

Sermon Series: Dangerous Prayers

Message Title: SEND Me! Key Scripture: Isaiah 6:8

8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for Us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

READ: Isaiah 6:1-8; James 1:2-4; Psalm 139

Our purpose for praying **DANGEROUS PRAYERS** is to **ASK GOD** to REVEAL our hearts, our thoughts & our sinfulness, so that we may be **TRANSFORMED** by HIS GRACE & **EMPOWERED** by the HOLY SPIRIT to **WALK by FAITH**. This was the DANGEROUS PRAYER David prayed and the HOPE James encouraged those "going through" to have in Christ.

Our PURSUIT IS, God's Will, God's Way, & God's Timing, we believe this is the only path to Abundant Life!

As we began this journey into the Word of God, we identified:

THREE DANGEROUS PRAYERS

"SEARCH ME!" (Psalm 139) — Praying for GOD'S <u>REVELATION</u>
"BREAK ME!" (James 1:2-4) — Praying for GOD'S <u>TRANSFORMATION</u>
& "SEND ME!" (Isaiah 6:8) — Praying for GOD'S COMMISSION

CORAM DEO — Living every moment of our life;

In the PRESENCE of GOD
Under the AUTHORITY of GOD
for the GLORY of GOD

Those who chose CORAM DEO, who chose to seek & follow, God's Will, God's Way, & God's Timing were required to exercise Faith, Courage, & Surrender.

IF YOU & I PRAY **DANGEROUS PRAYERS** we too will be required to walk in Faith, Courage, & Surrender to Christ, by <u>RESPONDING to GOD'S</u>

<u>CALLING</u> & being <u>EMPOWERED BY the HOLY SPIRIT</u> just like Isaiah,
James, & David.

CHURCH, the LORD desires for us to be SET FREE, so that we can be WITNESSES, who have His heart & reflect His character. HE is CALLING all of us, CLEANSING all of us, SENDING all of us!

DANGEROUS PRAYERS beckon us to abandon our **comfort zones**, embrace the pain of **transformation**, & seek **opportunities** to share Jesus' love in **difficult places**. These prayers will **expose** our hearts, **make** us **aware** of our sin, **lead** us to repentance, & **help** us become evermore aware of God's **love**, **grace**, & **mercy** for ourselves & others.

TODAY we need to pray DANGEROUS PRAYERS that refuse to be silenced by persecution, that embolden us to worship in spirit & in truth, regardless of the personal cost, position & empower us to set captives free, through sharing the Good News of Jesus' Love. We need to pray prayers that equip us to demonstrate God's love to our neighbors AND to our enemies, & that move us to intercede for those who persecute us.

Will we commit to praying **DANGEROUS PRAYERS?**

DANGEROUS PRAYERS change eternity, rescue lost souls, shake hell, scare demons, alter atmospheres, & shine the light of heaven into the darkness around us.

1. LORD HELP US PRAY — SEARCH ME!

PSALM 139 – 23 Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. **24** See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

2. LORD HELP US PRAY — PRAY BREAK ME!

JAMES 1:2-4 — 2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, **3** because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. **4** Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

3. LORD **HELP US** PRAY – PRAY **SEND ME!**

ISAIAH 6:8 — Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

THOUGHT PROVOKING QUESTIONS

- 1. When you read the Isaiah's response to God's questions, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for Us? Are you ever hesitant to answer similarly because you aren't sure to whom or where God may send you? (**READ:** Isaiah 6:1-8). Describe a.time when you responded, Here Am I! Where & to whom did God send you? How did it go?
- 2. Are you surrendered—completely available—to God right now? Are you currently doing everything He is leading you to do? Or are you guarded? Resisting? How can knowing God's love & character help you surrender? How can brothers and sisters in Christ encourage you on your journey?
- **3.** In **Isaiah 6** the prophet experienced the presence of God in a way he never had before. When you think of experiencing God's presence, What comes to mind? Have you ever sensed God was with you? Is it a rare experience for you or is it often? How & when do you experience His presence most/best?
- **4.** Any act of faith can help you grow closer to God (**Hebrews 11**). Share about the last thing you did that required an act of faith in God on your part. What happened? What did you learn? Are you ready to let God, "Send You" no matter what, where, or to whom it leads?