

The Posture of Intercession: From Personal Encounter to Corporate Glory

Foundation Scripture

“I sought for a man among them... who would stand in the gap...” (Ezekiel 22:30)

Introduction

Intercession is not simply praying for others; it is becoming a vessel through which heaven touches earth. Before God can trust us with corporate weight, He develops us in private places. The posture of intercession is built in stages—each stage prepares us to carry greater dimensions of His presence.

1. THE POSTURE OF SEPARATION

Private prayer precedes public power.

Jesus taught:

But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. - Matthew 6:6

- Private prayer is where identity is formed.
- Public expression without private devotion produces performance, but
- private devotion produces authenticity.

Discussion:

- What happens in public is born in private.
- Corporate encounters are only as strong as personal altars.
- The secret place is where motives are purified.
- Before you can stand before people, you must kneel before God.

Personal prayer becomes the seedbed of corporate manifestation.

Personal Questions and Introspection:

- Do I have a secret place?
- Am I pursuing God, or merely preparing sermons, songs, or ministry moments?

2. THE POSTURE OF ACCESS

Confidence in His presence creates intimacy.

Scripture says:

“Let us draw near with a true heart...” Hebrews 10:19–22

Intercession begins when we understand we have access—not through performance, but through covenant.

Discussion:

- You are not trying to get God’s attention; Jesus already made the way.
- Intercession is not begging from a distance; it is fellowship from proximity.
- Effective prayer flows from revelation of access.

Those who know they belong in His presence pray differently.

Present Truth:

- Many believers spend their prayer time trying to feel accepted, rather than praying from acceptance.
- We must realize that we are already seated with Christ in heavenly places – Ephesians 2:6

3. THE POSTURE OF EFFECTIVENESS

It’s not the length of prayer, but the weight of faith.

Jesus marvelled at the centurion’s faith. - Matthew 8:5–13

The centurion did not pray long—he prayed accurately.

Discussion:

- Heaven responds to faith, not religious repetition.
 - It has to come from the fountain of your deep
- Effective prayer carries revelation, authority, and expectation.
 - With confidence received from being in His presence you live from a state of expectation that God will show up because you are there
- One word from faith can accomplish what hours of empty repetition cannot.
 - Identify/Discern what the heart of the Father is in the moment

Prayer is not measured by time, but by transformation.

Questions and Introspection:

- Am I praying from tradition or revelation?
- Is my prayer producing results?

4. THE POSTURE OF READINESS

Intercession becomes a lifestyle, not an event.

Jesus declared: “*Out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.*” - John 7:38

The intercessor must live ready—ready to release life wherever God directs.

Discussion:

- You don’t switch into God mode; you live in God consciousness.
- Intercessors carry atmosphere.
- Your spirit must remain sensitive to Holy Spirit interruptions.

You cannot release what you are not carrying.

Indicators of readiness:

- Sensitivity
- Discernment
- Immediate obedience
- Spiritual awareness

5. THE POSTURE OF ENCOUNTER

Every prayer must lead to supernatural strengthening.

Jesus in Gethsemane:

“*And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him.*” - Luke 22:43

Prayer is not complete until something from heaven touches something in you.

Discussion:

- Prayer should leave you changed.
- Encounters produce endurance.
- Strength for assignment comes in His presence.

If prayer does not transform the pray-er, it has missed its deepest purpose.

Signs of genuine encounter:

- Renewed strength
- Clear direction
- Increased peace
- Fresh boldness

6. THE POSTURE OF CORPORATE GLORY

Private fire produces public glory.

Scripture says:

“The house was filled with a cloud...” - 2Chronicles 5:14

When consecrated individuals gather, glory becomes the corporate expression.

Discussion:

- Corporate glory is not manufactured; it is accumulated.
- What each person carries contributes to the atmosphere.
- Unity + consecration = habitation.

Corporate glory is the overflow of many private altars.

Characteristics of glory-carrying gatherings:

- Tangible presence
- Conviction of sin
- Healing and deliverance
- Prophetic clarity
- Awe and reverence

The Journey of an Intercessor

Secret Place → Confidence → Faith → Overflow → Strength → Manifestation

Conclusion

- If we want glory in the gathering, we must first build altars in secret.
- If we want rivers in public, we must dig wells in private.
- If we want heaven to fill the house, God must first fill the heart.