

Job 9:32-33 (NIV) ³² "He is not a man like me that I might answer him, that we might confront each other in court. ³³ If only there were someone to arbitrate between us, **to lay his hand upon us both,**

God is always looking for intercessors.

The reality is that since the fall of man war has been declared in the heavens. As a soldier of Christ, you are being called into battle.

Intercession is **God's will** and **God's work**.

Isaiah 59:15-16 (NLT) ¹⁵ Yes, truth is gone, and anyone who renounces evil is attacked. The LORD looked and was displeased to find there was no justice. ¹⁶ **He was amazed to see that no one intervened** to help the oppressed. So He himself stepped in to save them with His strong arm, and His justice sustained him.

1 Timothy 2:5 (NKJV) For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the* Man Christ Jesus,

Romans 8:31-34 (NIV) ³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all-- how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is he that condemns? **Christ Jesus, who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.**

Hebrews **7:24-25 (NIV)** ²⁴ but because Jesus lives forever, He has a permanent priesthood. ²⁵ Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, **because He always lives to intercede for them.**

We have the same enemy that Jesus has **...** the devil.

Luke 22:31–32 (NKJV) ³¹ And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift *you* as wheat. ³² But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to *Me*, strengthen your brethren.”

Not only does Jesus intercede for you, but the Holy Spirit does as well!

Romans 8:26 (NIV) In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but **the Spirit Himself intercedes for us** with groans that words cannot express.

(The Amplified Bible) So too the [Holy] Spirit comes to our aid *and* bears us up in our weakness; for we do not know what prayer to offer *nor* how to offer it worthily as we ought, but the Spirit Himself **goes to meet our supplication** *and* **pleads in our behalf** with unspeakable yearnings *and* groanings too deep for utterance.

Romans 8:26–27 (NLT) ²⁶ And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don’t know what God wants us to pray for. **But the Holy Spirit prays (intercedes) for us** with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. ²⁷ And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying, **for the Spirit pleads (intercedes) for us believers in harmony with God’s own will.**

God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit **know** alike, **think** alike and **love** alike.

Romans 8:28 (NIV) And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

God is continually working within you to fashion you and your character to reflect Him.

Philippians 2:13 (NIV) for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose.

Philippians 2:13 (NLT) For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

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The United States is experiencing intense cultural and political polarization, with 80% of adults believing the nation is divided on key values. This divide is driven by partisan media, "us versus them" mentalities, and deep-seated differences over issues like the economy, race, and, in some cases, fundamental truths. (Pew Research Center)

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1 Timothy 2:3-5 (NIV) ³ This is good, and pleases God our Savior, ⁴ who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. ⁵ For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus,

If there is anything our country and our world needs right now **it is a return to God's truth.**

God does not comfort His people just to make them comfortable, but to make them comforters.

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NIV) ³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, ⁴ who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God.

You have the ability to significantly impact our services.

Hebrews 4:14-16 (NIV) ¹⁴ Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has gone through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are--yet was without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.