DANGEROUS PRAYERS

Dangerous:

"Likely to cause problems or to have adverse consequences. Something involving possible injury, pain, harm, or loss."

Truth:

We cannot gain anything in this world without sacrificing something else.

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

- Matt. 16:24

Big Idea:

Praying dangerous prayers moves us into a place where God becomes real in our experience.

"Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."

"The Word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision."

"At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying in his own place."

"But the lamp of God had not yet gone out..."

"Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him."

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1) God speaks through his Word

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."

- 2 Tim. 3:16-17

1) God speaks through his Word

"The Word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It pierces to the division of soul and spirit, joints and marrow. It discerns the thoughts and attitudes of the heart."

- Heb 4:12

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"Your Word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

- Ps. 119:105

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- 2) God speaks through his people

"The Lord sent Nathan to David..."

- 2 Sam. 12:1

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12:9 - "Nathan said to David, 'Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight?"

12:13 - "David said to Nathan, "I have sinned..."

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"Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given to us by God."

- 1 Cor. 2:12

"Jesus promised those who would follow him only three things: that they would be absurdly happy, entirely fearless, and always in trouble."

- Gregg Levoy

"But when Peter saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, 'Lord, save me!'

Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying, 'You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

- Matt. 14:30-31

"Some people say, 'God will never ask me to do something I can't do.' I have come to the place in my life that, if the assignment I sense God is giving me is something that I know I can handle, I know it is probably not from God. The kind of assignments God gives in the Bible are always God-sized..."

"They are always beyond what people can do, because he wants to demonstrate His nature, His strength, His provision, and His kindness to his people and to a watching word. This is the only way the world will come to know him."

- Henry Blackaby