

## **"Kingdom Come"**

### ***2016 Challenge***

I want 2016 to blow 2015 away with the things of God. My oldest son was married over the weekend in Cleveland, Ohio. On the drive home I pondered many things about my life, the lives of my children, family and friends. I deeply desire to see more of God in all I do, and in the lives of those I love. I felt stirred in my spirit to make a point to pray something every single day concerning "His Kingdom come, His will be done."

You see, there really is no middle ground concerning the Kingdom of God. Jesus taught that the kingdom is both the present and the future. I'd like to challenge you to make a habit in 2016 to start each day by praying the way Jesus did.

Early in the ministry of Jesus Christ, after teaching them to address their prayers to God the Father, He said to pray, "Thy kingdom come" (Luke 11"1-4 and Matthew 6:9-13). Through the Gospels, we heard Jesus speak again and again of the kingdom of God.

The kingdom of God was central to the ministry, teaching and mission of Jesus. He preached about the Kingdom of God, and the primary understanding of the kingdom of heaven was God's reign over the lives of people who enthrone him as king.

This is a pattern or a framework for our life and our prayers. It gives us what it is that God expects to be the character of our prayers. As we pray daily for God's Kingdom to come, we remind ourselves of our responsibilities to our Creator and we maintain the vision of God's magnificent future for all who will respond to Him.

It is an act of faith that says, Jesus is not simply an idea or an emotion, but it's our surrendering to God's purposes in our daily affairs. This puts His interest first as we pray whatever advances His Kingdom

When we pray "Your kingdom come," We are offering ourselves as servants of the King and it is acknowledging that He has all wisdom, and all resources. It is honor and affirmation of the King whom we love and serve.

It takes 21 days to make something become a habit in your life. For the next 21 days begin each morning by simply saying, "Lord, in my life Your kingdom come, Your will be done." I firmly believe we will see many things happen as we daily make a point to

verbally surrender our lives to Him. If you are willing to take the challenge please let me know and together we will see His Kingdom come, and His will be done in our lives!

*Heavenly Father,*

*I thank you that you are always faithful to me. I thank you for today's Word. I ask you to guard my heart and mind and cloak me in Your peace. Clear the way today for me to carry out Your plans for me with no interference from the enemy. Lord, I stand in prayer for asking n Jesus' name that the forces of darkness that would try to come against me would be pushed back. By faith today, I take hold of your truth for my life. I Thank you, Lord, that each time the enemy comes in like a flood, Your Spirit will lift up a standard against him and put him to flight! I thank you for total victory. Lord, I ask that YOUR Kingdom come, and YOUR will be done in my life today. In Jesus Name...*

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