up!” And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸ Then the angel told him, “Get dressed and put on your sandals.” And he did. “Now put on your coat and follow me,” the angel ordered...¹² he went to the home of Mary, the mother of John Mark, where many were gathered for prayer. ¹³ He knocked at the door in the gate, and a servant girl named Rhoda came to open it. ¹⁴ When she recognized Peter’s voice, she was so overjoyed that, instead of opening the door, she ran back inside and told everyone, “Peter is standing at the door!”

Psalm 2:2, 4 - ...the rulers plot together against the LORD and against his anointed one...⁴ But the one who rules in heaven laughs. The Lord scoffs at them.

4. Diminishes Our Preferences And Reveals God’s Purposes.

Join In Communal Prayer And Watch Ministries Be Elevated

1 John 5:14 - This is the [remarkable degree of] confidence which we [as believers are entitled to] have before Him: that if we ask anything according to His will, [that is, consistent with His plan and purpose] He hears us.