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ORGANIC CONVERSATION (WHAT SPOKE TO YOU FROM THIS WEEK'S WORSHIP GATHERING?)

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FROM HEAD → HEART → HANDS (MAKING IT REAL)

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When he thought of them, he often would intercede on their behalf, begging God to make himself known to them more deeply than before.

It's easy to get lost in the everyday life, forgetting that we are an interwoven family of faith, divinely placed together for this very moment in history. What are some ways that we can step up our level of intercession for others?

In order to pray in faith, we need to know what God has actually promised to do for us. Let's get real for a moment: are you seeking God through His Word on a regular basis?

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STEP-BY-STEP (WHAT NOW?)

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