

Twenty-One Day Fast: Day Fourteen – August 21

A Habitation for The Lord By Kathy Davis

This past Friday evening as I stood under the St. Giles prayer banner during the prayer vigil, my heart was overwhelmed by the words “a habitation for the Lord”.

As I continued to pray, I asked Him to show me what all this means for us as a church. I was led to Philippians 2. As I began to read and pray specifically verses 1-16, I knew He was speaking to me. Using these powerful verses, He was showing me a heart attitude and a life that was prepared and ready for His Habitation.

Here are some prayer points I prayed from vs. 1-16:

That we:

...let Jesus’ attitude, purpose and humility be in our hearts;
...be in harmony - being of one mind, one purpose, in one accord and intention;
...that we do nothing through contentiousness, selfishness, conceit or arrogance;
...that we do all things without grumbling, complaining and faultfinding;
...But in the true spirit of humility, regard others interests above the interests of ourselves;

...that we live in reverence and awe of Him...with serious caution; tenderness of conscience, watchfulness against temptation; shrinking back from whatever might **offend** Him and **discredit** the Name of Christ Jesus. (vs. 12)

As I prayed this verse, I felt encountered by The Lord and said in my heart, “this is serious living - this is what it is all about...a deeper life in Him.” But I confess, even in that moment, I wrestled ... “what am I going to have to give up - what more is this going to mean”? I could not believe my own thoughts --I felt so ashamed and conflicted. I cried out for His forgiveness and for Him to help me.

In the most wonderful words, I heard Him say, "Kathy just read the next verse!" I did and shouted for joy!

Not in your own strength...**for IT IS GOD** Who is all the while “effectually at work in you - creating in you the **power and desire** both to will and to work for His good pleasure...” (vs. 13) I was so humbled and thankful.

So, may I encourage you to pray Philippians 2:1-16 - that together we would see His **mighty power** do His **mighty work** in us fulfilling verse 16: thereby holding out and offering to all men "The Word of Life".

PRAYER POINT: Lord, fulfill Your heart for us...St. Giles: A Habitation for The Lord.