

## NCD Pastoral Care Encouragement Emphasis for 2008

PC Point Person Meeting: Oct. 7-8 and potential PC encouragement theme for 08.

***Prayer Teams for Pastors: Every pastor will surround himself with a prayer team that prays for his and his wife's relationship with Jesus. Prayer team prayers for Pastors and their wives:***

- 1) Pastors and their wives would humble themselves so they could hear Christ speak to them. Unhurried time with Jesus in the Word hearing Jesus for themselves.

**“She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said.” (Luke 10:39)**

**“. . .but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.” (Luke 10:42)**

- 2) Pastors and their wives would know convincingly by faith what God wants them to know:
  - a) Know God Himself for themselves (Eph. 1:17)
  - b) Know the hope of God in Christ for themselves (Eph. 1:18)
  - c) Know the riches of God in Christ for themselves (Eph. 1:18)
  - d) Know the power of God in Christ for themselves (Eph. 1:19)
  - e) Know the love of God in Christ for themselves (Eph. 3: 14-21)

**Outcomes:** Encouragement will replace discouragement.

Courage will replace despair. Joy will replace sorrow. Love will replace fear. Pastors and wives would pray the same for their congregations.

<sup>15</sup> For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

<sup>18</sup> I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints,

<sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, <sup>20</sup> which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way. (<sup>NIV</sup> Eph. 1:15-23)

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I kneel before the Father, <sup>15</sup> from whom his whole family in heaven and on earth derives its name. <sup>16</sup> I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, <sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, <sup>18</sup> may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, <sup>19</sup> and to know this love that surpasses knowledge-- that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God. <sup>20</sup> Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (<sup>NIV</sup> **Eph. 3:14-21**).

- 3) Pastors would understand and know how to be the head of their wives by letting Christ be their head; as Christ is to him, he is to his wife.

Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. <sup>2</sup> I praise you for remembering me in everything and for holding to the teachings, just as I passed them on to you. <sup>3</sup> Now I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of the woman is man, and the head of Christ is God. (<sup>NIV</sup> **I Cor. 11: 1-3**).