

## Chapel Half Night of Prayer - Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2020 - 6pm to midnight

Welcome. Please stay for whatever portion of the night will work for you.

During the evening, please feel free to pray for whatever God would lay on, or stir in, your heart, mind and spirit. The whiteboard is available for you to write down anything that you believe the Spirit is prompting you to record. Sometimes, those thoughts that at first seem quite random actually begin to connect with what God is saying to others and a theme or picture begins to emerge as God speaks to and through His people.

### **Tonight's Prayer Focus**

Recently, as I have been reading through 2 Chronicles, I spent some time reflecting on 2 Chronicles 6:26-27. This comes from Solomon's prayer at the time of the dedication of the Temple. We are more familiar with 2 Chronicles 7:14, which is God's response to Solomon's prayer:

*"When the heavens are shut up and there is no rain because your people have sinned against you, and when they pray toward this place and give praise to your name and turn from their sin because you have afflicted them, then hear from heaven and forgive the sin of your servants, your people Israel. Teach them the right way to live and send rain on the land you gave your people for an inheritance."*

*2 Chronicles 6:26-27*

This caught my attention, at least in part because it aligned with a message that has come through a number of people over recent months: a call to repentance for the hurts caused to many people over the years and our collective failure to respond when God has brought words of correction. As I reflected, this was my prayer:

Lord, we have long offended You by making this about us, taking our eyes off:

- You
- Your Kingdom, Your will and Your Word
- Your mission and Your co-mission

We are still far from perfect and yet our hearts are towards You. We are endeavouring to see, hear and obey. We desire to set aside and repent of the apathy and sin of those who have gone before whom You have chided, and we seek to walk in the inheritance of those who have gone before whom You have chosen and blessed. This is Your church, part of Your Body: Chapel, TAPCT (The Trust) and DMM (the Disciple Making Movement). It is all for You and for Your glory, I pray. Therefore, O Lord, I ask that you would fulfil the promises made throughout the last 55 years and those made more recently as You have called and gathered us to Yourself and to this place. O Lord that You would open the heavens and pour out the rain of Your Spirit that refreshes the land and brings forth a harvest.

Alongside of this, I have been fasting and praying:

- that God would mobilise us (the Chapel) to prayer
- that God would give us a heart that breaks for the lost
- that God would raise up workers for the Harvest
- that God would lead these workers to People of Peace
- that God would bring our children (those of all ages whom He desires to be here) home
- for a fresh move of the Holy Spirit: a greater release of healing, deliverance, words of knowledge and prophecy, miracles, tongues etc. and truth spoken with divine power.

O Lord, that we would be a people who pursue Your presence in the private places that we may reveal Your presence in the public places.

*For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.*

*Ephesians 6:12*