

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!' Mark 1.14-15







From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.

*Matthew 11.12* 



## DIRTY GLORY

GO WHERE YOUR BEST PRAYERS TAKE YOU

## PETE GREIG

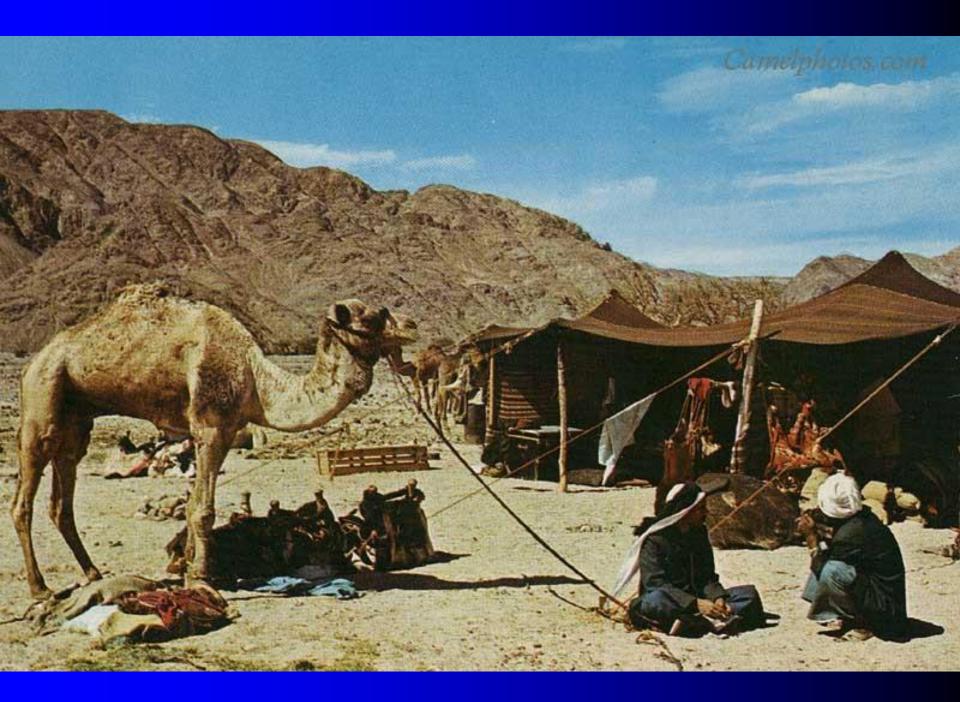


....prayer didn't have to be boring or benign, the gentle pursuit of sweet ladies in their autumn years. It could be militant, defiant, catalytic, even violent' -

Pete Grieg – 'Dirty Glory'

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6.9-11





"The pursuit of the presence of God has been without exception or exaggeration, the prevailing passion and the common purpose of all the saints in every generation since the time of Christ...."



".... study their lives and you will quickly discover that the universal, all-consuming motivation which fuelled everything else they did was a desire for the presence of God." Pete Grieg



When the men got up to leave, they looked down towards Sodom, and Abraham walked along with them to see them on their way.

Genesis 18.16

Then the LORD said, 'Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him.' Genesis 18.17-19



- Walked with God
- Followed God's ways no unconfessed sin
- Stood before the Lord a right to be heard
- Drew near to God
- Bold
- Persistent
- Took risks
- Aware of his own weakness
- Reminded God of who God is

The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know.'

Genesis 18.20-21



"People sometimes ask why God requires us to pray, as if it was merely a form of relentless begging: 'please, please, please' in the tone of a child beseeching his father for a treat, of a football fan wishing like mad for a goal in the final minute....



"....But to pray is not to plead from the sidelines; it is to invade the field of play. In prayer we join the team, actively shaping the outcome of the match, challenging and occasionally outplaying an aggressive opponent...."



".... the truth is this: there are terrible evils that will only be restrained, and wonderful blessings that will only be unlocked, by our prayers".

Pete Grieg

Then Abraham spoke up again: Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five people?'

Genesis 18.27

Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?'

Genesis 18.24b-25



