



"Ministry takes place when divine resources meet human needs through loving channels to the glory of God.

Warren Wiersbe On Being a Servant of God



How do we obtain these divine resources?



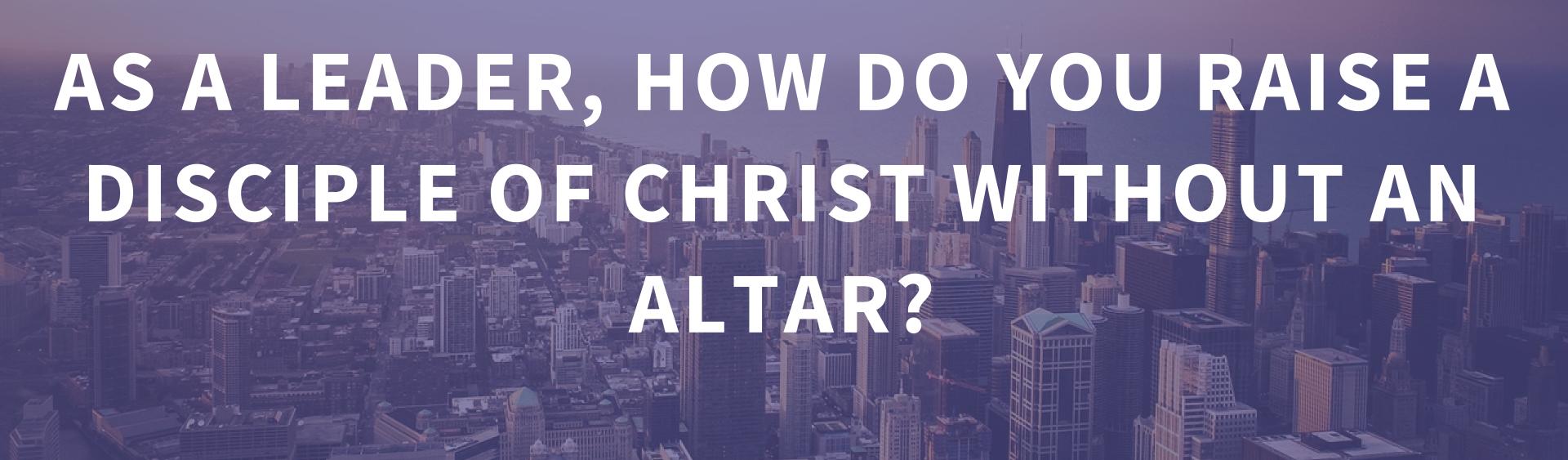
Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.



THE ALTAR IS WHERE ALL SPIRITUAL TRANSACTIONS TAKE PLACE ON BEHALF OF HIS KINGDOM.

AT THE ALTAR, THE TWO GREAT NEEDS OF EVERY LEADER ARE DISPENSED: MERCY AND GRACE.

HOW DO YOU GROW AS A DISCIPLE OF CHRIST WITHOUT AN ALTAR?



AS LEADERS ON CAMPUS, THE MAIN EMPHASIS OF YOUR TEACHING AND MODELING HAS TO BE THE PRIORITY OF THE ALTAR.

THE MOST COMMON DNA MUTATION
THAT PLAGUES THE CHURCH IS AN
ALTAR-LESS LEADER.

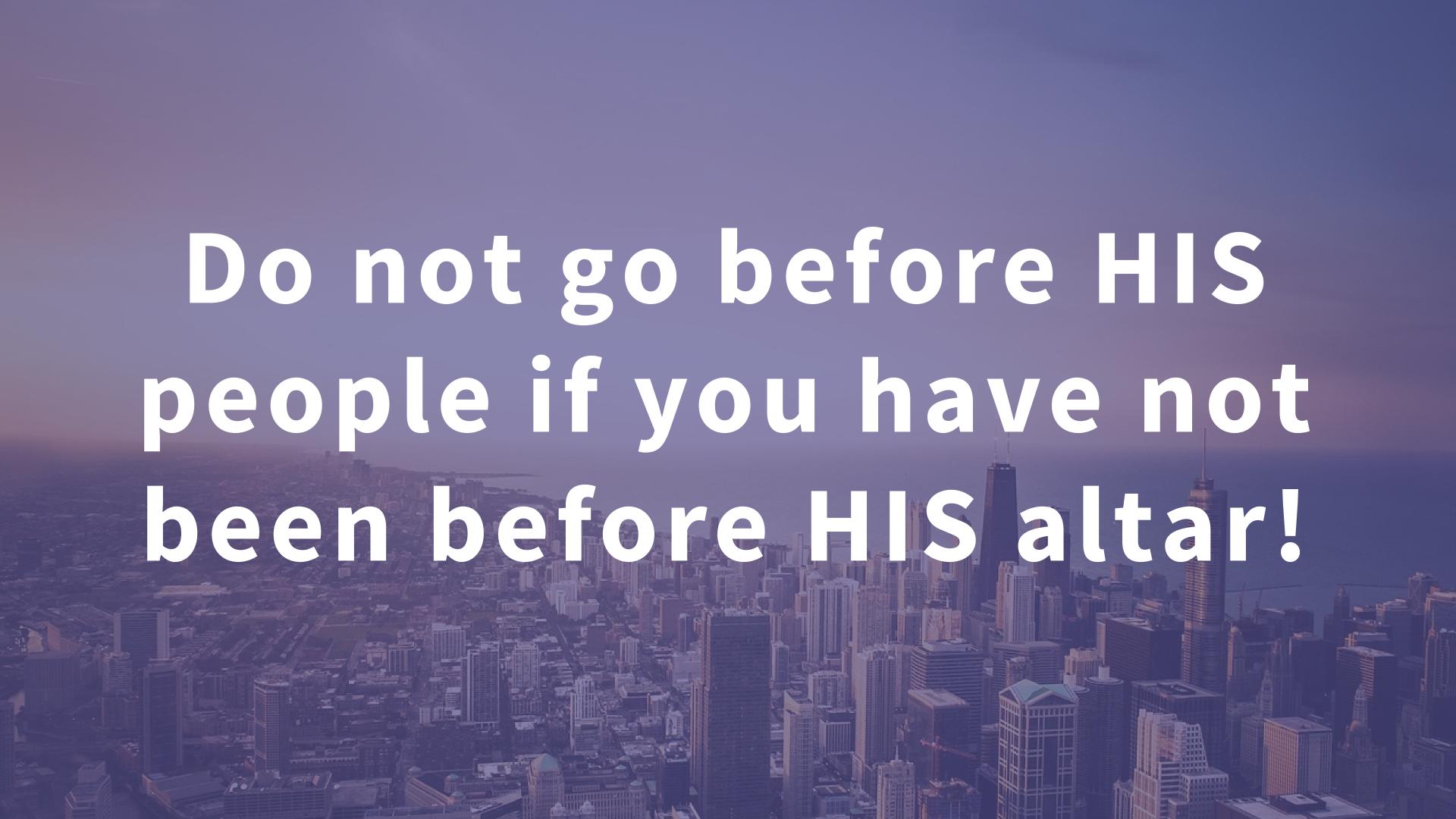
PERSONAL ALTAR

THE ALTAR IS THE PLACE OF:

Communion: You receive God's assurance.

Consecration: You receive God's work of separation and holiness.

Commission: You receive God's direction and empowerment.



CORPORATE ALTAR

Then Joshua son of Jozadak and his fellow priests and Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel and his associates began to build the altar of the God of Israel to sacrifice burnt offerings on it, in accordance with what is written in the Law of Moses the man of God. Despite their fear of the peoples around them, they built the altar on its foundation and sacrificed burnt offerings on it to the Lord, both the morning and evening sacrifices.

EZRA 3:2-3

CORPORATE ALTAR

Joshua and company established the corporate altar first.

Before they built the temple they built the altar.



PERILS OF PRIVATE AND PUBLIC PRAYERLESSNESS

Private: Any mission without an altar leads to ambition.

Public: Great resources without an altar will lead to a spiritless organization and weakened individuals.

"God has of his own motion placed himself under the law of prayer, and has obligated himself to answer the prayers of men. He has ordained prayer as a means whereby he will do things through men as they pray, which he would not otherwise do. If prayer puts God to work on earth, then, by the same token, prayerlessness rules God out of the world's affairs, and prevents him from working.

The driving power, the conquering force in God's cause is God himself. 'Call on me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which though knowest not,' is God's challenge to prayer. Prayer puts God in full force into God's work."

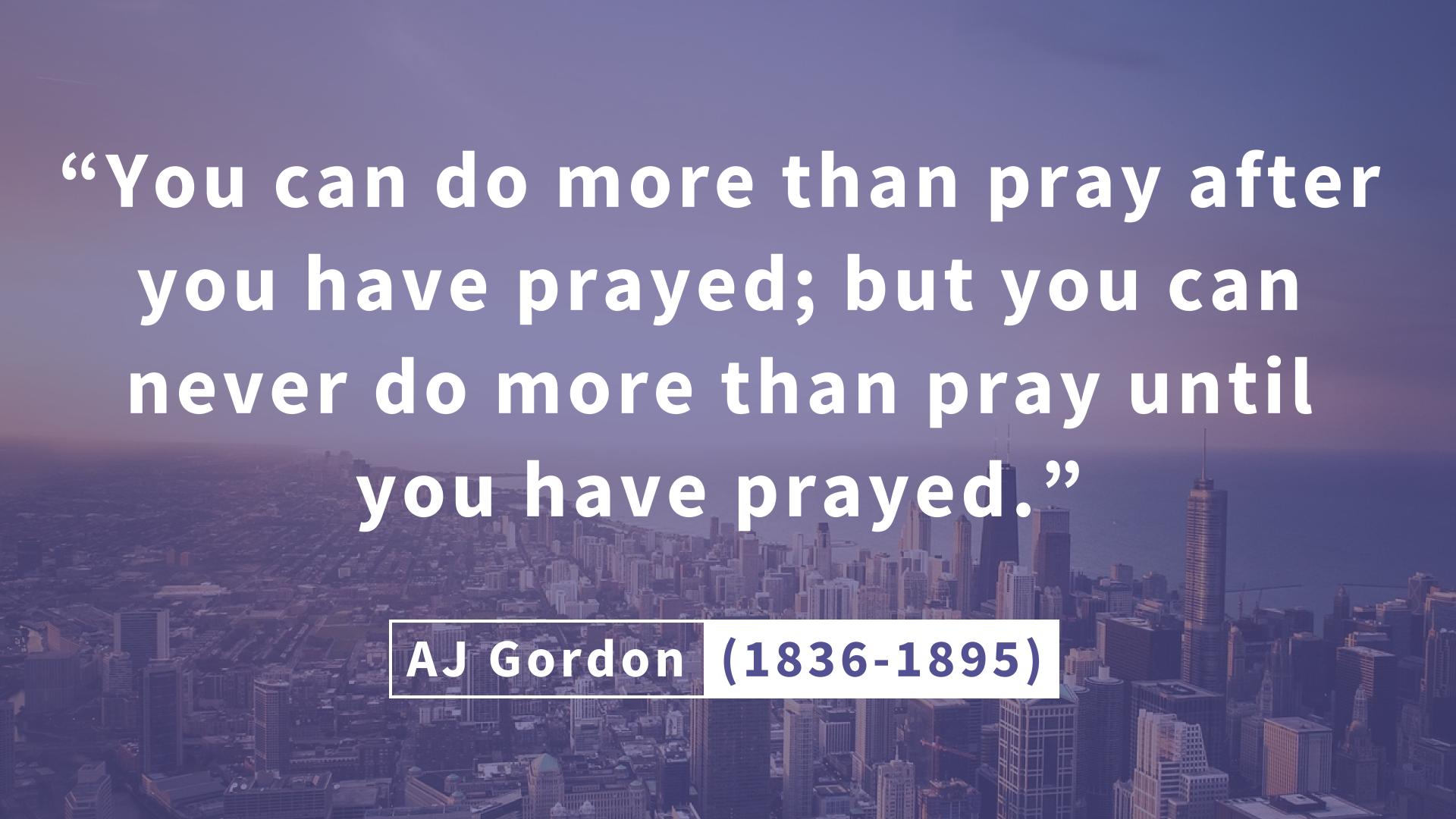
E.M. Bounds "The Weapon of Prayer"

"MINISTRY HACK"

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

JOHN 15:7-8

Seek Jesus to bear fruit!



"So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."

MATTHEW 9:38

"Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."

MATTHEW 28:19

JESUS SAID "PRAY" BEFORE HE SAID "GO"





EMBRACE THE BIBLICAL VALUE OF PRAYER

Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

LUKE 11:5-10

EMBRACE THE BIBLICAL VALUE OF PRAYER (LUKE 11:5-10)



PLACE OF EXPECTATION

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LUKE 11:9-10



PLACE OF ENDURANCE

"STRONGHOLDS"

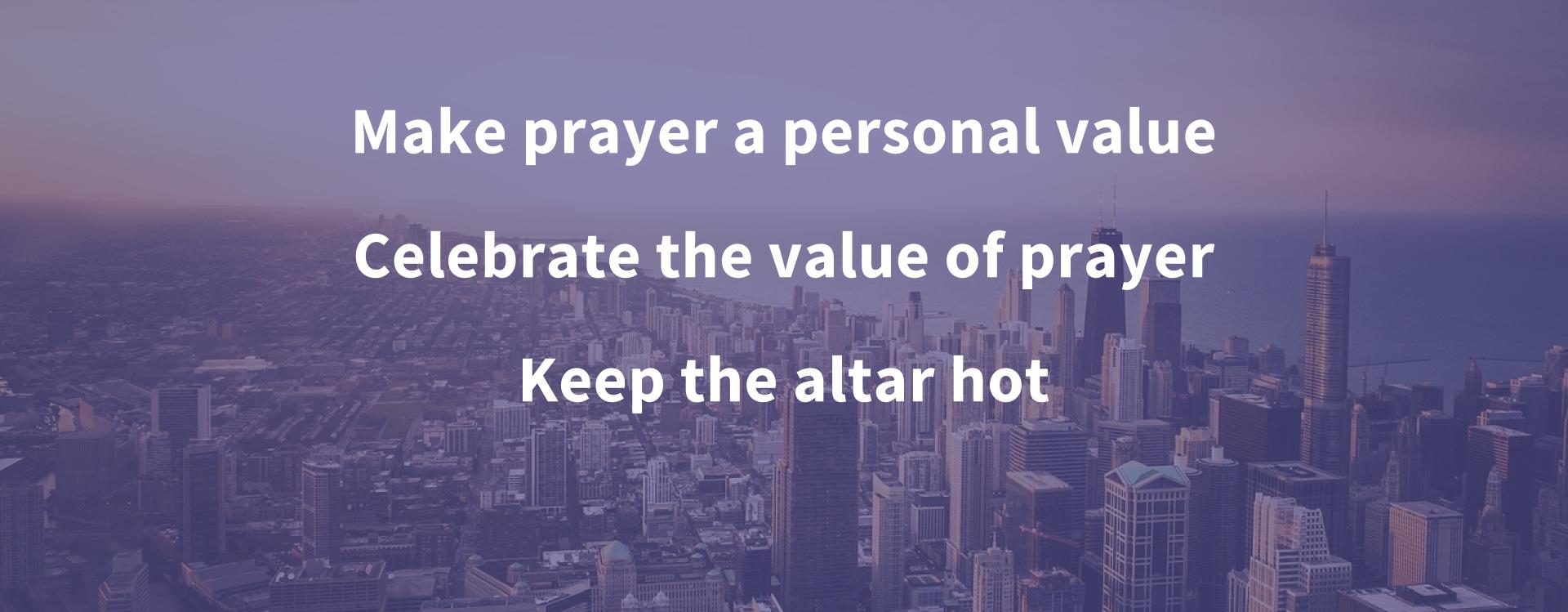
The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:4-5

CREATE SPACE FOR STUDENTS TO ENGAGE GOD

- Small Group prayer meetings
- Incorporate prayer into large group meetings
 - Before and during
 - Altar calls

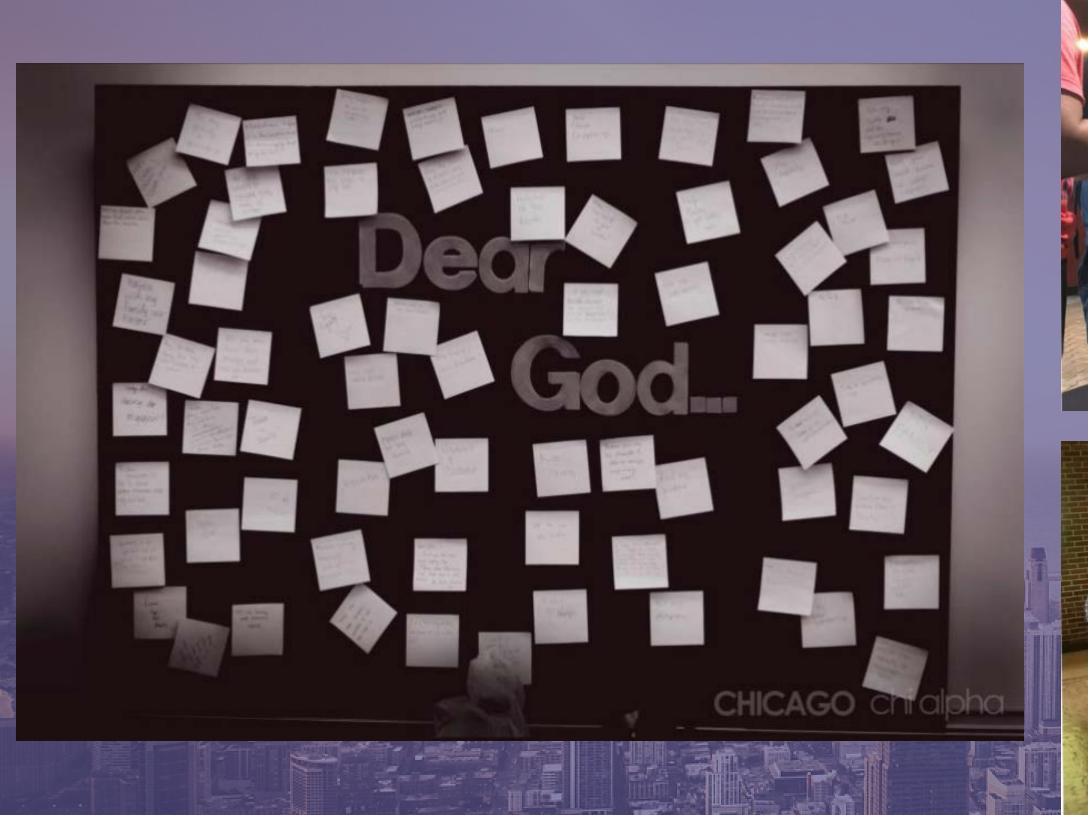
HOW CAN WE GET STUDENTS TO PRAYER MEETINGS?



INVADE THE SPACE OF NON-BELIEVERS WITH PRAYER

Campus Prayer Walks

"Praying on-site with His sight"
Three Directions of Prayer
To God's Throne in Worship
To the Evil Realm in Warfare
To the Campus in Welcome







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