



FOCUSED LIVING PRAYER

Christmas 2011

“But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son... so that He might redeem...” Galatians 4:4-5

As we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior this Christmas there is a single, stunning truth that often becomes lost amidst the family, friends, food, fellowship, fun and football. It is a truth so cataclysmically powerful that it ought permeate our every thought this Christmas season.

Jesus is **NOT** the reason for the season... we are!

Think about it. If we were not sinners, there would be no need for a Savior. No need for Christ to be born in a manger. No need for Christ to die in our place on the cross. We understand that mentioning our sin during this season of celebration is neither politically correct nor pleasant. Yet, without the humble acknowledgement of our sin as the backdrop for Christmas, our Savior, Who redeems with grace, is reduced to a Santa who is forgotten by New Year. If you really want a reason to celebrate this season, consider what it cost the Father to purchase you as His “adopted sons.” (Gal 4:6) Come, let us adore Him!

May you join the chorus of men who have reflected on the Father’s life-changing love for them this past year and are compelled to express their thanks!

Thank you for coming into my life this year & helping me begin a wonderful journey with You! Tommy

In the midst of the most difficult year of my life, You, God, have shown me that You, and only You, can and will meet my every need. You have also shown me that Your grace, mercy, and power are sufficient! Bryan

Thank you, Lord, for teaching me this year the meaning of praying from the heart! Steve

I praise You for continuing to align my heart with Your character, and for Your overwhelming grace! Ricky

In the midst of a difficult year I have felt Your presence with me at all times. I have been able to share this with my son, who is in middle school. He has seen his own battles as well and he too has trusted in the You!! What a gift! Wallace

This year, Father, You helped me learn Patience. Thank You! Dewey

Lord, this year you helped me regain perspective and reorder my priorities allowing me to focus more on You and Your word. You have given me strength and courage to live by faith and not by fear. I now view everyday as an opportunity to learn, grow and develop then apply what You are showing me in Your word. To You I give all the Glory. Ed

Thank You, Father, for choosing to use me in my friend's life. What a privilege to see someone being drawn to You right in front of my eyes! David

Thank You God for not leaving me as you found me and for making your love so real to me by allowing me to suffer through the loss of my marriage, my home, profession, my health, and my ability to work, and so giving me a much deeper love and faith in my Savior, Lord, Redeemer and God - Christ Jesus. Bryan

I praise you, Father, for using SALT this fall to challenge me to live more of a "God Centered Life" vs. a "Man Centered Life." Bill

Thank you for your interest in and prayers for this ministry. You are impacting the men of Columbia and beyond! Merry Christmas!

Perry, David, and Peter