

Daring to Reach

“(v.18) Pray for us.

We have no doubts about what we're doing or why, but it's hard going and we need your prayers. All we care about is living well before God. Pray that we may be together soon.”

Hebrews 13:18

The Message

In the blood, sweat, and exhaustion of summer ministry, it is easy to lose sight of our goal. At such times, it is easy to rely on human strength and wisdom, not God's. The timing is perfect. On the Sunday before school begins, God has a verse for us which revives and prepares us for ministry again.

Setting the Scene:

The writer recognizes the need for prayer.

- Christ followers are especially vulnerable to criticism from others:
- Pride (if they succeed),
- Depression (if they fail),
- And the Evil One's constant efforts to destroy their work for God.

There is always a risk—when we reach for the beautiful,
for a loving and growing marriage,
for a small group that loves & encourages,
for the honed skill of leading Bible study,
for the highest standard in God's service!

In spite of the barriers that have intimidated us throughout our lives, there is a slumbering giant within each of us—a quiet and childlike confidence in God! We are able to see through His eyes, the butterflies in battlefields. They may seem imaginary to others, but they're real to us. Touching them requires that we take the risk of reach. We do not listen to those who say, “Stop reaching; stop asking, stop praying; there are no butterflies”. They are not willing or able to see, but we do, and therefore we dare to reach.

It all begins with prayer .

The prayer is honest ,

free from doubts, namely

what we are doing,

&

why we are doing it.

The Prayer acknowledges that ministry is hard going ,

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and we need your prayers !

The heart of the prayer is:

“All we care about is living
well before God.”

The prayer concludes,
Pray that we may be together soon.

When we consistently pray in this way,

day after day,

life takes on new purpose and meaning.

Your life changes and you love it.

Suddenly you are in tune

with the heart of God.

You find yourself daring to reach out to

butterflies in battlefields

just like your Heavenly Father!

Let us Pray