

DANGEROUS PRAYERS #3

PURSUE RELATIONALLY

To kick things off, go around the circle and ask your group to answer the following question:

What are some of your pet peeves? What things annoy you the most?

LIVE AUTHENTICALLY

Welcome to the final week in our series, Dangerous Prayers. The Dangerous Prayers series is all about helping move people to pray the prayers that will move the heart of God. Over three weeks, Josh, Anthony, and Mike will explain why some prayers are ineffective, what it really means to trust God with what we ask for, and how to pray for the miracles that require a God-sized faith.

What has God revealed to you in your prayer time through this series so far?

COUNSEL BIBLICALLY

This week, Mike dared us to pray the most dangerous prayer we could pray: “God, break my heart for the things that you care about.” In our culture of comfort and convenience, this becomes a dangerous prayer because when prayed, God will cause your soul to be disturbed in a way that will shake up your comfortable, convenient life, and move you into action toward doing something about those things that break the heart of God.

LIFEWAY
LITTLE





But what if the greatest blessings come on the other side of the greatest breakings? It's when God breaks our hearts for what breaks His that we find a purpose greater than ourselves, and it's better to hurt with purpose than to exist without one. God's purposes are where we find meaning and fulfillment that last beyond this life. They last for eternity.

What are some things currently on your prayer list?

Read Jeremiah 8:18, 21

How do you feel about asking God to break your heart? What feelings does that stir up?

Have you ever experienced God's blessings as a result of suffering? What happened?

Read Romans 9:1-3

Have you ever experienced this sort of brokenness for someone or something else? Describe your experience.

What truly breaks your heart on behalf of God personally? What as a group breaks your heart on behalf of God?

What are you going to do about what breaks your heart?



DEVOTE DAILY

This week we dare you to literally pray, “God, break my heart for what breaks yours.” Pray this every day for an entire week. And watch and see how God starts to break your heart for what breaks His.

Pray:

As a group, spend some time in prayer and being still before the Lord. Consider praying the brief prayer below as a group.

Father, thank You for Your great love for us. Thank You that the same love that compelled Your Son to die on the cross for our sins now calls our own hearts to love others in a multitude of ways. Give us the courage we need to have our hearts broken, knowing that You will work in awesome ways through our brokenness. In Jesus’ name,
amen.

Memorize:

“My grief is beyond healing; my heart is broken. ... I hurt with the hurt of my people. I mourn and am overcome with grief.”

-Jeremiah 8:18, 21