

Hi, I'm Crawford Loritts with a Legacy Moment.

The story is told that group of young, aspiring preachers arranged to visit the great 19<sup>th</sup> century preacher, Charles Haddon Spurgeon. They were ecstatic when he said that he would be glad to meet with them. They set up an appointment and arrived just before one of the services. After showing them around a little, Spurgeon paused in front of a room and said, "Now gentlemen, here is the secret to what God is doing in my life and in this ministry." He gently opened the door, and there they saw the source of his power. There were a group of people pouring out their hearts in prayer for Spurgeon's ministry and for the meeting specifically that evening. Well, no wonder his ministry rocked and reached the world!

Prayer is the key to all effective ministry. If anything of lasting value will happen for God, then God must do it. And prayer is the vehicle God uses to accomplish His work. Romans chapter 15, verses 30 and 31 emphasize this principle. Paul says, "I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf..." Do you hear that passionate language? He's pleading, "Please, PLEASE pray for me!" Then he says, "...that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints." Paul is saying, "Please don't stop praying for me. I urgently need for God to supernaturally intervene."

Here's what I want you to remember today. Please, please don't stop praying for the people you know who are serving Christ and making an impact. We need to hold them up and target specifically our prayers for their needs that God would move and act on their behalf. Their ministry depends upon our prayers.