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WORKING TOGETHER

We are extremely grateful and excited to begin our gospel meeting with Tony Huntsman next Sunday. It is a wonderful opportunity to not only experience a great boost of encouragement from being together throughout this week in praise and worship of our merciful God, but also for the words of the powerful gospel of Jesus Christ to be poured out into the hearts of lost men and women God is seeking to save. "'Whoever will call on the name of the LORD will be saved.' How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how

will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!" (Rom. 10:13-15). While we appreciate the diligent work Tony will be engaged in this week, let us do our part to work together in the proclaiming of the gospel, and be fervent and busy in prayer. "First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority. so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in

the sight of God our Savior, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth... Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension," (1 Tim. 2:1-4,8).

Pray...

For Tony to speak boldly and for courage to challenge us with the truth of God's word. "Devote yourselves to

prayer, keeping alert in it with an attitude of thanksgiving; praying at the same time for us as well...so that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ...that I

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For lost souls to be present and willing to listen to and obey the truth of the gospel.

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"When they had arrived and gathered the church together, they began to report all things that God had done with them and how He had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles," (Acts 14:27).

For further spiritual growth to take place in our lives as we assemble this week.

"And this I pray, that your

love may abound still more and more in real knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God," (Philip. 1:9-11). "For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of

the reverent honor and worship He is worthy of, that all who assemble me be in awe of the Awesome God we serve!

"The heavens will praise Your wonders, O LORD; your faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.
For who in the skies is comparable to the LORD? Who among the sons of the mighty is like the LORD, a God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones, and awesome above all those who are around Him?" (Ps. 89:6-7).

"Praise the LORD! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty expanse. Praise Him for His mighty deeds; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness...Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Praise the LORD!" (Ps. 150:1-2,6).

Daniel Ruegg

For the proper humble disposition needed to give

God," (Eph. 3:14-19).

People, Places, and Things of the BIBLE

Belonging To The Governor of the City

A Past and present collided last week when an extremely rare seal

impression discovered in Jerusalem's Western Wall plaza and bearing the inscription "Belonging to the governor of the city" was presented to Jerusalem Mayor Nir Barkat. According to site excavator Dr. Shlomit Weksler-Bdolah, "This is the first time that such an impression was found in an authorized excavation. It supports the biblical rendering of the existence of a governor of the city in Jerusalem 2,700 years ago. At the presentation, Barkat said, "It is very overwhelming to receive greetings from First Temple-period Jerusalem. This shows that already 2,700 years ago, Jerusalem, the capital of Israel, was a strong and central city." The bottom section reads, in early Hebrew script: "Belonging to the governor [sar] of the city." Weksler-Bdolah explains that the governor most likely functioned much like today's mayor. The role is referenced in the Hebrew Bible: in 2 Kings, Joshua is listed as the governor of the city in the days of Hezekiah, and in 2 Chronicles, Maaseiah is noted as governor of the city in the days of Josiah. "The Bible mentions two governors of Jerusalem, and this finding thus reveals that such a position was actually held by someone in the city some 2700 years ago, said Weksler-Bdolah. The minuscule clay seal impression, or docket, was found while researchers were examining the dust from a First Temple structure 100 meters northwest of the Western Wall at a site the Israel Antiquity Authorities has been excavating since 2005. The excavations have offered up insights into Jerusalem's Second Temple and Roman periods, as well as a massive Iron Age four-room building where an eclectic collection of six other seals were uncovered, whose origins point to a thriving cosmopolitan Iron Age center or settlement. "The seal impression had been attached to an important transport and served as some sort of logo, or as a tiny souvenir sent on behalf of the governor."