

WEEK 6

OVERFLOW

THE FATHER'S LOVE





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BECOME A
CATALYST FOR
THE KINGDOM
OF GOD WHERE
YOU ARE

DO YOU WANT TO SEE THE KINGDOM OF GOD INVADE THE KINGDOM OF THIS WORLD?

Do you want to see sickness disappear?

Do you want to see peace on earth?

Do you want to see an end to violence, abuse and pain?

Do you want to see the lost be found, following Jesus and finding family?

God does too! Jesus taught us to pray:

“Your [God’s] kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” Matthew 6:10 (NIV)

The Kingdom of God is the Kingdom of our Father. In His Kingdom (as in heaven), we are expected and welcomed (John 14:1-3). In heaven we will have new bodies, free from sickness and sin (Isaiah 35:5, 6 / Philippians 3:21). In heaven we will have our own homes and gardens! (Isaiah 65:21). In heaven, God will be with us and God will wipe away all of our tears! (Revelation 21:1-4).

We should pray and work towards this being our reality now too! The Kingdom of Heaven is not just for someday, it is for today. Doesn't the above description of the Kingdom of God sound like the kind of world we want to live in now too? This is the kind of world Jesus asked us to pray for and that He demonstrated and called us to advance alongside Him. So often we equate our Christian lifestyle with going to church on a Sunday and the activities of our local congregation. However, the Bible seems to be a lot more concerned with advancing the Kingdom of God than simply attending “church”. The gospels mention church three times, the Kingdom of Heaven is mentioned more than 70 times!

The Kingdom of Heaven was never simply meant to be reserved for Sundays. Neither was it to be reserved solely for a Christian’s own home and family. The Kingdom of Heaven is to be displayed for all, in all spheres of society, so that all might know God.

Many of us have been taught that earth is a waiting room for heaven. It is more accurate to say that earth is a shadow of heaven, an entree to the main course, but it is not disconnected from God’s Kingdom! We are to contend for the Kingdom of Heaven to be made manifest here on earth!



Often a “waiting room” Christian mentality focusses believers on their own community, life, family and church. How can I be a better person? How can I be a better husband? How can I be a better “Christian”. A Kingdom Christian mentality says, how can I see my and my neighbor’s marriage be healthier? How can my town become a better town that reflects God’s glory more, how can our community become better people that know their identity in God? It is not simply enough for us as Christians to enjoy the Kingdom of Heaven, we are to share it and advance it everywhere we go. What does it look like to advance the Kingdom of Heaven?

1. It looks like us being purposeful, even forceful, when it comes to advancing it (Matthew 11:12).

We have to be purposeful in bringing the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. What does it look like to be a Kingdom minded neighbour, employer or employee, student, husband, father, wife, mother, or friend? What does it look like to vote for Kingdom advancement, not simply personal gain? What does it look like to handle our finances as if they belonged to the Kingdom of God, not ourselves?

If we want to see more people come into the Kingdom of God, we have to do what Jesus did and demonstrate the Kingdom of God in our lives, to all those around us.

People notice when you honour your spouse in public. People notice when you love your children. People notice when you live generously. People notice when you pay all of your taxes and don’t cut corners in business. People notice when the Kingdom of Heaven is on display, because it is the hidden desire of their hearts, to taste the Kingdom.



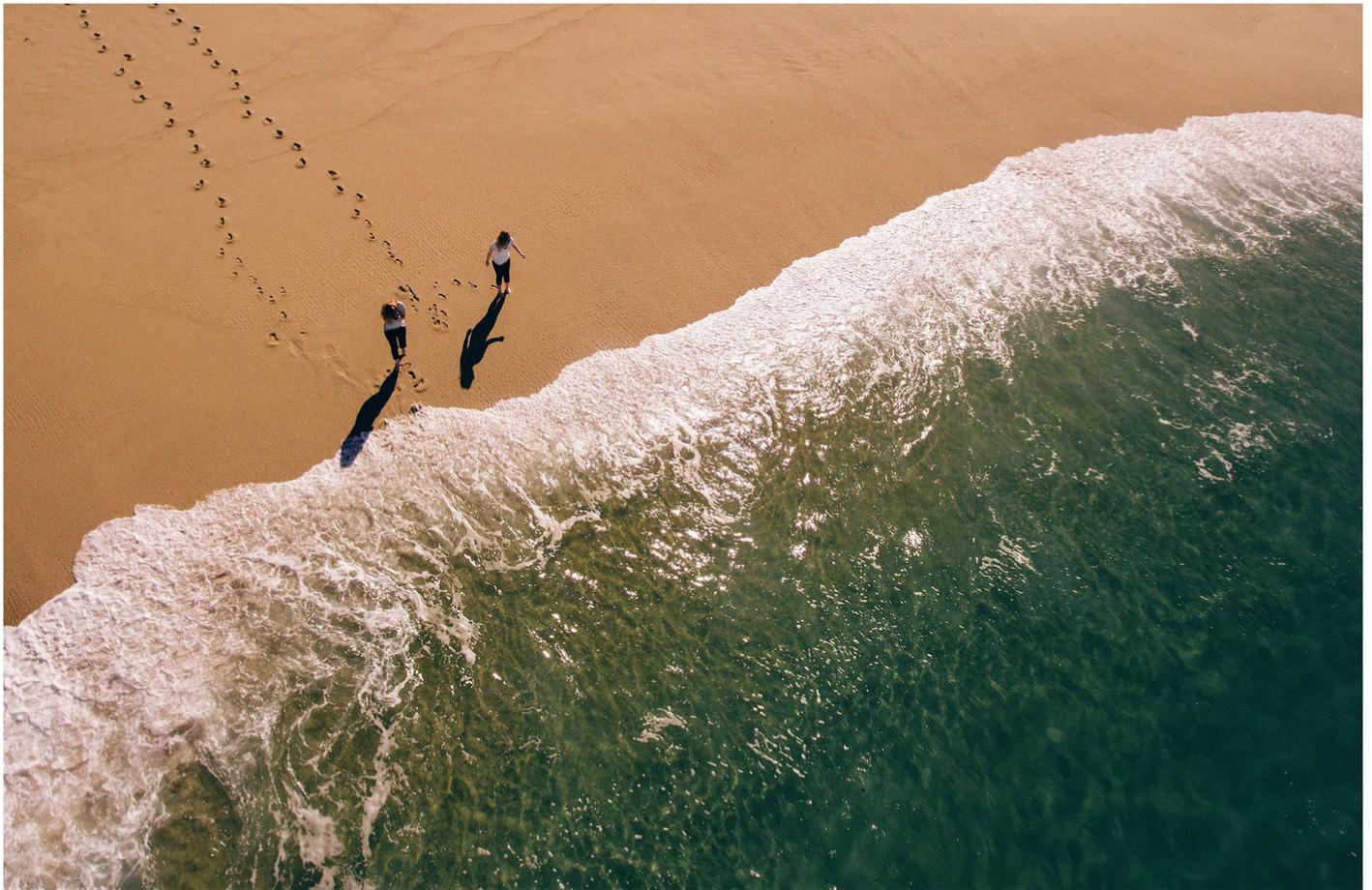
2. It looks like a transformed society, under a new King

There are two kingdoms in this world. The Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of the world. But these Kingdoms were never meant to be separate. The Kingdom of God was meant to (and will) overtake the Kingdom of this world.

The more Christians retreat and seek to protect ourselves from the world, the more we are robbing the world of its potential to experience God's Kingdom. We are called to be salt and light, to make a difference. Salt literally changes the whole taste of a dish. Light literally changes the whole atmosphere of a room. We have the privilege and the opportunity to transform society and to bring it under a new King, a new Kingdom. We get to call society to a different and better way!

Where Christians are we can see suicide rates drop, crime drop, abuse drop, peace increase, the isolated find friends. Where Christians are we can see disease disappear and anxiety and fear replaced with perfect peace.

Where Christians are we can see the media be a mouthpiece for God, the political sphere advance heaven's values and agenda, families that flourish, schools that teach the Kingdom, entertainment that glorifies God and points people to Him. Where Christians are, we can see the Kingdom. Will you go into all the world?



3. It looks like you being fully alive

You were saved, not simply for heaven one day, but for heaven today. One of the crippling lies of our modern era is that becoming a Christian is all about a sinner's prayer that saves us a place in heaven when we die. No, the Christian life is about following Jesus and living as He did! Jesus did not ask His disciples to say a prayer, He asked them to follow Him and be a part of what He was doing. We are to live and preach the Kingdom, not simply salvation.

There is no greater joy than being a part of seeing His kingdom advanced. Think about it. Could there be a greater joy than playing a role in seeing a marriage restored? What an honour it would be to be the reason your neighbour doesn't beat their spouse anymore? What could be better than knowing that you were a part of seeing abortion ended and life valued? The Kingdom being advanced looks like you being activated to be all that you can be in Christ, with Christ, as His ambassador of the Kingdom!

Our heart is that you would be fully alive and fully on mission, everywhere you go. We believe that this is God's heart too!

Here are the 3 activations for this week

ACTIVATION 1: PRAY FOR GOD'S POWER TO COME SO THAT HIS KINGDOM MIGHT BE DEMONSTRATED

Jesus both preached and demonstrated, the Kingdom. This often involved the miraculous. Are you hungry to be filled to overflow, not just with the Father's love, but also with God's power?

Take some time out to pray for God's power to come. You might like to join together with other believers and ask them to join you in prayer also. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you to overflowing with His power.

Scripture says we should eagerly desire spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 14:1) and that God pours out His Spirit without measure (John 3:34). We should always be hungry to receive more.

Pray that the miraculous reality of heaven would invade your life and all those around you would be impacted by the power and presence of God flowing through you.

Look for opportunities to pray for the sick to be healed. Pray also for spiritually blind eyes to be supernaturally opened. Ask God for His power to come for you and through you so that you too might demonstrate the Kingdom this week.

ACTIVATION 2: REARRANGE YOUR LIFESTYLE TO REFLECT THE KINGDOM

This won't be easy, but it will be life changing for you and everyone around you! Spend some time looking at your life and what you spend your time doing.

Make a list of every responsibility you have and how you use your time. Now write down how those areas could better reflect the Kingdom of God? It might be worth even reconsidering what you are actually engaged in day to day.

Make a list with these four categories.

1. What do I need to stop doing that doesn't reflect the Kingdom of God?
2. What do I need to start doing that would help me reflect the Kingdom of God?
3. What do I need to continue doing or "turn up" so that I can better reflect the Kingdom of God?
4. What would it look like to see the God's Kingdom come into every area of your life, as it is in heaven?

Pray.

Now tell someone about the changes you are going to make and begin to make changes in your life so that His Kingdom might be on display.

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ACTIVATION 3: COMMIT TO A LIFESTYLE OF OVERFLOW

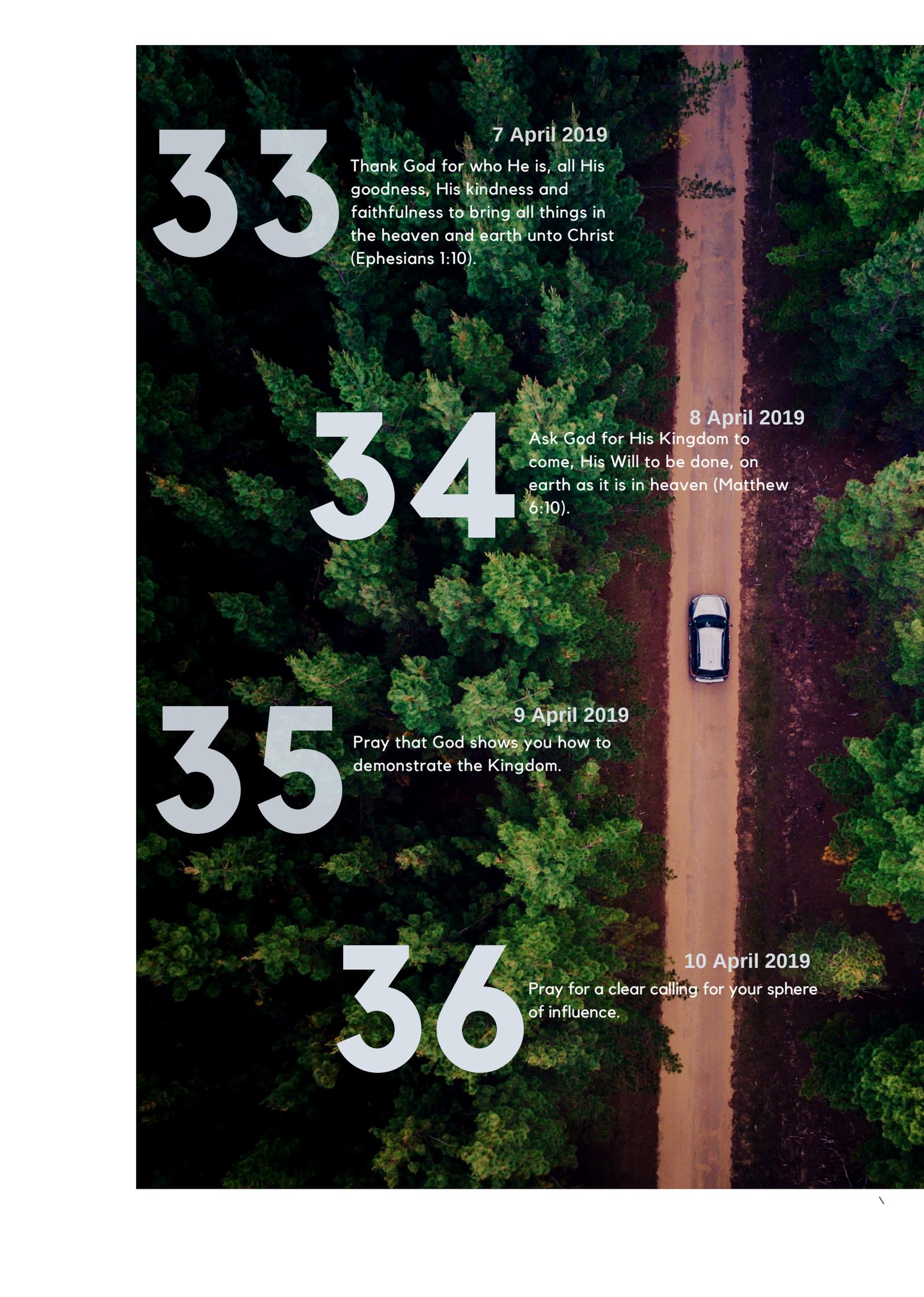
Christianity is not simply a moment, nor is it a 40 day journey, it is a lifelong journey.

Everyday, ask the Lord to fill you to overflow so that you can't help but give away what you have. Commit to sharing the Kingdom of Heaven with others. A great way to do this is by praying everyday, "Lord let me share you with at least one person today!" Then seek out who you can share Jesus with each day.

This can be done through the sharing the gospel verbally, and through demonstrating it too, with miracles, signs and wonders. What could it look like to see Jesus be lifted up everywhere you are?

It's time for you to Overflow the Father's heart to all. We thank you for joining us on this journey. Let's keep connected. Head to www.partnersinprayer.org.au for ongoing updates.

OVERFLOW

An aerial photograph of a dirt road winding through a dense forest of green trees. A dark-colored car is driving away from the viewer on the road. The numbers 33, 34, 35, and 36 are overlaid on the left side of the image in a large, light gray font.

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7 April 2019

Thank God for who He is, all His goodness, His kindness and faithfulness to bring all things in the heaven and earth unto Christ (Ephesians 1:10).

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8 April 2019

Ask God for His Kingdom to come, His Will to be done, on earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10).

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9 April 2019

Pray that God shows you how to demonstrate the Kingdom.

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10 April 2019

Pray for a clear calling for your sphere of influence.



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11 April 2019

Pray that you will have the courage to take risks in your faith to share with others what God has done in your life.

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12 April 2019

Pray that the atmosphere shifts in your marketplace environment.

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13 April 2019

Ask God for boldness to be a witness and to shine His light in your sphere of influence.

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14 April 2019

Thank God for all His goodness and faithfulness and ask Him to use you to establish His Kingdom on the earth.



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