Prayer is an act of Love

"But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first." – Revelation 2:4 ESV

If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing." – 1 Corinthians 13:1-3 ESV

What stirs your heart? What drives you to prayer? What is it that causes us to pray for unsaved friends and family members, and the unreached peoples of the world? Ultimately, prayer starts with God wooing us and it is not possible to be passionate about prayer if you are not already passionate for Him. We cannot last long nor be effective as intercessors for the nations if we do not have a passionate love for our Lord – we need to remember the love we had at first and do all we do with love. It is for His glory that we long to see the nations come to Him and to make true the promise of every tribe, tongue, and peoples in heaven worshiping Him (Revelation 7:9).

This love and passion is what should cause us to pray for the nations. If we truly want to see our world changed, we will pray with love and passion.

PRAYER FOCUS: The focus today is on the love that drives our prayers. Can we take the love and passion that we have for sports or our leisure activities and focus some of that on praying for the nations?

PRAYER: Abba, we don't want to be just noisy gongs and cymbals in our world. Remind us of our first love and rekindle in us a passion for You and Your peoples. Draw us closer to You and allow our hearts to burn for what is on Your heart. In the Name of Jesus, Amen!

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- 2. Prayer is an act of obedience Sean
- 3. Prayer is an act of worship Jeff
- 4. Prayer is an act of warfare David
- 5. Prayer is an act of sacrifice / 6. Prayer is an act of labor Steve
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