



DANGEROUS PRAYERS

WEEK 3

Calvary Baptist Church Bastrop
Dangerous Prayers – 4G Series 2021
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THE 4G GUIDE

Introduction to the *Dangerous Prayers* series

Too often our prayers are uninspired recaps of our days or a list of things we want or “need”. But Prayer is so much more than that! It isn't dull. It isn't boring. It isn't safe. Prayer moves the heart of God, and some prayers move Him more than others.

It's time to leave our easy, comfortable prayers behind and pray boldly. It's time for dangerous prayers. This new series will inspire you to pray courageously and powerfully. Prayers that will search your soul, break your habits, and send you to pursue the calling God has for you.



Join us for this four-week series as we pray
DANGEROUS PRAYERS!

Pastor Phillip

This series is inspired by the book, *Dangerous Prayers: Because Following Jesus Was Never Meant to Be Safe*, by Craig Groeschel and used with permission. See the last page for more information.

Introduction To The 4G Guide

GATHER – GOD – GROUP – GIVE

It's important that we *GATHER* each week as a church family. Still, God has so much more for us! He wants us to take what He's teaching and apply it to our lives. This is the heart of the 4G Guides. These guides are written to encourage you in your personal *GOD TIME* and in your small *GROUPS*. They are designed to help you understand what God is teaching and apply it to your daily life. Understanding and application allows you to then take what God is teaching and *GIVE* it to others.

Unless otherwise indicated, all scripture references are from the *English Standard Version* (ESV Text Edition: 2016) Bible.



How To Use The 4G Guide

Each week is divided into four sections:



Gathering Time

God calls us to corporate worship. On Sunday mornings we gather (in person or online) to worship, hear God's message, and be challenged to apply His word. This booklet includes weekly sermon guides.



God Time

Personal worship is vital to the Christian walk, so we have written five daily devotionals for each weekly topic. This is your time to meet with God one-on-one in a guided devotional format. Once the devotional time is finished, we encourage you to pray, seeking direction for the day.



Group Time

We learn from one another! Each week, either on Sundays or at various other times, 4G Groups meet to dig deeper into the weekly material. This booklet features weekly lesson outlines in a “three-thirds” discipleship format. In addition, links to short video guides, sermon recaps, and other helpful resources are posted on our 4G web page. *



Family Time

Family worship glorifies God. To help, we have created simple, once-a-week devotionals just for families. In addition to the weekly outline, video or story guide links may be posted on our 4G web page* to help get the conversations flowing.

* 4G Groups, video links, resources, and 4G Guides are posted weekly on our 4G web page: www.cbcfamily.net/4g.html.



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Be Dangerous With Your Prayers!

Sign up today and begin praying for your neighborhood.

It's free and confidential.

At the frequency of your choosing, you'll receive an email with a map and a list of five of your neighbors to pray for.

When you get a chance, you can even walk or drive by those neighbors' homes as you pray for them.

Visit the link below and watch the two-minute video. When you are ready to get started, click the sign-up button on the page.

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PRAYER@CALVARY



Prayer@Calvary is a ministry providing prayer opportunities for the mission of our CBC Family.

Opportunities Include:

- **The *Weekly Prayer Update* Email**
Post prayers and praises and pray for posted prayers. Join the Prayer Update email list today!
- **Sunday Morning *Chairs for Prayers* (Bastrop Campus)**
Before, during, and after gathering times, in the foyer of the large auditorium, an area is available to receive prayer and pray for others. Prayer partners are always welcome to serve on the weekly schedule.
- ***Keepers of the Watch* – Women's Prayer Group**
This Women's Prayer Group meets on the Bastrop Campus Wednesdays at 10:00 AM to pray for the staff, volunteers, and ministries of Calvary.
- ***The War Room* – Men's Prayer Group**
This Men's Prayer Group meets on the Bastrop Campus Fridays at 7:00 AM to pray for the ministries and growth of Calvary and the brotherhood of men leading it.

Just Remember: Prayer@cbcfamily.net



Need someone to pray with?

Email your number and we will call!



Have an emergency prayer need?

Prayer warriors will join the fight!



Want to join the prayer warrior team?

Email us today!

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God Time: Day 1 – God Is On His Throne



In the Old Testament, Isaiah was a high-ranking official under the power and authority of King Uzziah. When Uzziah died, Isaiah was in a vulnerable and tenuous position. It was at this point that he had a vision from God that would begin his journey as a prophet. This vision of God's greatness and holiness transformed his way of seeing the world and how he chose to live in it.



Read Isaiah 6:1-4

¹In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. ²Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" ⁴And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

This passage describes one of the most awesome encounters with God's presence anyone in the Bible experienced.



Circle where the Lord is sitting in verse 1.

Underline what the seraphim say about the Lord in verse 3.

Put a box around what happens when the Lord speaks in verse 4.



Imagine being in Isaiah's place. How would you respond?



Take a moment to reflect on the most awe-inspiring experience you have ever witnessed. How does it compare to Isaiah's experience?



When you consider the awesome consuming greatness of God, what should be your posture to His presence in your life?

God Time: Day 2 – Humility and Restoration



In addition to seeing God's holy glory, Isaiah's vision led to a deep conviction regarding his own sinfulness. (Any time we truly see God fully, it always reveals where we fall short.) Fortunately, the vision also included God's healing work to take Isaiah's sin/guilt away.



Read Isaiah 6:5-7

⁵And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" ⁶Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. ⁷And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for."

Describe one time where you became profoundly aware of your need for grace and forgiveness:

God Time: Day 3 – Restoration and Calling



Read Isaiah 5:8

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

After God had cleansed Isaiah from sin, He asks "who will go." In gratitude, Isaiah replies, "Send me".



Have you confessed your flaws before God? If so, in what way(s) did He restore your relationship with Him?



When you were made right, what opportunity, or opportunities, did you take to serve Him? How did you say, "send me"?

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God Time: Day 4 – Fear of Being Sent



Jesus told a story about three servants whose master entrusted each of them to watch over his money. The first two invested what they were given and made a profit. For this, the master was greatly pleased. The third decided to bury what he was given so as not to lose any of it. The master was not pleased with his results.



Read Matthew 24:24-26a
²⁴He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, ²⁵so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.' ²⁶But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant!

Underline how the servant described the master.

Draw a box around the word "afraid".



Circle the action the servant took due to fear.



Think about this: was the servant's fear due to the master's character or to his lack of self-confidence in his own abilities?

You might remember the verse from the children's song, *This Little Light of Mine* that says, "Hide it under a bush – Oh No!"



When we think about God sending us, what do our actions say about our beliefs if we respond in fear? (Are we hiding "under a bush?")

At the very end of the Gospel of Matthew, when Jesus sends His disciples out into the world with a mission, He promises that He will be with them. When we are doing His will, God never leaves us on our own.



In Romans 8, Paul asks, "If God is for us, who can stand against us?"

When we are confident in God's blessing and His power, how should it affect our attitude and response to being sent?



Write your own "Send Me" prayer of availability:

God Times: Day 5 – Going Where God Wants

As we saw in Week 1 of this series, the choices we make and the actions we take reveal the truth about our relationship with God. When we obey, we get closer to God.



Read James 4:8
Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Isaiah made a choice to be sent based on God's awesomeness and forgiveness. We also have the opportunity to respond to God because of what He has already done for us – even before we know the details of where God will send us and what He will ask of us.

To prepare yourself to follow God's directions at the moment He gives them, here are some suggested actions you can take now:

1. Decide Your Answer Now – make the commitment to obey whatever God tells you to do. (Get in "Yes, God" mode.)
2. Do One Thing A Day That Takes Faith – exercise that habit and stretch yourself. Make it "who" you are.
 - Ask God to speak to you.
 - Share with others what God has already done for you.
 - Volunteer to serve and love others.
3. Look For Opportunities.
 - When someone asks, say "yes."
 - When you feel that tug, go.
 - When you know you can, do!



From the suggestions above, name one action God has been calling you to do that you can act on today! (What, where, when, & how?)



Share this good news with someone today.

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Group Time

Leaders win when everyone participates.

ENCOURAGEMENT 1-on-1 (See page 47 for directions):

Y / N Y / N _____

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LOOK BACK:

Point: God will break you because He loves you and wants to use you. Look forward to it.

- Review last week’s lesson. How did you determine that your brokenness could help others? Did you help someone?

Question: In the children’s song, *This Little Light of Mine*, what is the “Light”? What are we not to do with it? What are we supposed to do with it?



LOOK UP: Watch this week’s Group Guide video on our 4G web page.

Recap: The third dangerous prayer is “Send Me!” from Isaiah 6:8.

Isaiah’s vision of the throne room of heaven is pretty awe inspiring and Isaiah quickly learns that when we encounter God’s overwhelming goodness, we are overwhelmed with our brokenness. At the same time, when we admit this brokenness, God is quick to forgive. This forgiveness comes, not with a price, but with an expectation – our availability. Availability requires two things: preparation and obedience. Preparation means taking the steps necessary to serve our Lord (Have you gone through all 4-steps of On-Ramp?), obedience means we are willing to say, “yes” whenever, wherever, however, and to whomever He calls us.

LOOK IN: Discussion Questions

- If God said “Yes” to every prayer you prayed this past week, what would be different in this world today? Be specific.
- Share the last thing you did that required faith in God on your part. What happened? What did you learn?
- Read Isaiah 6:1-8. Why does praying “Send me” scare you?

LOOK FORWARD: Application

Point: Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you (James 4:8). Prepare yourself to say, “YES, LORD!”

Here I Am, Send Me!

- List three activities you could start this week to draw yourself closer to God:

- _____
- _____
- _____

Choose one to start this week. Circle it and make a plan to start doing it. Make sure you include the when, where, who, and how:

- Assess your preparedness and availability to be a “Light” in a dark and dying world. Be honest with yourself. Seek God’s appraisal (“Search Me”). Ask for help from others. What do you need to do to be available? Do you need training? A partner? A teacher? A student? Make a list and devise a plan of action so you will be ready to say “YES!” when God calls.

Here are some ongoing helps offered by CBC:

- 4G Guides:** These guides are not only devotional, but they are transformational for those who follow through with the activities introduced individually, for groups, and for families.
- On-Ramp Steps 1-4:** More than just “About Calvary,” these steps provide the basics of preparation and opportunity for service and sharing.
- Seen & Heard Training:** Offered semi-annually, this 2-day training is the lynchpin of worldwide Gospel movements.
- Evangelism 101:** Offered semi-annually, this training covers the necessities for sharing our story and God’s story.



Family Time

Main Idea:

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Key Verse: Isaiah 6:8

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me."

Set it Up: Have everyone in the family go outside and listen very closely to all the sounds. Have everyone take a turn naming something that they hear.

Now go back into the house and listen closely to the sounds inside your house. Have everyone take a turn naming a sound that they hear.



Watch: This week's video is on the Playlist of the CBC YouTube channel or go to cbcfamily.net and click on 4G Guides for the video link.



Encourage:

God wants us to listen to Him and follow His voice. But, if we are not listening to what He is saying to us, we will not know what we are to do. God does not scream at us, so we need to take time to stop and listen to hear where He wants to send us.



Challenge:

Sometimes listening to God is just about taking the small steps. Sometimes it could be taking a big step.

Take some time this week as a family to sign up for Bless Every Home. You can do this by going to our CBC Bless Every Home web page: BlessEveryHome.com/cbcfamily.

As a family, commit to praying each day for a family that lives in your neighborhood. You might even go for a walk and pray for them as you pass their house. You never know how God will use your family to make a difference in the life of one of your neighbors.

It is time for all of us to let God know that we are ready to be sent.



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You Are Invited To The
SEEKING YOUR 4G DINNER

A how-to for facilitating, hosting, and recruiting a 4G Group.

4G is integral to Calvary's strategy and everyone is encouraged to be part of a 4G Group. 4G Groups are where we live out the Calvary mission to point people to Jesus by Demonstrating God's love, Declaring the Good News, and making Disciples near and far.

When: Sunday Evening April 18 @ 5 PM

Event is Free, But Pre-Registration Is Required.

To register, email: erin@cbcfamily.net

Being a part of a 4G Group is an essential blessing in our journey to understand God's Word and apply it to ourselves, our families, and our communities.

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them." Matthew 18:20

Find an existing 4G Group or start a new Group.

We are here to help. Contact the CBC office.

512.303.1697 / office@cbcfamily.net



Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:23-25

1. Participants partner-up to ask five short and simple questions. Partners should be of the same gender. If there is an odd number, triplets are OK but need to work swiftly.
2. Partners ask each other these five questions:

	"Did you spend specific personal time in the BIBLE <u>each day</u> this past week?"	These are "Yes" or "No" questions.
	"Did you spend specific time in PRAYER <u>each day</u> this past week? – not just for meals"	Any hesitations or "Well..." responses are circled "No."
	"Did you do something specific to show Godly LOVE to someone this past week?"	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If so, the partner briefly shares the encounter(s) with their partner and, on the provided line, writes the name(s) of the person(s) they showed love to, shared the Gospel with, or disciplined. • If not, leave the line blank.
	"Did you intentionally share the GOSPEL with anyone this past week?"	
	"Did you DISCIPLE anyone this past week?" (E.g.: Sharing any of the God, Group, or Family Times)	

3. To finish, each partner prays for the other. No matter how or what the partner has done over the past week, this is an intentional prayer of **encouragement!**

Want even more of *Dangerous Prayers*?

Do you ever wonder, "Why doesn't God answer my prayers?"

Do you wish you could see the evidence that prayer changes lives?

Are you tired of playing it safe with your faith?

In *Dangerous Prayers*, *New York Times* bestselling author Craig Groeschel helps you unlock your greatest potential and tackle your greatest fears by praying stronger, more passionate prayers that lead you into a deeper faith.

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