



PART 7

OPEN IN PRAYER

MAIN SCRIPTURES *(read when prompted)*

Proverbs 1:1-5

Matthew 8:18-20

LET'S TALK ABOUT IT!

- **Read Proverbs 1:1-5.** Who you spend time with determines your future. If you walk with the wise you will become like them by simply being in their company. But if you walk with fools they will limit you. Sometimes being in step with God is being out of step with people. Are you going to compromise your destiny by walking with fools? When people in your life are taking you away from God you have to make the hard but mature decision to move on gracefully. God has something greater for you in your journey and not everyone likes to travel. ***Have you ever had to say goodbye to friends that you knew weren't leading you towards God? How did you have a mature conversation about your decision?***
- The original intent of God was that authority was not meant to restrain you but meant to keep you from harm. A parent puts boundaries for their children not to confine them but for their own protection. A true father is meant to be a covering not a lid. A true father will cover you, protect you and make sure you don't get damaged. Saul didn't know what it was to be a true father to David, so he became a lid. ***Do you feel that God is covering you? How can someone be a lid on your life?***
- **Read Matthew 8:18-20.** The word "head" in this verse is referenced to authority. Jesus was saying that even the foxes and birds have their place of dominion but he did not. Jesus was looking everywhere for someone to truly follow him and submit to him but he

couldn't find anyone. He was trying to find followers that wouldn't wrestle and resist him when he would speak to them. But when we fully submit to Jesus he will take responsibility for us and everything we need. ***What does full submission to God look like for you? Have you ever wrestled with God? How did that turn out?***

- When we fully submit to Jesus we are under his authority. And you only have the authority you are under. When you say the name of Jesus and nothing happens it's because you can't speak the name if you're not under the name. The name of Jesus has the power to move mountains if you are under the name. A life submitted under Jesus carries his authority and it is exercised through that person to tell harm to go and blessings to come. ***What mountain do you need moved today?***

PRAYER FOCUS

This week we cannot ignore the unrest that is going on in our country. We cannot sit and act like nothing is wrong and the most powerful thing we can do together is pray. Pray for the pain and desperation to turn into justice and peace. Prayer is your greatest weapon don't forget to use it!