

AWAKEN

“Together we can reach the world.”

Five days of prayer, fasting,
and the Word to discover . . .

who's your
1ONE?

DAY 1—Spreading His Name

For the Scripture tells Pharaoh, I raised you up for this reason so that I may display my power in you and that my name may be proclaimed in the whole earth.

ROMANS 9:17, CSB

God is passionate about the fame of His name spreading. Whether we realize it or not, everyone is a part of this. Even Pharaoh's actions played a role in God's name being proclaimed throughout the whole earth. We joyfully come alongside God in making Him known to the corners of the world. How do we do this? We do this by faithfully sharing the good news of Jesus with one person at a time. And with the collective labor of God's people living on mission, God's name will one day be proclaimed everywhere. One day, every knee will bow in heaven and on earth before the King.

Identify your *one*—one person you see on a consistent basis who you can begin praying for and sharing the gospel with in the coming weeks.

DAY 2—The Ends of the Earth

All the ends of the earth will remember and turn to the LORD. All the families of the nations will bow down before you.

PSALM 22:27, CSB

It is not enough that only a small portion of the human population bow down in worship to God. All will turn to Him. All of the families of the nations will stand in humble submission before Him, including ourselves. As we share the gospel message, we should remember that our efforts are bigger than ourselves. When we see new converts baptized, we should be reminded those moments are a part of God's name and fame being spread throughout all of the earth. The spreading of the gospel may begin with you sharing with your *one* in your neighborhood or workplace, but it will not stay there. This news is too good, and God is too glorious, for His name to not be spread to the ends of the earth. We can faithfully join Him in this mission.

How have you joined God in His mission to make Himself known? Pray God would remind you that you have a small but significant role to play in the advancement of His kingdom.

DAY 3—Be Constant In Prayer

Now he told them a parable on the need for them to pray always and not give up. There was a judge in a certain town who didn't fear God or respect people. And a widow in that town kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' For a while he was unwilling, but later he said to himself, 'Even though I don't fear God or respect people, yet because this widow keeps pestering me, I will give her justice, so that she doesn't wear me out by her persistent coming.' Then the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. Will not God grant justice to his elect who cry out to him day and night? Will he delay helping them? I tell you that he will swiftly grant them justice. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

LUKE 18:1–8, CSB

Some have labored on our knees and through the verbal proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of those close to us. The years pile high with no inkling of spiritual interest on their part, and we begin to wonder if our whispered prayers are to the white walls in our room instead of to the God of the universe. Why has God not answered my prayers to save my best friend, brother or co-worker? Why is my one still not walking with the Lord? We assume the hard work of evangelism is spent preparing a perfectly crafted gospel presentation, getting the message

out there and watching the Holy Spirit work. But perhaps the greater work happens on our knees when no one is watching. God hears our petitions to save those we love. He longs for them to be saved, too. He is not slow, and He desires all to repent and to come to a saving knowledge of Him (2 Peter 3:9). Take heart, laborer. Always pray, never give up and do not grow weary of the good work you are doing in evangelism.

Your Father hears you.

Spend five minutes praying for your *one* and their salvation. Pray also the Lord would open doors to speak the truth of the gospel in love to them.

DAY 4—Let Your Light Shine

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

MATTHEW 5:16, CSB

As Christians, we are the light of the world, and one way we let our light shine is through our good works. Our good works towards others are not only a way for us to display the love of Christ, but it is also an evangelistic opportunity in and of itself. Those who do not know Jesus are watching us, and when they see our good deeds—which aren't motivated out of our trying to be loved by God, but instead are an overflow of the love we have received from God— there is an opportunity for them to glorify our Father in heaven. As you go about your day, don't neglect the evangelistic impact your kindness to others may have.

As you let your light shine this week, identify one kind thing you could do to serve your *one*, and do it.

DAY 5—Sharing In the Blessing

Although I am free from all and not anyone's slave, I have made myself a slave to everyone, in order to win more people ... I have become all things to all people, so that I may by every possible means save some. Now I do all this because of the gospel, so that I may share in the blessings.

1 CORINTHIANS 9:19, 22B–23, CSB

Paul was so devoted to winning people to Christ that he willingly brought himself low—to the point of referring to himself as a servant—in hopes that God may save some. He did whatever he had to do to remove barriers that may have prevented people from believing and trusting in Christ by wholly giving of himself to the needs and service others. It is paradoxical that Paul sees the giving of himself as “sharing in the blessings.” While our sin nature tells us to hoard our time, talent, treasures and even the good news for our own joy and blessing, there is great benefit for both the hearer and the proclaimer of the gospel. May we seek to share in the blessings to be had when we become all things to all people in order to save some.

Pray God would help you identify one way you could “become all things” to your *one* that He might save them. In what ways may the Lord be calling you to serve your *one* in order to remove barriers?