Shameless audacity (testimony)

About praying dangerous prayers.

Message 9: <u>Under your wings series</u>

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Introduction to shameless audacity

What is shameless audacity when it comes to praying dangerous prayers?

What is a dangerous prayer anyway is it about shouting loudly with fervour?

In this message, I am going to share testimonies of people who through prayers I have prayed with the saints:

- 1. They have had a sudden filling of the Holy Spirit
- 2. Some have been healed of cancer
- 3. Doctors have received jobs after being jobless of 7 months
- 4. Others have had loved ones released from prison.

Dangerous prayers can do all this and what is more – the Lord has given me an understanding from the prayers of Solomon, Mary, Elijah and our Lord Jesus so you too can have the shameless audacity to pray dangerous prayers.

This message is especially anointed by God because when I first preached an early version of it to a small live audience as the Lord gave it to me, one of the original listeners said he saw an open vision of the Holy Spirit hovering above the waters as it was in Genesis 1.

I am therefore convinced that if you make this message your own and stand firm and believe the same God who has answered our prayers as per the testimonies I will share, you too will be lifted in spirit to have Shameless audacity to pray dangerous prayers.

About me and these series

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me and he anointed me to preach the gospel to everyone telling them that: "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is near (Matthew 3: 2)."

The Lord chose me from among my brethren to receive his oracles and this message is part 9 of a series called "Under your Wings" which testify about God's great deliverance.

Anchor verse

Luke 11: 8-10 (NIV) introduces us to shameless audacity and then goes on to show us that dangerous prayers have a pattern. Here is the story.

"Then Jesus said to them, "Suppose you have a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; a friend of mine on a journey has come to me, and I have no food to offer him.' And suppose the one inside answers, 'Don't bother me. The door is already locked, and my children and I are in bed. I can't get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give you the bread because of friendship, yet because of your

shameless audacity he will surely get up and give you as much as you need. "So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. "Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!""

Luke 11:5-13 NIV

Audacity is a word which means a "WILLINGNESS TO TAKE BOLD RISKS."

So Shameless audacity is a willingness to take bold risks – without fear of being embarrassed. This means in the story the man asking his FRIEND – mark you his friend was shameless. He just kept knocking – lend me three loaves of bread, lend me three loaves of bread. He was so shameless and bold to the point of embarrassment; his friend opened and gave him what he needed.

This is the perspective the Lord is giving us for prayer – do you have shameless audacity or do you give up too soon?

This story also shows us that by comparison to us who are wicked or maybe not such a good friend like the man in the story – God is a great friend and he will give to anyone who asks – persistently and with shameless audacity!

When I started preparing this message I wasn't sure where the Lord would direct me but now I see that he wanted me to show you the power of having shameless audacity in your prayers for when you do, you will testify!

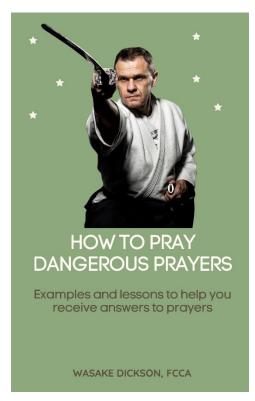
What is dangerous prayer?

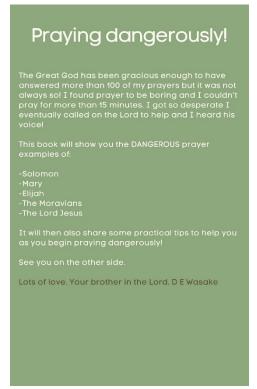
Let me be clear, a prayer is not dangerous necessarily because of style or voice – shouting "father, father", rolling on the ground. That might be well and good and please don't take this as criticism, you could be overcome or desperate that you feel the need to do all those things BUT a prayer is dangerous for a simple reason – God answers it.

A pattern of dangerous prayers therefore is when God answers your prayers again and again. Infact the words from Psalm 91, which we are using in this season confirm this about God answering prayers for those who love him and trust him for deliverance: *He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.Psalm 91: 15 (NIV)*.

I didn't even realize I pray dangerous prayers until the Lord himself showed me because I was getting discouraged! I was wondering when the Lord would give me an answer to a particular prayer and then the Lord showed me he was using me to answer hundreds of prayers and so he would answer my own prayer. This then encouraged me to share what he has taught me with you.

When the Lord started revealing to me what Dangerous prayers are, he gave me examples of people who have prayed dangerous prayers. I will share little examples of them here but the details are covered in a Book I wrote on the subject which you can get for free when you sign up to a sister website of ours.





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The Lord showed me that Solomon, Mary, Elijah and the Lord Jesus prayed dangerous prayers.

What did each of these do that we can learn from?

Examples of people who prayed dangerous prayers

Solomon

Most people would not typically associate King Solomon with dangerous prayers. They would probably think of him as, the wisest king, the richest king, and the king with 700 wives and 300 concubines! Solomon however knew how to pray dangerous prayers. Think about it, his father David had written the Psalms – the Prayer book of the Bible, so he likely had learnt prayer strategies and until his heart was taken away from God by his many foreign wives, the man knew how to pray dangerous prayers!

How do I know this? He prayed a pretty dangerous prayer when he dedicated the temple to God.

This prayer is in 1 Kings 8: 22 – 61 and is pretty long but The Bible records what happened when Solomon finished praying – FIRE CAME FROM HEAVEN! This is what the Bible says:

When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the Lord filled the temple. The priests could not enter the temple of the Lord because the glory of the Lord filled it. When all the Israelites saw the fire coming down and the glory of the Lord above the temple, they knelt on the pavement with their faces to the ground, and they worshiped and gave thanks to the Lord, saying, "He is good; his love endures forever." 2 Chronicles 7: 1-3 (NIV).

What can you learn from Solomon's dangerous prayer – if you read it. We can learn this:

Follow the ancient patterns of prayer if you want results like fire coming from heaven when you pray.

Some of these ancient patterns which are contained in the Psalms include: starting with praise, reminding God of his word (hence why knowing the Bible is critical), being humble and then making specific requests. Imitate these patterns if you want to get the results of the ancients!

Mary

Mary the mother of Jesus was dangerous in prayer. How do I know this? Mary entered the house of her relative Elizabeth and as soon as Mary greeted Elizabeth, Elizabeth got filled with the Holy Spirit and the baby in her womb – John the Baptist leapt for joy! Imagine that, anointing so powerful a simple greeting brings the Holy Spirit down.

Now here is the secret – the reason Mary had this anointing is because she was constantly in the presence of God and God always admitted her into his presence because she was humble.

If you read her dangerous prayer called the Magnificat in Luke 1: 39 - 45 you will see that Mary uses words related to humility at least 5 times!

Why is humility critical for praying dangerous prayers? Because God hates the proud and is far from them so if you want to pray dangerously, you need to be humble before God.

Of all people in the world, Mary should have been the proudest person – because she was after all chosen OF ALL PEOPLE OF ALL TIME to be the Mother of the Son of God. She should have been proud to be the "holiest woman of all time" but do you know what she said when she first prayed her Magnificat?

My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant.

What humility! If you want to pray dangerous prayers which move God to answer you, you should have humility.

Elijah

Most people know Elijah as the fiery prophet of God who challenged the prophets of Baal and caused fire to come down from heaven. They also know him as a man who never died but was taken up to heaven in a chariot of fire.

What you might not know is that this man was also a man of persistent prayer. The Bible shows that his power in praying effective (dangerous) prayers was due to persistence.

In a story in 1 Kings 18: 41-46 Elijah told a King called Ahab: Go get something to eat and drink, for I hear a mighty rainstorm coming!"

And then do you know what he did after saying he heard a mighty rain storm? He went up a mountain and prayed for the rain to come. The first time he saw nothing! He prayed 6 more times until he saw a little cloud and then seeing that, he run down a mountain and under the power of the Spirit outrun a horse and chariot of this King Ahab.

This prayer was dangerous because Elijah persevered. Why was he able to persevere? He knew what God had told him. Isn't it interesting to note that even before Elijah went to pray, he told King Ahab: "Go get something to eat and drink, for I hear a mighty rainstorm coming!"

This tells us that in dangerous prayers, we know the answer even before we pray. We know that we have received it and no wonder Jesus said: "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11: 24 (NIV).

This means that if you believe something and yet what you see in the physical does not reflect what you "see" in the spiritual, you need to keep praying. Your prayer, the Lord shows me is not to ask again and again but to thank God for the thing you "saw in the spirit" to manifest in the physical and then thank God and celebrate over what you have already received – you are asking for what rightfully belongs to you, according to your faith and this is what perseverance in prayer is about.

Jesus

Our Lord Jesus said something dangerous just before he raised Lazarus. When he prayed to God in John 11: 41 – 42, he said: Father, thank you for hearing me. You always hear me

You ALWAYS hear me. Why did the Lord God hear Jesus always? Was it because he was his Son? No, the answer will surprise you. It wasn't necessarily because he was the Son of God. The scriptures say this:

During the days of Jesus' life on earth, he offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and **he was heard because of his reverent submission**. Hebrews 5: 7 (NIV).

Imagine that statement – the Son of God, offering prayer to his father with cries and tears and why did his God hear him? **BECAUSE OF HIS REVERENT SUBMISSION.**

Fearing God causes him to hear your prayers, just like he heard his son Jesus! When you fear God – that is respect him, honour him, treat him with awe, with reverence, it will give you the proper perspective in prayer that you are before a GREAT King and seeing that you fear him – that is honour him, God will answer your prayers – now that is a dangerous strategy.

Examples of shameless audacity (testimony)

Now that we have learnt the patterns and strategies of how to pray dangerous prayer – akin to an ancient fireplace where you have stones in place and then firewood and then you place food on the fire and that food then gets cooked well, the lessons we have learnt should enable you to pray dangerous prayers and to have shameless audacity when you do so.

I know these patterns work and they have worked for me. How do I know this?

Early on this year the Lord Jesus got me to lead a Bible reading class with over 250 students. He then moved me to from within that class ask for a Secret intercessor Group to be started. The class mates would submit to me prayer requests, I would pray over them privately and then share them with the secret intercessors, a group with about 40 people. The testimonies below, which have been slightly edited are the fruit of those dangerous prayers.

Here they are:

Testimony #1: Cancer gone: Whose report shall we believe.

The prayer request I received (Friday 19 January 2024)

I was tested and told I have cells that will result into cancer of the cervix. The news blew my mind. But God told me I over come through prayers. Kindly stand with me in this as well. These requests have been known to only you and you alone. I know since you are in the desert crying and making straight the road for people to know God, The Lord can harken to my prayer as well through your voice.

The testimony report of Friday 18, February 2024 (Just about exactly 1 month after the prayer request!)

My brother, whose report shall we believe? First test, no cancer not even a slight sign. Two consultants handled me with over 8 other doctors. Am overwhelmed! Thanks for your prayers. The Lord has humbled me (*)

Testimony #2: My brother has been released from Prison

The prayer request (30 May 2024)

Praise God Pastor Dickson. Iam writing to ask you to pray for My Brother. He had a business partner and they were trading in cars but his partner swindled a client's money and because his partner has some police officials he knows, my brother was taken to Luzira [prison]. I know God is the rightful judge and I am asking that you stand in the gap for him tomorrow. We are going to court so that they can release him on bail.

The testimony (31 May 2024)

Praise God Pastor Dickson. Today in court it all went well; he was released on bail. It turned out that the magistrate went to school with my other brother. I called that favour, generally it took us less than 10 minutes to be out of there. We thank God for the favour .

Testimony #3: The Holy Spirit came to my daughter suddenly!

My testimony is that last time as my daughter was helping me to get the bible link (for the Bible reading plan), and she spoke to you (man of God) to help out. The Holy Spirit entered her (like magic) and all of a sudden, she also started reading the bible. She quickly got the link and started reading the bible and now she is so serious, every day she asks me: "have you finished?" I wish this would be the starting point of her salvation. Praise be to God! Sarah M.

Testimony #4: The exam papers that had me worried, are no more!

Prayer request received

I think I worry alot about my future, it's getting out of hand. With each day that passes I really want to get something to lay my hands on so bad because the Lord blesses the works of our hands... I am only just done with school awaiting my last results. I have siblings that look up to me and everything I really want God to bless me with a job sir. *Jane N*.

Testimony

Praise the Lord sir. Hope this finds you well in Jesus' name. I am here to testify of the Lord's goodness in my life. The [exam] papers that had got me so worried came out today and the Lord had done it, I passed. The Lord has been faithful Before the [Bible reading] plan, I used to think about them but when I started following the plan, the Lord took all the worries...

Testimony #5: A doctor with no job for 7 months!

Prayer request:

Good evening, Sir. I have a prayer request. The Bible says that our confession is our possession. I have made it a habit to always confess and believe that good things will happen in my life, but of late I have sat down to reflect through and I have noticed that every time I confess a thing even if it's half way done somehow it dies! Could there be anything wrong with me? I am a medical doctor who qualified 7 months ago but up to now I am still struggling to get a job. Could you stand with me in prayer as I believe God for a job? Thank you so much my brother.

Testimony/answered prayer (about 1 month later)

Good afternoon my brother. I thank God for the prayers we made. I now have a place that I am working at. It was only God.

Testimony #6: God saved me (Pastor Wasake) from a road accident

My family and I (5 of us) were driving a 500-mile journey (about 800 km) from Chicago to Minnesota... My wife had just finished driving her turn and I took over... we were listening to a sermon from an anointed preacher I love. I never allow "secular" music or anything in my car as I often tell the kids something like: "we have angels with us in the car so for their sake the car is holy ground... "

Not too long after I took over the driving, I saw a driver whose car had crashed into the side of the highway, because it had been snowing. I remarked something like: "see the guy has crashed" and it seems in looking at him, the car slightly moved to the side of the road.

The speed limit is 70 miles an hour (100 km/hour) and I was driving at around the speed limit or slightly over it. So any slight movement, on a slippery road... at 100 km/hour you can imagine...

Next thing I know, in the twinkling of an eye ... the car actually started skidding over a patch of snow on the road. $\stackrel{*}{\Leftrightarrow}$ I took my foot off the brake and let it slow down but even then at that speed, it was hard to control it and just like that, we ended up in a ditch on the opposite side of the road!

Nothing happened.. no logs, no fallen tree trunks, nothing... we just stopped in the ditch by the road side... a snow filled ditch or hill side!

Well then just like that, I drove the car up the hill, over the snow and back onto the road and we continued driving!

My wife thinks the angels of the Lord carried the car back up as I drove because it was a slightly steep hill and with the snow, we likely would have been stuck...

Lord Jesus, thank you for delivering your servant... and his family... for now I know that our trust is not in horses or chariots or the cars... our trust is in the Lord whose angel encamps around those who fear him! Praise the Lord!

Testimony #7: Debt gone!

I really want to thank God for His provision since the year began.

One of my prayer requests this year was to be debt free.

- 1. I owed Canada Revenue Authority (CRA) taxes. This year on doing my tax returns I got a refund that cleared the debt I even had money leftover to pay off one of my credit cards in full.
- 2. I had also lent my uncle a tonne of money 2 years ago from my credit card (something I'll never do again!). He had made promises to pay in 3 weeks. I was struggling with the payments and the interest. I was afraid to approach him because of family ties. I decided to pay and ask God to remind him. This year he paid off 80% of the debt. I woke up one morning and the money was in my bank account.
- 3. Every 6 months my dad travels for his medicals I usually spend about \$2,000 on each trip. In March I didn't have this money and didn't want use credit again cause I want to be debt free. I prayed and made my request to God. There's someone else who I had also lent money to. I contacted them and they were willing to cover the entire medical expenses. I didn't send a penny home. Dad's medical was covered.

I really want to thank God for His provision. I've not lacked anything. He has been my Jireh 🙏



Testimony #8: Two years of shameless audacity and now Bible reading completed.

Dennis W. completed reading the entire Bible for the 1st time. He testified as follows on completing the journey: Hey bro, the Lord has been kind to me thus far and reading/listening to the holy book has been a very comforting and addictive period of my life in the past few months such that I used any idle/quiet time to listen and learn the word.

What Dennis doesn't know is that God was working in the background preparing his heart for this addiction to the Bible for a long time before this year, and I know this because the Lord got me to participate in this journey about 2 years before Dennis even stated to read!

About 2 years before I invited Dennis to the class (and he doesn't know this), the Lord showed me a dream or a vision in the night of the "Day of the Lord" when Jesus returns to the earth.

I also saw the saints of God being taken up to heaven, as if in slow motion, one by one - this is what many today call the "rapture."

Dennis is one of those I saw being taken in the rapture. At the time of the dream, I would say Dennis was not a committed Christian, thus I discerned through the dream that the Lord had showed him to me, so I could pray for him, so that the vision would come to pass: "at the appointed time". So I wrote his name down in my prayer app. I use an app called Echo where I record prayer requests and then ensure I don't forget to pray for saints of God and other matters regularly. So regularly, I would pray for him in line with what I saw. Then at the start of this year, I felt the time had come and I invited him to join the Bible class and thus the Holy Spirit started the next phase of the work in Dennis' heart such that as he read gave him the hunger to read and finish quickly.

Dennis didn't know that the hunger to read was birthed by the Lord, on the basis of 2+ years of prayer as prompted by our merciful God!

Testimony #9: I got the long-awaited UK job

The original prayer request of Patience (16 April 2024).

God bless you. Would you kindly stand with me in prayers?

I did apply for a job, it's UK-based and I am uncertain of when the interview will be. I have been informed it may be an online interview and I request you to stand with me and I get this Job. I am favored among men, my star shines brighter, this job will come to me with ease. I won't struggle in any way because I am blessed with every spiritual blessing. I am sorry to text this late. God bless you.

The testimony

God bless you, Man of God So on the 19th (April 2024), I went to meet a friend who happens to know the team that is hiring. On getting there, I incidentally found him with the boss. He asked me if he could interview me (have it in mind, he didn't know that I was among the people who applied and didn't even bother to know who I was) oh this God is so intentional.

I did sit and he interviewed me. When I was done, he asked me to share links to my social media platforms because, to him, I had passed the most crucial part.

I got the job and as I speak, I am sending all my details for the contract to be drafted. Jesus loves us so much. It reminds me of the verse that says, everything good that we have comes from God and that he gives us all we need. Oh hallelujah . Thank you for praying with me. God bless you.

Testimony # 10. My alcoholic mother has broken my heart so many times!

Original prayer request

My mother is an alcohol addict and my dad as well and for his case plus tobacco as well.... It hurts me so much that they feel safe in that kind of world, sometimes I feel like I've failed as a believer for the fact that my life hasn't influenced them to accept Christ in their lives. Neither of my little siblings is born again as well but I thank the Lord that has preserved them and me and enabled me to stand in the gap.... Please join with me in prayer for their salvation

I also pray for love between me and my mom, it's so heartbreaking that she says things to me, things a mom should never say to a child, it feels like I messed her life up when I came into the picture Pastor (musumba). it is just alot of pain, I can't express, she has never appreciated anything I do.... You see when I achieve something and feel like telling ko her... Her opinions are the worst and I thank God who still gives me courage to let her know about what God does in my life. She never calls to check on me and I as well fear calling her cause I know what happens, it has never turned out well. I also pray to God to keep me strong for my siblings, I just can't fail them, I can't.

I never talk about these things no one ever understands and I know the Lord has something in plan Pastor (musumba) a good plan a very good plan for us and it shall come to pass.

Testimony of thanks.

Sir;

I texted this [the original prayer request] when I was at a point of giving up because it was surely too much... I remember I was even crying and the Lord surely came through for me

Firstly; I thank God for peace of mind, I thank the Lord for I found completion in Him, through the word I know it's only His word that has an effect on my life.. of late whatever my mum says has no effect on me, I just remind myself of what the lord said upon my life and it's working

You know even my sister said I seem happier than before and I just know it's only the Lord's doing and I'm happy about it cause even when anyone talks about my parents I'm not furious like I used to be.

Secondly, I also thank the Lord for His voice, I can now hear Him clearly; through the word, through the Bible plan. You know those days when you want God to guide you on something and the day's plan is specifically about that, I know it not by coincidence, I know it's always God communicating something to me

I thank the Lord for His love towards me.

The message of Jesus.

The scriptures say that: "Worship only God. For the essence of prophesy is to give a clear witness for Jesus." Revelation 19: 10 (NLT).

In sharing with you these testimonies, we are bearing witness that Jesus is alive and well and operating in the lives of the people – those he loved and it is for this exact reason that the Lord Jesus came to this earth and died for our sins – so he could DESTROY the works of the devil (1 John 3: 8) and I praise God that by his Spirit who is moving in the lives of all these testimonies, we have proof that shameless audacity in praying dangerous prayers brings the Kingdom of God to everyday lives.

Do you want your life transformed this same way? If you have never been a believer, I especially pray for you – start by becoming a Christian. So please pray this prayer to become a Christian:

"God of heaven, I confess that I am a sinner and have been one since birth, but I have heard that you can make me new, and you sent your son Jesus to die for me. He rose again and it is he who can give me his Holy Spirit. Please forgive me and welcome me into your Kingdom, teach me how to follow you. In Jesus' name, Amen."

Lots of love, your brother in the Lord and a bond servant of Jesus the Christ.

Lord Jesus, come, Maranatha! Amen.