

Making a difference in your generation

Making a difference in our generation is not about grand gestures or public acclaim; it is about faithfully living out the call of God in the place and time He has planted us. Every generation faces its own challenges, its own cultural noise and spiritual battles, and yet God consistently raises up ordinary men and women who are willing to walk closely with Him and allow His character to shine through their lives. To make a difference is to choose daily obedience. It is to ask, “Lord, what would You have me do here, today, with what You have entrusted to me?” It is not measured by scale but by surrender. A simple act of kindness offered in Jesus’ name can touch eternity just as deeply as a sermon preached to thousands. The great heroes of Scripture were not extraordinary in themselves; they simply made themselves available to an extraordinary God.

Prayer sits at the very heart of this calling. If we desire to make a difference, we must begin on our knees. God makes it unmistakably clear in 2 Chronicles 7:14 that transformation—whether in a nation, a community, or a single life—begins when His people humble themselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from their own waywardness. Prayer aligns us with Heaven’s purposes. It sharpens our ears to hear His voice amidst the noise of a restless world. Without prayer, we risk running in our own strength, leaning on our own wisdom, and mistaking activity for fruitfulness. James reminds us that the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective because it connects the believer to the heart and power of God. When we pray, we invite God to work in ways we cannot. We tap into a strength far beyond our own, and we open doors the natural world cannot unlock. Prayer does not merely support the work; it is the work. Every revival, every movement of God, every transformation of a family, community, or individual has begun with ordinary believers seeking God with persistence and humility.

Hebrews 12:1 speaks of running the race set before us with endurance, and this image often challenges me personally. Each of us is entrusted with a unique race. It is not a sprint fueled by adrenaline and emotion but a long, steady obedience shaped by discipline, trust, and perseverance. Running our race means embracing the specific calling God has placed on our lives and refusing to compare it to someone else’s. It means recognizing that obstacles and struggles are not signs of failure but opportunities for growth. The writer of Hebrews encourages us to throw off everything that hinders—distractions, doubts, sins that cling to us—and to run with our eyes fixed on Jesus. To run my own race means I must continually return my focus to Him, allowing Him to shape my motives, renew my resolve, and remind me that the ultimate goal is not my success, but His glory revealed through my life. It reminds me that I am part of a much larger story, one that stretches across generations and finds its fulfilment in Christ.

As I consider my own journey and the next steps of my race, I find myself increasingly dependent on the prayers of those who walk with me in faith. I need prayer for clarity—to discern what God is calling me to pursue in this season and what He is asking me to lay aside. I need prayer for strength, because the call of God often requires stretching, sacrifice, and the willingness to step into places where faith must rise above comfort. I need prayer for courage, that I would not shrink back from opportunities to share His love or to lead where He is prompting me to lead. And I need prayer for continued intimacy with Him, for without that deep, personal connection, the race becomes burdensome rather than joyful. Above all, I desire prayer that my life would stay aligned with His purposes, that every step taken would honour Christ, and that whatever difference I make in this generation would reflect His heart and not merely my effort.

In the end, making a difference, praying with purpose, running our race, and seeking God for the next steps are all woven together. As a fellowship, may we encourage one another, uphold one another in prayer, and stir one another toward the kind of faith that leaves a legacy for the generations to come.

Questions

1. What does it mean to make a difference in your generation?
2. Why is prayer important to making a difference? (2 Chronicles 7:14, James 5:16)
3. What does it mean to you to run your race? (Hebrews 12:1)
4. What are your prayer needs regarding the next steps of your race?