"A great emphasis in prayer is what God desires to do in us.

He desires to get us: under His loving authority,

dependent on His Spirit,

walking in the Light,

motivated by His love, and

living for His glory.

The collective essence of these five truths is an abandonment of one's life to the Lord and a continual openness, dependence, and responsiveness to His loving control."

William Thrasher



It's often during times of greatest darkness or difficulty that God's Spirit moves powerfully among His people. Stirring our hearts. Getting our attention. Alerting us to change that needs to happen, both in our own lives and our world.

We see it over and over in the Bible — stories of great revival, renewed spiritual awakening, God's Spirit at work, right in the midst of huge turmoil and hard circumstances. For when we come to the end of ourselves, when we're able to admit our own weakness and sin, or we have fresh eyes to see how this world can never truly satisfy the places in our hearts that only God can fill, we're acutely aware once again of our need for His mercy, forgiveness, and the filling of His Spirit.

Sometimes it's hard to even know how to pray. We just know we have a deep ache in our hearts that cries out for God's help, and a longing to see Him heal the brokenness in our lives and world. He reminds us that He sees our hearts, He hears our cries, He knows the way — and He is here.

Close.

Near.

Forever faithful and loving to the brokenhearted. Always supporting those whose hearts are completely His.

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