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Your Most Strategic Investment:
Why, How, and What to Pray for Your Spiritual Leaders
Romans 15:30-33
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THIS WEEK:

- Be reminded that I pray for spiritual leaders, ultimately because of the worthiness of Jesus. Write down as many truths about Jesus’ character, works, and mission as I can. Use this as a starting place for my prayers.
- Take time every day, multiple times each day, to pray this prayer: “Lord, I pray for (name of a ministry leader), asking that you will protect them from (specific attacks from the enemies of the Gospel).”
- Paul admitted his need for personal refreshment from others. Be intentional to do one thing (text, email, note, gift, etc.) to refresh the heart of one of my spiritual leaders (pastor, elder, teacher, missionary).

DISCUSSION

“Paul knew that talking to men about God is a great thing. But talking to God about men is the first thing.

- Dissect this statement. What does it mean? Do you believe it? (How) do you live it out?

Read Romans 15:30

Why we should pray for our spiritual leaders. - (v 30a)

- What are the three reasons “why” we need to pray for our spiritual leaders?
- Which one of the three is the hardest to live out? Why?
- Which of the three comes the most natural? Why?

How we should pray for Christian leaders. - (v 30b)

- Greek word: “Sunagonizmai” = “with agony” Would you say that you pray for your leaders with “passion?” With Agony? When was the last time that you agonized, in prayer, over your spiritual leaders? What would an “agonizing prayer” look like for you?

Read Romans 15:31-33

What we should pray for Christian leaders. – (vv 31-32)

- What are the three things Paul tells us to pray for regarding our spiritual leaders?
- The most misunderstood prayer is that of “prosperity.” What does Paul mean here when he is asking for “prosperity?”
- Can you add these three prayers to your daily quiet time? Set a goal...daily for one month!

The result for us: peace! (v 33)

- What is the promise made in verse 30? Do you have the fulfillment of that promise in your heart? Why? Why not?

Apply:

- What might happen if consistently made these prayers our most strategic investment?
- When is the last time you REALLY prayed, with agony, for your spiritual leaders?
- What does Hebrews 13:17 say about your spiritual leaders? How do you live that out?
- Pray for your spiritual leaders daily for 1 month. Send you spiritual leader(s) a note of encouragement that you are praying for them. Tell them in person. Pray over them in person when you see them.
- Read Acts 21:15–28:31 and see how God answered these prayers in Paul’s life.
- Pray for protection, for all spiritual leaders, against any attacks of Satan.