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An Unhindered Church Sharing an Unhindered Gospel

Today's Message: Prayer and the Mighty Works of God

Acts 1:14; 2:42

Acts 6:4,6 (6:1-7)

Acts 10:4,30-31;11:5 (10:1-11:18)

Acts 12:5,12 (12:1-19)

Acts 16:13

Acts 16:25 (16:22-40)

Acts 21:5 (21:1-6)

Acts 22:17 (21:27-22:30)

Scriptural Meditation or Praying the Scriptures

Beginning Monday, January 16, a daily devotion will appear on our church web site (www.fbcrockhill.org) and I encourage you to use it in your daily quiet time. The goal is to help us in our journey toward being UNHINDERED as a church and as individual followers of Jesus Christ. These devotions have been written specifically for our church and are different than what you will find in most devotional books you can purchase at Christian book stores. Allow me to explain the difference.

As a young believer, I used devotional books in my quiet time and they were helpful. Most of them contained a brief story, followed by a thought for the day, Bible verse and suggested prayer focus. As years passed, these became less meaningful for me and I began looking for a different approach to my daily quiet time and devotions. What God led me to was scriptural meditation or praying the scriptures.

The idea is simple. We read a passage of scripture and then reflect on what it means or says to us. As the Holy Spirit speaks to our heart and mind, we respond to Him in prayer. In other words, we answer God when He speaks to us. Isn't that as it should be?

Suddenly our prayers are not a monologue in which we do all the talking, telling God all the things we want Him to hear. Instead we are listening to God and responding to Him.

This approach continues to transform my prayer life and my walk with Jesus. Regularly I find myself praying about spiritual issues that have a practical impact on my daily existence as a believer…things I would not think to pray about on my own.

I invite you to join us Monday for the first devotion, and then return to the "UNHINDERED DEVOTIONALS" blog on our web site each day thereafter for the next six weeks as we take this exciting journey with our Lord.

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