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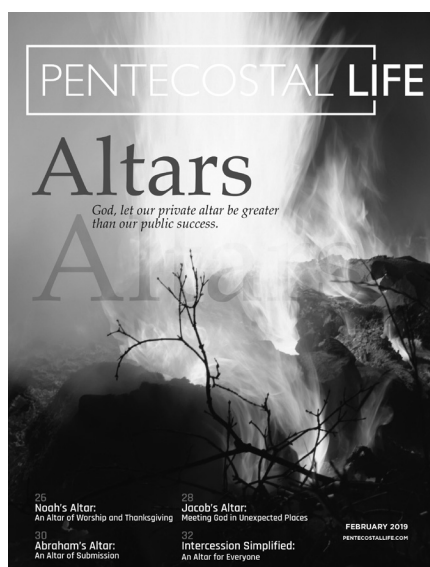
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Welcome to *Pentecostal Life's* small group study, *Altars*. Thank you for providing leadership for this four-session study. Your enthusiasm for the study will help to inspire and educate your group members to appreciate and practice the building of altars in their own lives.



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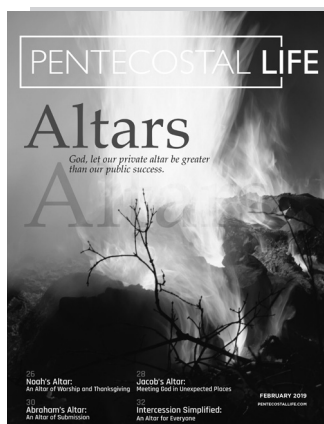
This study focuses on the subjects of reconciliation and restoration. It comes from the four ENGAGE articles in the February 2019 issue of the *Pentecostal Life*. Every member of your group should have a copy of the magazine. As a leader, you will need the magazine and the downloadables from pentecostallife.com.

Before the Study

- Pray that you and the members of the group will be ready to receive what God wants to reveal to them through this study.
- Make sure your group size is small enough to encourage interaction by all participants; if it is too large, consider breaking up into several study groups.
- Set up a circular area where all participants have a seat that allows them to see each other.
- Place an extra chair in the circle to remind the group of the evangelistic nature of the study group. The group members can be encouraged to bring visitors and to pray for their salvation.
- As the facilitator, you should read the four ENGAGE articles to become familiar with the scope of the study.
- Each week, read the discussion questions and think through the answers you anticipate will be given. Prepare to lead the conversation and make notes on the direction you will take.
- Make certain each member of the study group purchases or has access to the February 2019 issue of the *Pentecostal Life* magazine. *Pentecostal Life* is available in single or bundle subscriptions at pentecostallife.com.
- Each week, instruct your study group members to read the appropriate ENGAGE article for the following week's discussion.
- Make a copy of the Study Guide for each student. They, as well as this Facilitator's Guide, are available as a download at pentecostallife.com in both Word document and PDF formats.

During the Study

- **Focus.** It is easy for small group discussions to veer away from the goal of the study. Gently encourage group members back to the question at hand if this happens.
- **Include.** Ask specific questions of those who are more hesitant to participate to encourage them to join the discussion.
- **Pray.** As appropriate, pray for the members of the group who are struggling.



SESSION ONE

Noah's Altar: An Altar of Worship and Thanksgiving

By Jonathan Mohr

Do you ever struggle to be thankful? If so, you are guilty of being human. For most of us, complaining comes much more naturally than gratitude. But the Scriptures

reveal that thankfulness is a key element of worship, and all of us can choose to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, even during difficult circumstances.

In his book *In the Eye of the Storm*, author Max Lucado shares the story of Eddie Rickenbacker, the famed World War II pilot who crash-landed his plane in the South Pacific. He and his men were set adrift at sea in the plane's life rafts. When their meager rations ran out, they prayed for a miracle. It arrived in the form of a stray seagull, which the crew killed and transformed into food and fishing bait until they could be rescued.

Seagull meat may not be the answer to any prayers you have prayed, but, according to Lucado, Rickenbacker remained forever grateful for the bird's unexpected arrival. In his later years, the old pilot visited a pier near his Florida home every evening to feed the seagulls. It was Rickenbacker's way of saying "thank you" to the creature that had helped save his life many years before (In the *Eye of the Storm*, pp. 159–160, 163–164).

The Book of Genesis also records the story of a small group of people who endured a long boat ride under extreme circumstances. Noah, his wife, his three sons, and his sons' wives were stuck aboard an ark for approximately one year.

Most of us are familiar with the tension that can develop during a long car ride with our loved ones. Imagine the frustration Noah's family must have felt after spending

months living in close quarters with everything from monkeys to mice. The noises must have been obnoxious, the smells overpowering, and the trip nearly unbearable.

Yet when Noah and his family finally walked off the boat, his first act was to build an altar and offer a sacrifice in worship and thanksgiving to God (Genesis 8:20).

Noah had plenty of reasons to be upset and angry instead of grateful. While his household had been spared, all his friends and the members of his extended family were dead. Everything familiar had been washed away. His life had been disrupted, possibly for decades, by God's command to build an ark. Furthermore, he probably had spent many nights on board the ark questioning whether they would survive.

But when his ordeal had ended, Noah chose to respond with worship and thanksgiving. He recognized that the God who was powerful enough to destroy the whole earth with a flood also was gracious and loving enough to provide a way of salvation!

Have you recently disembarked from a journey through difficulty? If so, what do you do now? Whine about the unfairness of it all? Question God as to why He allowed it to happen? Survey everything that has been lost and throw yourself a pity party?

Tempting, isn't it? And if we are honest, we probably have responded that way in the past. Instead of counting our blessings, we have rehashed our complaints.

How do we choose a different response this time? How do we build an altar of worship and thanksgiving, even when we don't know what the future holds?

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Writer Michael Hyatt outlines what he calls “three disciplines of gratitude” that have helped him maintain an attitude of thankfulness in an age of ungratefulness:

1. Start and end each day with a prayer of thanksgiving. This bookends our day with a focus on our blessings.

2. Practice thankfulness. For Hyatt, this means taking every opportunity to verbally express gratitude for the gifts we do have. He suggests that a prayer of thanksgiving before meals is one important way to accomplish this.

3. Journal gratitude. This allows us to later reflect on God’s goodness, especially during those times when we feel things are not going well.

“The truth is that we will never have more of what we truly desire until we become fully thankful for what we have,” Hyatt wrote (<https://michaelhyatt.com/perceived-scarcity-outrageous-abundance/>, accessed October 26, 2018).

The account of Noah’s altar-building is noteworthy for one additional reason: God made provision for Noah’s sacrifice before he and his family ever entered the ark. (See Genesis 7:2–3.) God made sure there were extra animals aboard for Noah’s offering. Despite his austere surroundings, Noah was given an opportunity to worship and offer thanks.

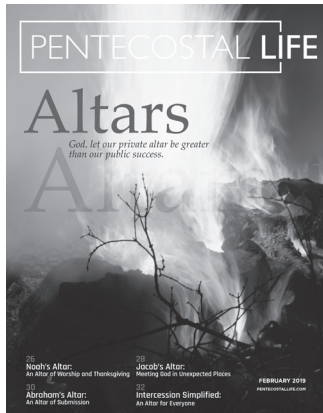
Like Noah, we also are called to give thanks even when life gets ugly. It is not always easy—that is why it’s called sacrifice. But those who choose to worship in this manner can enjoy an outcome like Noah’s. After his worship was finished, Genesis 9:1 records, “And God blessed Noah and his sons.”

Blessing awaits those who are willing to build an altar of worship and thanksgiving.

I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving. (Psalm 69:30) **PL**

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SESSION ONE

Noah's Altar: An Altar of Worship and Thanksgiving

Objective

To learn that every Christian should build a personal altar of worship and thanksgiving

Opening

1. Open by reading the story of Eddie Rickenbacker as presented in the article.
2. Ask members of the group to name some of the surprises God has sent their way for which they are thankful.

Key Scriptures

Genesis 8:20–22; 9:1; Psalm 69:30;
II Timothy 3:2

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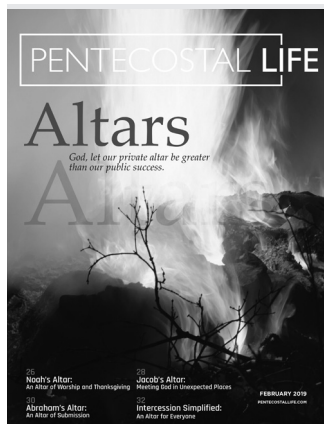
Discuss the following questions:

1. Do you find it difficult to be thankful? Why or why not?
2. How are worship and thanksgiving connected? Is it possible to worship God without being thankful? Explain your answer.
3. Name something that happened during the past week for which you can be thankful.
4. Make a list of three of your greatest blessings. When was the last time you expressed gratitude to God for them?
5. Eddie Rickenbacker was grateful for the arrival of a seagull. Have any unexpected blessings showed up in your life recently? Describe them.
6. How can you show appreciation to someone who has blessed you in the past?
7. How does gratitude produce blessing? (See Genesis 9:1.)
8. Paul said that one of the signs of the last days was that people would be "unthankful" (II Timothy 3:2). Do you believe this describes our current age? If so, how? If not, why not?
9. Review Psalm 69:30. How does thanksgiving magnify God?
10. How can you make thanksgiving a daily habit?

Assignment

Read "Jacob's Altar: Meeting God in Unexpected Places" before next session.

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SESSION TWO

Jacob's Altar: Meeting God in Unexpected Places

By C. A. Brewer

And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the Lord is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is

none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven. (Genesis 28:16–17)

What happened to Jacob can certainly happen to us. The Lord God can awaken our sense of His divine presence and of His unfathomable love. He can meet us in the most unexpected places, in the best of times and, yes, even in the worst of times.

Jacob had no reason to expect the Almighty to meet him at the place where he laid down his head on a stone to sleep for the night. He really had no reason to expect anything from God. The younger son of Isaac had miserably failed. Because of his conniving ways he had become a fugitive from his own home. Following his mother's advice, Jacob had deceived his blind father into bestowing the family blessing upon himself. As Herbert Lockyer wrote in his book *All the Men of the Bible*, Jacob had "told a deliberate lie in order to obtain a spiritual blessing." And yet God chose to reveal Himself to this man through a dream, and, amazingly, He promised to make Jacob's family a blessing to all the world. The schemer became a dreamer, a dreamer of great things to come.

There is no biblical record of Jacob building an altar previous to his experience at Bethel. But everything changed when the Lord appeared to him in his dream. Indeed, Jacob was transformed. He became a worshiper of the one true God. As he carefully set up the stone

that had been his pillow and as he poured oil over it, he was honoring the God of his father, Isaac, and of his grandfather Abraham. After the upheaval he had recently experienced in Beersheba, Jacob found a resting place in God that he had never dreamed was possible.

What an awesome place this was to Jacob! He became aware that he was standing on holy ground. "And he called the name of the place Bethel" (Genesis 28:19). The location had previously been called Luz, "almond tree," by the Canaanites, but Jacob renamed it Bethel, the "House of God," knowing the Almighty dwelt there.

It is often in the quiet moments of our lives that the Lord speaks the loudest to our hearts. It is often in the unexpected places where He gains our greatest attention. Moses was out in the desert tending sheep when God spoke to him through the burning bush. The boy Samuel was alone when he first heard the voice of the Lord after serving in the Tabernacle at Shiloh. Elisha was plowing with twelve yokes of oxen when he received his call to follow Elijah.

God sees potential where no one else sees it. There are latent abilities that lie untapped and unused until the Almighty, in some uncommon way, in some unusual place, opens a door of service. Amos declared, "I was no prophet, neither was I a prophet's son; but I was a herdsman, and a gatherer of sycamore fruit: and the Lord took me as I followed the flock, and the Lord said, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel" (Amos 7:15).

Jacob knew it was not enough to build an altar. There had to be a sacrifice, and the sacrifice would need to be renewed over and over. "And this stone," he said, "which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and

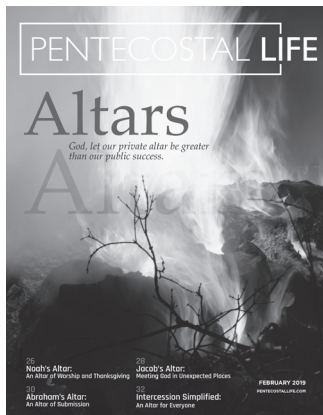
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of all thou shalt give me, I will surely give the tenth unto thee" (Genesis 28:22).

My old-time pastor once preached a message called "Back to Bethel." After Jacob's experience with deceitful Laban, after the friction he saw between his wives Leah and Rachel, after his heartbreak because of his sons' villainous behaviour, Jacob was instructed by God, "Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there" (Genesis 35:1). In these troublesome times, surely you and I need to get back to the house of God. Back to pouring our hearts out in prayer to the Lord! Back to a place of confession and contrition! Back to a place of restitution and revival! Back to the place where we once stood in holy awe, like Jacob, at the overwhelming richness of God's promises! **PL**

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SESSION TWO

Jacob's Altar: Meeting God in Unexpected Places

Objective

To realize that God is capable of meeting with us in any place, at any time, in any circumstance

Opening

1. Ask a member of the group to read Genesis 28:16–17 and then discuss the horrors of not knowing when the Lord is with us.
2. Discuss a time God met you in an unexpected place and unexpected time.

Key Scriptures

Genesis 28:16–22; 35:1; Amos 7:12

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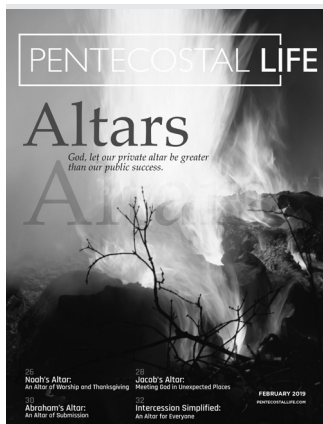
Jacob's Altar: Meeting God in Unexpected Places

Discuss the following questions:

1. What evidence is there in the Bible that failure need not be final?
2. How has the Lord met you in some awesome way?
3. If you have had a divine encounter, how has this changed your lifestyle?
4. Why do you think God chooses to speak to individuals in unusual ways?
5. How is God specific in what He wants us to do?
6. How does the Almighty make promises to people today?
7. How have you been influenced by the sacrifices you have seen in the lives of others?
8. What do you think you could offer as a sacrifice to the Lord?
9. It is all too easy to forget the vows we have made at a church altar. Tell how this has happened to you.
10. What hindrances do you face in making a full commitment to the Lord?

Assignment

Read "Abraham's Altar: An Altar of Submission" before next session.



SESSION THREE

Abraham's Altar: An Altar of Submission

By Victor Jackson

Every godly person's life needs to be surrounded by an altar. God identifies the godly by their altar and not their giftings. In fact, He put an amazing distinction between the godly and

the gifted in the first twenty-four chapters of Genesis. Cain's lineage was distinguished by their musical gifts and their city-building skill and ingenuity. (See Genesis 4:20–22.) But when God highlighted the godly, it is interesting that He did not mention their gifts or talents.

In the Book of Genesis, God identified the godly by four things: (1) they called on the Lord (4:26); (2) they walked with God (5:24); (3) they built an ark (6:22); and (4) they built altars (8:20). The godly never built a city in the Book of Genesis; they were sojourners and strangers, yet they walked with God. After God spoke to Abraham, he built an altar in Canaan. The gifted in the first twenty-four chapters of Genesis bequeathed houses to their families, but the godly left altars. God, help us to leave behind more altars than houses for the next generation.

Abraham's life is crucial to the Old Testament as well as the New Testament. He had to follow the sacrificial lifestyle of Noah, but it had to be deeper. Noah built an altar and sacrificed animals, but Abraham's altar had to mean more to him than sacrificial animals. God asked Abraham for what was most precious, the son he loved so much. Abraham had to bring the wood, the knife, the sacrifice, and the fire. Worship does not exist outside of these ingredients. The wood speaks of preparation: he approached this altar with a prepared heart. Worship isn't worship without a prepared heart. He brought the knife, which suggests something is going to die. Worship isn't worship without a death.

He brought Isaac, the object of sacrifice. Worship isn't worship without a sacrifice. Finally, he also brought the fire. Worship is not worship without fire. After you bring the knife, the wood, and the sacrifice, you must trust that God will seal that sacrifice with fire.

Often we read the story of Abraham without emotion, and we miss seeing the parents' tears and the confusion on their faces. We focus instead on Abraham's obedience. However, we cannot recognize the value of his obedience without understanding these emotions. God wanted to make sure the altar was still Abraham's priority in life, even more important than the promise. God wanted to make sure that even though Abraham was blessed abundantly, there was still room for the altar in his life. When God gives you a promise, don't forget your altar.

"Don't forget your altar" became Moses' admonition to the children of Israel throughout the Book of Deuteronomy. He warned that they would become so blessed in the Promised Land that they might forget God's commandments. God can bless us so much that we forget the commitments we made in order to receive the blessing. The consecrations we make in the valley are oftentimes not kept after we ascend to the mountain. The altar that it took to get to the mountain is the same altar that is needed to survive on the mountain. Too many people use their altar as a way to get the promise, but they forsake their altar once they have received the promise. God wanted to see if Abraham's promise was subject to his altar. God will test every one of us to determine our priorities: will we value the gift or the altar? We must never forget that it is the altar that sanctifies the gift.

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The greatest indictment upon a generation is to have many gifts but few altars. Lives are inspired with gifts, but lives are changed with an altar. We need more consecrated gifts, gifts that are subject to the altar and not above the altar. Every gift, every promise, every blessing must become subject to the altar. One of the toughest things to do after you have invested your life into something is to lay it on the altar in complete and total obedience. God is calling us back to our first altar. When God asked Abraham offered Isaac, it was God reminding Abraham to go back to his first altar where he had nothing. Go back to the place where you had nothing. Go back to that altar you made when you were struggling as a home missions church. Go back to the altar you made when you first began evangelizing and had nowhere to preach. Go back to the altar you made when you had nothing to give. An altar is easier to build when you have nothing to lose. If you had radical obedience when you had nothing, can you give God that same obedience when you have everything?

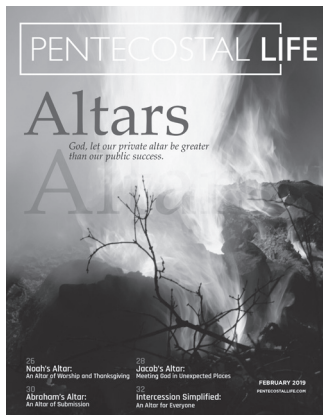
Go back to your first altar, Abraham. Remember how you began this journey. The promise was not the end game. Never forget that I started you on this journey to discover Me and Me alone. I used the promise of a son to draw you into relationship with Me.

Abraham was changed before he was given the promise; the promise was a part of the journey of knowing God. God gave Isaac to Abraham to draw him to Himself. If the promise God gave you is drawing you away from Him instead of toward Him, He may ask you to willingly put it upon the altar. God is more important than Isaac; God is our exceeding great reward (Genesis 15:1)! When was the last time you built an altar acknowledging that God is more important than revival, blessing, and miracles?

*God, let our private altar be greater than our public success. God will bring all of us to an altar of submission to check our hearts and make sure that a relationship with Him supersedes everything else. God will bring us to a place where we must choose. If I have Him, I have everything, but if I don't have Him, I have nothing. Lord bring us back to that first altar. **PL***

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SESSION THREE

Abraham's Altar: An Altar of Submission

Objective

To understand how God will bring all of us to an altar of submission to check our hearts and make sure that a relationship with Him supersedes everything else

Opening

1. Direct a member of the group to read Genesis 4:20–22. Lead in a discussion about Cain and his lineage, which was distinguished by their musical gifts and their city-building skill and ingenuity.
2. When God highlighted the godly, He did not mention their gifts or talents. Discuss how they built altars.

Key Scriptures

Genesis 4:20–22, 26; 5:24; 6:22; 8:20; 15:1

“When God gives you a promise, don’t forget your altar.”

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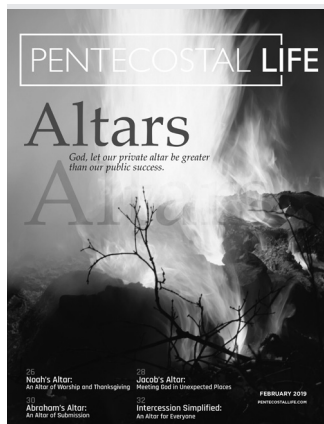
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2. How did the altar of Noah and the altar of Abraham differ?
3. What four things constituted Abraham's altar experience? How can those four items be mirrored in our lives?
4. How can we make an altar have priority in our lives over the promise?
5. How can we make certain our gifts are subject to our altars?
6. How can we make our private altar greater than our public success?

Assignment

Read “Intercession Simplified: An Altar for Everyone” before the next session.

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SESSION FOUR

Intercession Simplified: An Altar for Everyone

By Brandon Buford

Intercession can be defined simply as a prayer that entreats God to intervene in the life of someone else. It does not depend on the length or fervency of one's

prayers. To better understand how one can intercede for others, we will examine a portion of Abraham's life found in Genesis 18.

The Story of Genesis 18.

The story opens with the Lord's promise that Abraham and Sarah would have a son the following year. Sarah was a bit skeptical seeing they were advanced in years. The scene then shifts abruptly from the promised son to the promise of Sodom and Gomorrah's destruction.

After revealing His intention, the Lord prepared to leave, but Abraham began pleading with Him to spare the city for the sake of any righteous people residing there. At the first he asked the Lord to spare the city for fifty righteous, and the Lord agreed.

Upon reflection of how wicked those cities had become, Abraham reduced his plea to forty-five righteous, and the Lord graciously agreed. In trepidation, Abraham kept lowering the number until it reached ten. As before, the Lord promised to spare the city if only ten righteous could be found.

Although the number of righteous within Sodom fell short of Abraham's stated goal, the fact remains that his intercession serves as a model of what our intercession should be.

The Keys to Intercession

1. Intercession starts with relationship. The power of intercessory prayer is connected to a relationship with God. Abraham prefaced his request by asking God, "If I have found favor in your sight . . ." Abraham had found favor in God's sight; he had become His friend, which implies a close relationship long before the intercession occurred.

Relationships take time. When the Lord approached the encampment, Abraham invited the men to rest in the shade of a tree while he went to Sarah and asked her to mix up plenty of bread and bake it on the hearth. He then ran to the flock, chose a young and tender calf, and had a servant dress it and cook it. Abraham then spent time in the Lord's presence until the meal was ready. He was in relationship with God.

2. You must know God's will. The Lord's Prayer contains the phrase "Thy will be done." It is important to pray that God's will be done. The nature of God remains the same; He is not willing that any should perish. A great example of this is found in the Book of Jonah. God was preparing to destroy wicked Nineveh, but because they repented, the Lord spared the city. The same could have been true for Sodom if they had repented. Thus, as Abraham was interceding for the people in Sodom, he was praying for God's will to be done.

3. You must be close enough to God to know His "secrets." Did you know that God has secrets? Amos 3:7 and Psalm 25:14 both reveal that He does. In Genesis 18, the Lord pondered, "Should I hide from Abraham the thing I am about to do?" At that time only God and His angels knew of the coming destruction of Sodom.

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Those in relationship with God can share in His “secrets.” Genesis 18:23 explains that Abraham drew near to God. It is the same principle found in James 4:8: “Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you.” This nearness allowed Abraham to hear from God.

The secrets of God are not to be hidden forever. Amos 3:7 tells us that the Lord God reveals His secrets to His servants the prophets. For example, throughout the Major and Minor Prophets, God shared His plan to chastise Israel and Judah for their idolatry and backsliding. The prophets were privy to the plan of God. Psalm 25:14 says, “The secret of the Lord is with them that fear him; and he will shew them his covenant.”

4. You must intercede knowing God’s plan and God’s will. Once Abraham knew God’s plan to punish Sodom and Gomorrah, he put himself in their shoes. He began to intercede for the lost even though he did not have to.

The travesty is that Lot could have been the intercessor. If only Lot had led a few others to follow God, perhaps there would have been ten righteous in the city. But Lot had not even convinced his sons-in-law. They mocked him and laughed at him when he told them of the impending destruction.

Give Me a Chance to Make a Difference

Another great example of intercession is found in Luke 13:6–9. When the owner of the vineyard found a fig

tree that had not borne fruit in three years, he ordered the keeper of the vineyard to cut it down. The keeper pleaded with the owner to give him a year to make a difference. He said, “I will dig around it, fertilize it, and take care of it. Just give me a chance to make a difference before the judgment comes.”

Abraham did not personally have a stake in Sodom and its punishment, yet he put himself in the place of those sinners standing as the target of God’s judgment. He pleaded and interceded with God for a chance to save the lost.

Our Prayers Get God’s Attention

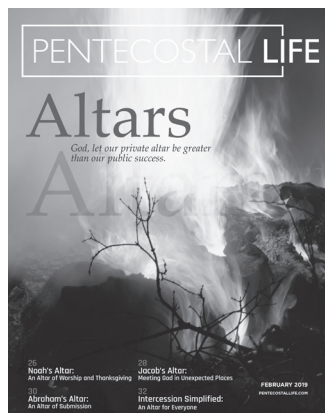
God inclines His ears to those He “knows” (those in relationship), much like a mother who can pick out her baby’s cry amid a nursery filled with screaming infants. Have you ever wondered why God seems to respond to a prayer warrior’s prayer? It is because He has heard their voice often.

Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation.
(Psalm 5:1)

Lord, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear.”
(Psalm 10:17) **PL**

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SESSION FOUR

Intercession Simplified: An Altar for Everyone

Objective

To demystify prayers of intercession and realize that anybody can do it

Opening

1. Ask the members of the group to look up the definition of intercession and compare it to the definition given in the opening paragraph of the article.
2. Discuss ways that intercession is simple and for everyone.
3. Instruct the group members to do a quick read of Genesis 18 to get a fresh understanding of the setting of the story of Abraham's intercession.

Key Scriptures

Genesis 18; Psalm 5:1; 10:17; 25:14;
Amos 3:7; Luke 13:6–9; James 4:8

“Have you ever wondered why God seems to respond to prayer warriors’ prayers? It is because He has heard their voice often.”

SESSION FOUR (CONT.)

Intercession Simplified: An Altar for Everyone

Discuss the following questions:

1. What is your understanding of intercession?
2. How would you characterize your relationship with God? Do you pray only when you need something, or do you spend time with Him in prayer and spiritual devotions?
3. How has God let you in on His secrets?
4. How have you ever interceded for someone?
5. Who is someone for whom you could intercede and ask God to let you make a difference in their life?

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