

Two Conversations of Health With Your City

Helping Your Church and Your Cross Cultural Workers Develop
TWO Relationships for the Peace of Their City

The Start of The 297 Movement

- After 15 years of feeling guilty about prayer...
- Over 9 years, I have walked every street of my ministry city 12 times and of my home city 4 times.
- I have led 20+ One month long Prayer Walking Challenges (one coming in Ramadan)
- What changed?!?!?!?!?!?

Unpacking Jeremiah 29:7

Lesson 1 – It is No Mistake

- You are where you should be, even if it is temporary.
- Jesus is there before you arrive. You are going TO HIM.

Lesson 2 – The Peace Connection

- Your peace is found in seeking the peaceful kingdom coming in your city.
- Your Peace is Tethered to the Peace of Your City
- Seeking the Kingdom where you are IS the path to God's providing for you.

Lesson 3 – The Spiritual Discipline of Slowing

- We cannot be hasty in our assessment of our city.
- Slowing and giving a listening ear is vital.
- Go slowly and trade time for learning.

Quantity Time IS Quality Time

Developing the TWO Conversations

- As ambassadors for Christ, we foster a two-way conversation
 - We represent God's kingdom to our city
 - We represent our city before God.

Conversation 1 – A Conversation with Jesus About Your City

- “You must just love everything in your new home!!”
- Jesus did not call us to love everything, but respond to HIS heart for our city.
- We must listen to what He knows about our city.
- We must bring ALL of our emotions, experiences and reactions to Him.

Conversation 2 – A Conversation with Your City About Jesus

- Building the “WE” is the beginning of compassion
- You act as a priest as you speak blessing, voice repentance, deliver warnings, sing lullabies, weep, and speak the Word of God.
- You converse with your enemy about your city, untying anti-prayers, speaking truth into falsehood, and celebrating the resurrection of Jesus over your city.

Releasing Your Lament and Words

- If you do not have a living conversation with Jesus about your city, resent, anti-prayer and discouragement will build up.

- If you do not have a living conversation with your city about Jesus, your enemy will quiet you or conform you.

Discuss: Rate Your City Relationship

- Rate your relationship with your city on a scale of 1 – 10
- 1 means there is silence or communication breakdown
- 10 means your conversation is regular and open

Discuss: Improving Conversations

- What needs to happen to open a better conversation with Jesus about your city?
- What needs to happen to open a better conversation with your city about Jesus?

Experiencing the 297 Movement

- Join the 297 Challenges in January
- or Ramadan (March), June, August and October
- Subscribe to the 297 Blog – www.twentyninenseven.net
- Host a 297 Training at your church
- Coordinate a 297 Prayer Walking Challenge for your group
- Email jon@nowmail.org or 651-373-0644

Prayer Walking Launch Guide

Taking Your First Steps Toward Prayer for the Peace of Your City...and Your Own

Seek the peace of the city where I have sent you into exile and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its peace you will find your peace. Jeremiah 29:7

Prayer Walking is NOT just	Instead, Prayer Walking IS also
Praying a List of Requests	Being receptive to how God guides you to pray
Mainly about your plans, hopes and worries	Mainly about God's kingdom advancing in your city
Eyes closed and tuning out the world outside	Eyes open and responsive to the world outside
Filling the time with requests and speaking	A conversation of listening and speaking
Asking God for things	Requests, Declaration, Songs, Lament, Speaking Truth, Silence, Spiritual Warfare
A fixed task to complete or a performance to do	A changing journey done together in relationship

Get Ready: Scripture and Song

Before you begin, have a passage of scripture handy (read or written) and have a Playlist of Worship Songs ready to pray and declare.

Step ONE: Choose a Place

Determine a location that is a little further afield than you normally go. Challenge yourself to see and encounter more than you are used to doing.

Step TWO: Begin with the Two Stroke

First, surrender your time to God. Acknowledge this is about his will, way and kingdom, not yours. Second, promise Satan that anything he brings to mind during this time will be submitted and surrendered to the authority of Jesus.

Step THREE: Use All Your Tools

Develop a varied set of prayer tools. When your prayers stop using one, choose another. See the reverse for a few tools to start off but develop your own as well by listening to the Holy Spirit. If you are stuck, tell Him. Ask for help.

Step FOUR: Resolve to Follow

Let the Holy Spirit guide how to pray. If your prayers are carried by anything, follow them. Be responsive to the Holy Spirit. If Satan distracts you, take his proposed topic and bend it in the direction of prayer, speaking truth, or lament.

A Growing Set of Tools to Pray

Here is a list of things to try. If something doesn't work, leave it. Try something else until you find something that works well.

- Proclaim the Reality of the Resurrection of Jesus** – declare that Jesus is alive and death has been beaten. This is the source of all hope for your city. Celebrate it everywhere.
- Pray for the Core Narratives** – Romans 8:29- / Ephesians 2 – Pray for God to foreknow, call, awaken, make alive, justify, sanctify and glorify the people of your city.
- Pray for Forgiveness and Reconciliation** – Bitterness and division are a mighty blockade to the flow of grace and peace in your city. Ask God to bring deliverance from them.
- Pray for Ears, Eyes, Hearts and Minds** – Matthew 13:15 – Pray for eyes to see and ears to hear. Pray for minds to conceive and hearts to be soft and responsive.
- Pray the Deepest Well of Prayers** – Pray the depth of the scriptures for your city.
- Pray the Home Base of Prayers** – Matthew 6:9-13 – The Lord's Prayer
- Go Levite** – Take time to worship through the streets of your city and praise Him.
- Break the Anti-Prayers and Bondages** – Intentionally break the power of lies and habits.
- Sing a Lullaby from the Father** – Use your voice to sing or speak the Father's love.
- Speak Spiritual Blessings** – Pray the blessings of scripture for your city or make your own.
- Lament and Use Small Salty Prayers** – Weep and lament what is evil, ugly and broken.
- Pray the Hymnal and Hijack Worship Songs** – Use the words of songs as a jumping off point to pray for, bless, and intercede for your city. Sing and speak truth to your city.
- Plead for a Little Peek** – Ask God repeatedly for a glimpse of what revival looks like.
- Use Your ABCs** – Choose a word for each letter. Let that word inspire your prayers. NEXT.
- Redeem the Regrets of New Believers** – Use your voice to prophetically praise and surrender to Jesus like new believers wish they would have done so much earlier.
- Lend Your Voice to Others** – lend your voice to others to verbalize griefs, prayers, surrender, hopes, repentance before they really know how to do that.
- Declare Truth Against Satan's Lies and Claims** – Simply speak the truth of scripture against the lies and illusions that your enemy tries to make your city believe.
- Claim Your Identity and Extend It** – Pray the truth of your identity in Jesus... for others.
- Wrestle Your Father** – God loves to be challenged and wrestled. Be a persistent widow.
- Give Your Enemy a Good Taunting** – Speak to Satan for awhile and remind him that this is not going to go well for him. Remind him of his identity because of Jesus as well.
- Pray the Radiating Circles** – Person, Marriage, House, Neighborhood, City, Country, etc.
- Pray for Types of People or Feelings** – Men, Women, Rich, Poor, Depressed, Forgotten, Students, Lonely, Proud, Failure, Separated, Divorced, Married, homeless, etc.
- Pray Against Social Evils** – Human trafficking, sexually exploited, abandoned, racism, persecuted, conflict /war, alienation, unjust treatment, corruption, etc.
- Pray for the Vulnerable and Unseen-** Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see the needs of the unseen and the forgotten and the invisible of your city.