

MY WEEK OF REALLY PRAYING WITHOUT CEASING

Dear Friend:

One of the shortest verses in the Bible is: "Pray without ceasing" (I Thessalonians 5:17 KJV). The context? Paul wrote to his friends in the church at Thessalonica to encourage them to remember, in the face of difficulties, in the routine of daily living, keep on praying! I just finished a week where about the only time I *wasn't praying* was while sleeping. At one point, due to family health I was in 3 different hospitals in 3 days.

Chris's dad, Stan, was in Mt. Carmel East February 14-19. On February 18th I was in O.S.U. hospital for a heart follow-up procedure that required anesthesia. On February 19th Chris's dad came home from the hospital. On February 20th I had to take Chris to Riverside Hospital Emergency Room to have some food lodged in her throat extracted (which required anesthesia). Mt. Carmel, O.S.U., Riverside. I was praying without ceasing and God answered without ceasing.

I want to share this as a personal testimony about how God answered my prayers. I want to give Him thanks. How do people without God get through times like this? Self-reliance. However, self-reliance is no match for God reliance. God reliance has no power or promise limit. Self-reliance goes as far as one's own strength. God reliance never runs out of strength. Praise God!

In Christ's Love,

Pastor Mike

Prayer: Tom Dague and his family at the passing of his sister, Terry; Chris Brown; Dick Fisher

Events: Management Team Meeting - Tuesday, 7:00pm; Men's Breakfast - Friday, February 27th 6:45am