

Testimonies from Awake: 40 Days of 24-7 Prayer

A guy at my work (lets say James) is struggling with his 5 year marriage. He is 'christian', but his faith in Jesus seems pretty tested as of now. He has 4 year old twin daughters that do not respect him (or her) and are physically and emotionally abusive to James. I don't know how long it's been going on, but it seems to be getting worse.

I have been encouraging and listening to him for a while and on Monday he said he really wasn't doing good. His wife told him she didn't love him, and that any progress that they have experienced has been a show. So- his kids and wife don't acknowledge love for him. He asked for prayers and that night was my prayer slot 1-2am.

I stood before our Father God and asked for restoration and healing to sweep through James' family and life- specifically his marriage.

Next day- James has a big smile and can't seem to contain himself. He said HUGE breakthrough has been underway at home and he sees this staying and lasting. He seemed really happy and joyful and followed me around for a little bit telling me the same thing over and over- just about the recent turnaround/ breakthrough.

I am really encouraged by this and know that GOD CAN HEAL AND RESTORE MARRIAGE. Satan hates it. God loves it. "Greater is He who is us, than he who is in the world"

PRAISE GOD!

Hi, I just wanted to share a really sweet way that God has answered my prayers!

I have a friend who has been really struggling with a lot of different things in the past few years: cutting, eating disorder, anxiety, alcohol... and I have been trying really hard to be a good friend to her even though most of the time lately she never answers my phone calls or messages or anything. I have been praying for her and have shed many tears on her behalf but she just continued to make self-destructive choices and push away everyone who loves her.

Last week at AWAKE God really put her on my heart and I prayed for her almost the entire time. I was able to let go of a lot of bitterness and anger against her that I didn't even realize I had, because of ways that she had hurt me over the years and the ways that she was wasting the precious life that God has given her.

Then, this morning, she initiated a conversation with me (which, in itself was amazing, because she hasn't don't that in months) and told me that she is an alcoholic (which I had suspected but it was really cool to hear her say it). She told me that God had given her some pretty clear signs lately (which was also amazing because she had pretty much pushed Him away altogether) that she

needed to make some changes, and stop wasting the precious life that God has given her! She has been going to AA every day for the past week. She said that she would love to get together with me to "share with me how amazing God is". This was SUCH an answer to prayer, and we are going to get together this week, and she is even going to come with me to my AWAKE prayer slot! Thank you for the opportunity for 24-7 prayer, and praise the LORD for His faithfulness!

I invited a long-time friend with me to join me for my prayer slot. This friend and I have a track record that is not pleasing to God in any aspect. God grabbed my attention 6 months ago that I need to change the way I was living so I went off to YWAM and returned about a month ago. This friend has been curious to the joy that the Lord instilled in me over this time so I decided to invite him to pray with me. He has called himself a Christian his whole life, so he knew of God but never sought Him for a further understanding of how glorious He is.

We opened up with prayer and both immediately started crying. Not tears of sadness, we weren't sad at all, we were actually really confused why we were crying! This happened every time we bowed our heads. Un-explainable tears kept trickling down our faces. Finally I asked the Lord why. His Spirit was so overwhelmed with joy that He decided to share His feelings with us. God was so happy to see my friend and I worshipping Him that He had to send a message. The message was clear, God was happy to have his prodigal son back :)

I also felt a strong angelic presence in the room, very warm and very powerful. God's angels sure do love that room!

A beautiful thing happened this week at healing prayer. We saw prayer heal. One of our brothers, Dave Dietz, had originally come to healing prayer lab on Tuesday nights because his knees were hurting him so badly that he thought that it couldn't hurt to go and see if God wanted to heal him in that way. Coming from a conservation background, he approached the idea of healing with an "it'd be cool, but I don't know" kind of attitude (similar to how I also approached it)...but he came, and he listened. After the first week, he found that the truth about the Holy Spirits work of healing was more satisfying to him than walking without pain in his knees. He kept coming and kept coming because, as we all know, our Father gives us food that doesn't leave us hungry and drink that doesn't cause us to thirst just moments after. Growing and learning more about his Dad, was healing Dave's heart and, to him, that became the most important thing.

God had a little more in mind, however. Though the pain was still incredible (a 10 on a scale of 1-10), it was no longer the reason Dave was at the healing prayer lab. He was there for more of the Spirit. This past Tuesday, Dave made a passing comment about how

his knees were bothering him to a brother who has been gifted with the healing ministry of the Spirit of God, Chris Maybury (who would love to pray over friends, neighbors and family members if they maybe lack health care but would like to know what it feels like to be touched and cleansed by the Healer). Chris laid his hands on Dave's knees and petitioned to the Father on his behalf, claiming the power of the Spirit in those joints.

The pain, according to Dave, felt like a 4 rather than a 10!!! Where there had been constant cracking whenever he moved his legs, there was fluidity and silence. We commenced the healing prayer lab and learned more about the ministry, shared testimonies and talked about "next steps" for the group...and Dave, with curious freedom, took to the stairs in the pavilion to test out his knees made (mostly) new... walking up and down the rather steep flight of stairs, Dave was astounded that he could do it without pain and without cracking. Still at a 4, Chris asked if he could pray one more time (Mark 8:22-25).

So, Chris prayed; the Spirit of God moved, and Dave walked with freedom in his knees and a testimony of a Father who cares even about our physical bodies. It was awesome. And beautiful. And hopeful. Praise be to God.

I'D LIKE TO SHARE A FEELING THAT I'VE BEEN GETTING FROM PRAYER. I FELT IT IN THE SESSION AFTER YOURS AND BEFORE JORDAN'S. I SHARED A LITTLE WITH HIM ABOUT IT TOO. I REALLY FELT AN ANGELIC PRESENCE THROUGHOUT THE ROOM. I COULD NOT PHYSICALLY SEE THEM, BUT I COULD FEEL AND HAD A LIGHT VISION OF ANGELS SURROUNDING THE ROOM. THEY WERE ARMED TO THE TOOTH AND AS I CALLED TO THEM- THEIR NUMBERS MULTIPLIED AND THEIR GAZE BORE MORE INTENTLY INTO THE ROOM. I REALLY FELT AT PEACE AND HAD A FLOATING SENSATION IN ALL MY PRAYER SLOTS THIS WEEK.

I KNOW THAT THERE CAN BE A "GO TO" FEELING/SENSE, BUT I'VE HONESTLY NEVER FELT, NOT EVEN THOUGHT ABOUT THE PRESENCE OF ANGELS AROUND A ROOM. I'VE THOUGHT/DEALT/FELT SPIRITS (DEMONS/HOLY SPIRIT), BUT THIS WAS NEW AND DIFFERENT AND EXCITING.

I WAS REMINDED OF 2 KINGS 6:17 (WHICH JORDAN WAS SO KIND TO PINPOINT) ABOUT ELISHA KNOWING THE PRESENCE OF ANGLES AND PRAYING TO OPEN THE EYES OF HIS SERVANT SO THAT HEY MAY TOO SEE AND BE AT PEACE WITH THE BATTLE SITUATION.

SERIOUSLY THOUGH, THESE ANGELS WERE ARMED AND DOWN TO FIGHT. IT WAS EXCITING, BUT MORE PEACEFUL THAN ANYTHING. I DON'T KNOW IF ANYONE ELSE GOT THAT- BUT IT WAS REALLY ENCOURAGING ME TO KNOW THAT A FLEET OF ANGELS ARE RESTING ON BRIDGE STREET- FOCUSED INTENTLY ON PROTECTING THE PRAYER CAVE AND READY TO CARRY OUT OUR INTERCESSIONS.