

# CONNECTIONS

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## Posture of Prayer

We devoted the first three Sundays of this New Year to speak on the prayer because we want to be a people, a church, and a community that values and embraces the importance of prayer in our lives. For the first week of the series, we examined what it would look like for us to live with our eyes opened with a spirit of constant devoted prayer. We were challenged to rethink our preconceived ideas of what "prayer" to see it as an opportunity to lift up our hearts to God in prayer throughout our days as we see the circumstances and needs around us. As theologian, Dallas Willard, writes: *"Praying with frequency gives us the readiness to pray again as needed from moment to moment. The more we pray, the more we think to pray, and as we see the results of prayer - the responses of our Father to our requests - our confidence in God's power spills over into other areas of our life."*

In the second part of our series, we revisited the well-known story of Daniel in the lion's den. And what we discovered was a man of God who possessed an extraordinary spirit in his character and devotion to God, which was reflected through his prayer life. He was able to stand boldly against the king's ordinance and walk confidently into the immanent dangers of the lion's den, because he had fought the battle each and every single day *on his knees* before the one true King. For Daniel, prayer wasn't the last resort, it was his first response.

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In fact, Daniel valued his relationship with God so much that he was willing to lay down his physical life rather than give up his prayer life, because he knew that prayer was his only lifeline to his Heavenly Father.

Lastly, we were challenged to *extend our hands* in prayer for others. We looked at a passage from 2 Corinthians where the Apostle Paul asked the believers in Corinth to help lift the heavy burden and afflictions he faced by coming underneath him with their prayers. In the same way, we are to intercede for others who are in need with our prayers, and in doing so we come underneath and help carry their burdens as they navigate through their storms.

As we have now concluded this series on the Posture of Prayer, I want to remind and encourage our congregation to be a community that exemplifies these qualities in our prayer lives. That we would be people who would pray with our eyes open, our knees bent, and our hands extended this New Year. And I truly believe that when we do this together, that amazing things will happen not only in our individual lives, but in the life of the Church as well. May this be true for you, for me, and for this community in 2011.

- Pastor Andrew



LifeGroup is the name of our small group environment. The goal of LifeGroups is to *"provide a predictable small group environment where participants experience authentic community and spiritual growth and do life together."* We believe that true life change happens best in the context of a small group environment where we can share and discuss real life and issues. It's also a safe environment where we can celebrate the successes and time, and comfort one another during the tough and disappointing times. It's a place where we are encouraged, equipped, and challenged to become a devoted follower of Jesus Christ.

We are launching new LifeGroups this month, so if you've been thinking about getting into a group or trying it out, this is a great opportunity for you to join. If you have any questions please visit our Web site at [www.binnerriem.org/connect/lifegroups](http://www.binnerriem.org/connect/lifegroups).

## PASTOR'S CORNER



This year is the year for 3D. If you are into electronics and gadgets, you know that everything is going 3D. In fact, if you are in the market for a new TV (I wish), you'll know this, because you almost can't buy a new TV these days without having 3D. Now, granted, the technology is really not there yet, but nonetheless, we've been hearing a lot about 3D.

But what if we had 3D vision for our lives this 2011 year? What would that look like? I believe for us to have 3D vision for God this year, we need 1) hindsight, 2) insight, and 3) foresight. We need to have these three things in perspective for us to see what God sees. In fact, because He is omniscient and because He is outside of time, God has this perspective. And we need this perspective to walk with Him.

What that means is that we need to have the HINDSIGHT to understand and remember God's faithfulness in the past and that we show our gratitude to Him for that. It also means that He will give us the INSIGHT to live today in the present and to walk with Him. And it means that we can also have the FORESIGHT with the hope of the future. In fact, this 3D vision is embodied in Jesus when it says that He is the same yesterday (hindsight), today (insight) and forever (foresight). It's also what Paul was saying in Corinthians when he talks about what remains: faith (hindsight), love (insight), and hope (foresight). And it's also expressed in the Trinity when Jesus died for us (hindsight), the Spirit lives with us today (insight), and we will be with the Father forever (foresight).

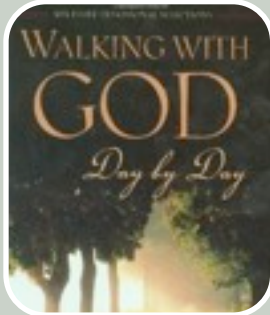
My prayer is that as we enter into 2011, that we would have that kind of vision for our lives.

- PK

# DEVOTIONAL RESOURCES



It's the new year, and we realize that many of you have made resolutions. Perhaps one of them this year is to commit yourself to daily quiet time with God. There are so many options out there, so how do you find the one that's right for you? Here, we've found three different resources (book, phone, blog) that will help you keep your resolution. Simply find your medium of choice and give it a shot.



*If you like books, try:*

**Walking with God Day-by-Day, Dr. Martyn Lloyd Jones**

While I have only read a few days worth of Lloyd-Jones' devotional, I am amazed at both the theological heaviness yet the very real practicality that comes together in each day's devotional. Each day's devotional explores a different aspect of God and the Gospel with a foundation based in Scripture. This devotional not only provides a solid introduction to theology but daily challenges the reader to ask the question of whether the truth of the Gospel has truly penetrated the heart.

- Gloria Lee

*If you're always on your phone, try:*

**YouVersion.com**

I first downloaded the YouVersion application on my phone to motivate myself to read the Bible more. And what I especially have been enjoying about this online resource is how easy it is to choose and follow the Bible reading plan. From partial Bible plans to reading the entire Bible in 90 days, YouVersion offers dozens of plans to choose from. They even send out e-mail reminders to encourage readers to keep up with their plan! - Grace Choi



*If you like reading blogs, try:*

**Daily Devotions with Greg Laurie ([www.harvest.org/devotional](http://www.harvest.org/devotional))**

If you're anything like me, you spend the majority of your time on the computer. Finding an online devotional, in blog format, was ideal for me. This particular devotional is by Pastor Greg Laurie of Harvest Christian Fellowship in Riverside, CA. Each devotional starts with a Bible verse, which Laurie expands on and makes relevant to our lives, in a simple, easy-to-read way. There is also an option to subscribe via e-mail, or simply add it to your Google Reader for your convenience. Now you'll have no excuse to skip a day! - Mari Park

## UPCOMING EVENTS

SAT - 02.12.11	SAT - 02.19.11	WED - 02.23.11
Men's Prayer Meeting, 7:00 AM	Women's Prayer Meeting, 7:00 AM	Pathway (Singles) Gathering, 7:30 PM



We wanted to take this opportunity to introduce our English Ministry Leadership for 2011. Although some of you may be familiar with them, to help everyone get to know the leadership a bit better, we asked them a few questions. Here are some of the responses we got back. Please don't forget to keep them in your prayers!



MELISSA CHANG



JOON CHOI



BETH KIM



HAYOON KIM



PHILLIP KIM



CASEY MALARCHER

**If you could eat dinner with any person in the world (living or dead) what meal would you to have?**

*Melissa:* Spaghetti with meat sauce, my specialty. Everybody likes spaghetti!  
*Joon:* Pizza...because I'm a pizza person.  
*Beth:* I would eat pizza because everyone likes pizza, right?  
*Hayoon:* Anything BBQ.  
*Phillip:* Surf and turf (steak & lobster)!  
*Casey:* Korean BBQ-style pork ribs, and I would have it at Ok-Dol Jip in Seoul, Korea. It comes with great side dishes there.

**Tell us one of your New Year's Resolutions.**

*M:* Eat healthy and stay active.  
*J:* I'm planning on losing weight & praying more.  
*B:* I'm trying to eat smaller portions.  
*H:* Spend more time in prayer.  
*P:* Cut back at Starbucks!  
*C:* I didn't make any. I just want to see what each new day brings and go from there.

**What is your favorite country that you've visited outside the US?**

*M:* Peru - the country has a variety of activities to do within short distances with beautiful scenery, incredibly nice people, wonderful culture, and darn cheap prices!  
*J:* I would have to say France. I love Paris because of all the history, and all the monuments are beautiful.  
*B:* The south of France because it's beautiful!  
*H:* I've only been to Canada and Mexico aside from a two-day trip to Germany. I like the US.  
*P:* Russia.  
*C:* Malaysia. Awesome snorkeling.

**What is your magazine of choice?**

*M:* *US Weekly* and *Time*.  
*J:* I don't read many magazines.  
*B:* *US weekly*.  
*H:* I don't read magazines.  
*P:* *Car and Driver*.  
*C:* *Ranger Rick*. We get it for our kids... but I read it too.

Want to submit an article? We'd love to hear from you! E-mail us with your articles and ideas at [connections@binnerriem.org](mailto:connections@binnerriem.org). Submissions must be made by the third Sunday of each month. Want to serve in a different way? Join the Connections team! We are looking for: photographers, writers and other creative-minded individuals. E-mail us at [connections@binnerriem.org](mailto:connections@binnerriem.org) for more information.