

# THE CHALLENGE

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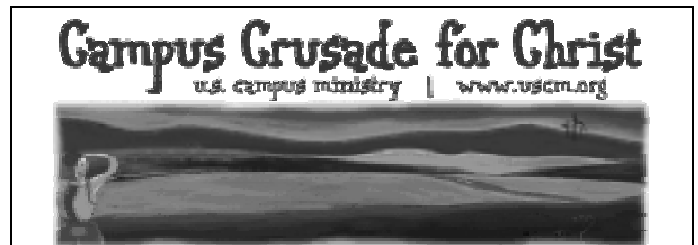
## CCC'S NEW PARTNERSHIP

**By Jongah Park**

In order to explain the partnership of Korean Campus Crusade for Christ and CCC-USA, we must begin with little bit of the history of Columbia ministry. YongWon Kang who was a KCCC staff worker in 1983 founded our ministry at Columbia. It began with a few Korean students who decided to praise and worship together. After a few years, this small group grew to become a much larger fellowship. By the early 90's, the ministry drew predominantly second generation Korean American students. As our ministry grew out of the small Dodge room to the ballroom in Earl Hall, the ethnic make up of our ministry began changing as well. It was no longer just Korean American students but students of different Asian American background who became involved. To better meet the needs of the demographics of our ministry, we drop the "K" in our name. However, we were still a min-

istry affiliated with Korea Campus Crusade for Christ. After much deliberation last year, we took another step and

ing the word of God. By spreading the gospel, we are raising leaders who will continue to reach out to the rest of



went into partnership with CCC, US Campus Ministry (USCM).

KCCC is an ethnic specific ministry while USCM has a broader audience. Both KCCC and USCM are under the leadership and umbrella of CCC, International. Thus, we share in the same goals and commitment. At the heart of what we do on campus is our desire to see all students be given the opportunity to say yes to Jesus Christ. We believe all students deserve the chance to hear the gospel. Our vision is to see the whole world hear-

the world. Thus, this partnership is not a change of direction. Rather, it is an enhancement to our already set goals. It is not only intended to better meet the needs of the entire body of our ministry but also to effectively reach out to more students at Columbia University.

In addition to resources and opportunities we've had such as Joint Singspiration, Joint Retreat, Vision Conference and Summer Mission

## FALL RETREAT 2000

**By Jennifer Lee**

On Friday, September 22, approximately seventy CCC students from Columbia University miraculously crammed themselves into one yellow school bus and departed for a two-day retreat at Forest Hill Retreat Center, located in chilly upstate New York. There, students escaped the pressures of

classes and campus life to spend time in praise, fellowship and meditation. The theme of the retreat reflected this year's CCC theme, "By the grace of God I am what I am" (1 Corinthians 15:10). Columbia's own Steve Hong gave spoke about the greatness of God's love, using the example of Hosea (sacred raisin cakes every-

one!!), having a "love affair" with the Word of God (Psalms 119:97), and true discipleship (Luke 14:25-35). Some highlights of the retreat: tremendous morning exercises led by So Young Chung, Hannah Shin, and Gina Sung, encouraging small groups, great snack time and fellowship, satisfying quiet times, good class time, good praise.

# GETHSEMANE PRAYER MEETINGS

**By Paul Kim**

Friday night is the one night of the week that the world forgets about responsibilities and obligations and goes out to have fun, but at 9:30 pm in the Lower Level of the Empire State Building college students gather weekly to seek the will of God through prayer. You say you want to know God's will. You claim to live for Jesus Christ your Lord and savior. Yet why is Friday night so hard to offer up to the Lord? Every Friday night I struggle with my choice whether to attend Gethsemane; I make excuses and try to weasel out of

it. But I realize that God can do so much more with that night if I give it to Him rather than use it for myself. This reasoning shows me that I should go to Gethsemane not out of obligation but out of a desire to see God move through prayer. Through my actions I am



Empire State Building the site of the Gethsemane Prayer Meetings every Friday night.

saying to God, "you said you would reveal yourself to me if I came earnestly and persistently." Gethsemane has always stretched my faith. Ever since the time was moved from 10:30 to 9:30 p.m. Gethsemane has also undergone structural changes. A praise team, complete with mics and speakers, now leads the praise. The prayer meeting lead-

ers have taken their roles more formally and seriously, and this translates to more specific and organized prayer times. Another wonderful addition to the rayer time is the media team, which provides insight into the concerns and happenings of other campuses, as well as uplifting skits. Instead of hanging out or relaxing on Friday nights, I have decided to seek the Lord through intercessory prayer, and I thank God for the opportunity and encourage everyone who desires to know God to take a step of commitment and come to Gethsemane Prayer Meeting.

## DON'T YOU WANT MORE?

**By Mary Park**

Only one more semester and I will no longer be classified as a college student. Part of me wishes I could stay longer, but a greater part tells me that I'm ready to move on – to open a new chapter of my life, to live out new experiences, to find out what God's perfect plan for my life is. If you ask me

what I'll be doing after graduation, I'll tell you that I'm going to be a consultant. But if you ask me what I want for my life, I'll tell you that I want so much more than what consulting can offer – I have ambitions, dreams, and desires that can not be satisfied by anything this world has to offer... At the same time, I know how easily I

can be deceived, and there have been countless times when I have so selfishly chosen worthless riches over the eternal blessings of my Lord Jesus Christ. That is why I am eternally grateful for God's grace.

Although decisions for the future aren't easy, I realize just how lucky I am because I serve a Sovereign God who "works for the good of those that love Him." If you're

struggling with your future plans, I want to challenge you to join me in asking ourselves this question concerning the ambitions for our lives: "Don't you want more?" No matter what we're doing or where we want to go, let's not lose sight of the fact that we need to be living for "eternity."

## 2000 THANKSGIVING DINNER

**By Helen Kim**

On Tuesday, November 21, CCC held its annual Thanksgiving dinner. With a delectable array of food and entertaining performances by all the classes, CCC brought together old members as well as new faces. Praise team opened with songs to glorify the Lord and was followed by Chin Ho Cheng and Michael Youn as the function's host. For the

first time in many years all the classes dared to challenge the notorious senior class that has continuously made ingenious skits by presenting dynamic skits. In addition to the class performances, many individuals of CCC sang songs as an endeavor to portray the love of Christ. Apart from being an entertainment, the presentations became a reminder of the greatness of God and

the reason for Thanksgiving in a Christian's life. We must remember that Thanksgiving is not just a time of feasting on food and enjoying the days off from work and school. It is a time of marveling at God's work and counting each blessing. It is so easy for us to become consumed with our own struggles and forget the joys in our lives. All of the efforts put

into preparing for CCC's Thanksgiving dinner has once again become a reminder for all the great blessings God has provided for us in our

lives. Let us un-faillingly bind thanksgiving in our hearts every day of our lives and let not these holidays be the only reminder of all the blessings from God.



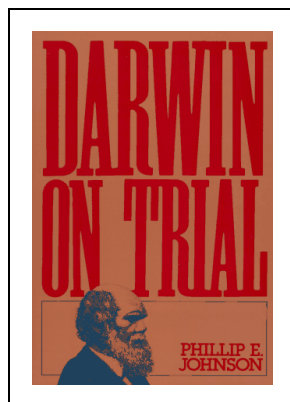
## PHILIP E. JOHNSON SPEAKS AT KINGS' COLLEGE

By Christine Lee

Dr. Johnson became a believer in Christ after a personal crisis during law school at UC-Berkeley. He is a Berkeley law professor that specializes in the logic of arguments. That specialty is truly reflected in his talk about the controversy between Darwinism and Creationism. He was a very charismatic and effective speaker.

He argues that the theory of evolution is severely lacking in confirmatory evidence. He believes that scientists have prematurely accepted Darwin's theory as fact and then scrambling to find evidence to support it.

Dr. Johnson is also involved in "The Wedge", to separate the two definitions of science. One definition, science is devoted to unbiased empirical investigation. The other definition science is devoted to providing explanations for all phenomena that employ only natural or material causes. According to the first definition scientists should follow the evidence, even if it leads to intelligent causes of biology. But according to the second definition, science is devoted to providing explanations for all phenomena that employ only natural or material causes, ignoring any evidence of an intelligent cause to support the theory of the unintelligent, natural, causes



for biology. Because science has such a great influence over everything in this world, even educational curriculum, that there is a need for the two definitions to be separated so that science will not be abused and the truth that points to a Crea-

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## THE DIFFERENCE

I got up early  
one morning  
and rushed right  
into the day;  
I had so much  
to accomplish  
that I didn't have time to pray.  
Problems just  
tumbled about me  
and heavier came  
each task,  
"Why doesn't God help  
me?" I wondered.  
He answered,  
"You didn't ask."

I wanted to see  
joy and beauty,  
but the day tolled  
on gray and bleak;  
I wondered why God  
didn't show me  
He said, "But you  
didn't seek."

I tried to come into  
God's presence;  
I used all my keys  
at the lock,

God gently and  
lovingly hid,  
"My child, you  
didn't knock."

I woke up early  
this morning,  
and paused before  
entering the day;  
I had so much to  
accomplish  
that I had to take the  
time to pray.

## COLUMBIA CHRISTIANS NEED PREP FOR CC

By Greg Billings

Ever walk away from a heated discussion and think, "I should have said..." or "Why didn't I just say...?" Having the right response to someone with a persuasive or eloquent argument comes naturally for those who think through issues beforehand.

When I first walked into my Contemporary Civilization (CC) classroom I was excited to learn about the dif-

ferent philosophies that shaped Western civilization, but I was unprepared to defend my faith when challenged by the instructor and other students. Every year Christian students are thrust unprepared into the furnace of an intense philosophical atmosphere, where Christianity is considered mythology. Students often have neither a biblical paradigm for knowledge nor familiarity with

philosophical concepts.

Emmanuel Presbyterian Church in Morningside Heights (a daughter congregation of Redeemer PC) is formulating a brief curriculum to prepare students taking CC in the 2001-2 academic year. The curriculum will consist of a brief discussion of each philosopher studied in CC and training in apologetics. The purpose is to expose students to the arguments

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### Staff Bio: Elizabeth Haegyung Kim CCC USA

1. **When and where were you born?**

Bronx, NY -April 2, 1976

2. **College background? Major?**  
Northwestern University (GO WILD-CATS!); Major-Communication Studies, Minor-Art History

3. **How did you become involved as staff worker?**

I worked for a year in New York City. However, during that time I became more and more convicted that I was not personally living for eternity. Undergrad played a pivotal role in my walk with the Lord. I believe strongly in college ministry not only from personal experience but also in seeing how God changed the lives of other friends as well. They are probably the four most formative character building years of your life. It's a period of life where God seems to do phenomenal things. Students start to explore their spirituality and question the beliefs they've grown up with. It's a very strategic time for the gospel message to take route.

4. **I heard you were a cheerleader? Tell me about that?**

Whoops. How did that get out!? You're good. Well, I can not tell a lie. Yes I was a cheerleader. It had its moments. I was always the shortest on the squad so I always in the front.

5. **What did you want to be when you were a little girl?**

I wanted to be a playwright. I have two older brothers. So when I was little I would write plays and make them play with me for our parents.

6. **Tell me one interesting fact about yourself or some interesting incident that happened to you.**

I grew up in a very rural town in southwestern Pennsylvania. So rural that the school was canceled on the first day of deer hunting season. It was an interesting place to grow up. My parents would send me to summer school programs in New England every year in junior high and high school to ensure that I got my share of "culture." However, in retrospect I'm not sure if those were the best influence either! "Culture" can be subjective.

## Alumni Alley

“5 Seasons” by James Choi

That is how long I have been out of school.

I started working as a software developer in a start-up company (a *real* start-up—I was employee #3) exactly one week after commencement. In those seven days and six nights, I moved out of school and into an apartment in Washington Heights. The early days on the job were at best disappointing, since I really did not know what I was doing. I would have meetings with my boss about what I was supposed to do, only to realize that when I brought the work home (in those days, we didn't even have an office space), I did not know how to do it. If you're at all familiar with programming software, you know exactly what I mean. And if you're not, it's a lot like sitting in front of a computer with nothing to do, because that is, in fact, what it actually is.

But slowly I began to settle in, became a commuter, and my Java skills improved. Then autumn came, and I became a post-bac pre-med student. I had surmised that working and studying at the same time would be difficult, but the difficulty was grossly beyond my expectation. It wasn't long before I realized that I was being stretched beyond my limits, and a splash of irony was added to my career as a pre-med student as I traded in my health coverage for an extra day off per week. It was during this time that I got a renewed view of grace.

It is quite amazing how it worked. I was stretched and pulled almost beyond—perhaps even beyond—recognition, and yet it was during these times that I was thanking God more than ever for each day that was afforded me. The slightest breeze, a moment in the sunshine, the apartment I could go home to at the end of each day, the job that allowed me to pursue my goals, every person I could call a friend—each stirred within me a sense of tearful thanks. It is rather a paradox because it was

## SMALL GROUP UP CLOSE

By John Chow

As the week comes to an end, I find myself strolling down College Walk towards Phil Chen's room, where my weekly small group meeting is held. The small group session, led by Young Chae, offers me



John Chow CC Sophomore

the opportunity to relax, share about my week's events, and study the Scriptures with other members. I enjoy having a spiritual support group to discuss personal issues that come to my mind and relate to others through them. For example, as a Christian, I sometimes hesitate to acknowledge God in this secular campus, which tends to shun biblical teachings. But by knowing that I am not alone in battling against the fear of rejection, I am comforted. After an appropriate amount of time devoted to sharing, we normally proceed to Bible Study. Young Chae

poses questions that we discuss amongst ourselves and then he incorporates our answers and conjectures with his spirit-led insight. I always come out of small group satisfied in learning something new from the Scriptures. Last week, we dissected Mark 4, and I learned that God, by His grace, gives us the privilege to ask for wisdom, just as Jesus reveals the meaning of His parables to his disciples when they ask for an interpretation. I am thankful that God is doing His work in my small group and I am looking forward to the rest of the year.

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tor will be seen.

He also emphasized that the facts of when and how the earth was created, as depicted in Genesis, is as important as why. And to investigate that you should start from John and not from Genesis.

I, a biologist, went to the event sponsored by CCC

USA, to find the arguments I needed for myself, against what would be taught to me in Evolution, a core biology class. I went looking for answers to my questions on what made evolution an unsound theory, and creation the truth. I did not get those answers there. I got more than that from Dr. Johnson. From his talk I realized that it is not our job right

now to convince everyone that God created the earth, but that it is our job to separate the two definitions of science so that the truth can be seen in the scientific prospective. His message really convicted me to place that wedge in where I can in my quest for scientific truth. As for the finding the holes in Darwin's theory, his book is highly recommended.

harder to see God's grace when I had than when I had not. It was when I had nothing else to lean on that I could feel gospel grace holding me up. There is a big difference between knowing that something is true and experiencing that truth. Of course I knew that God was the only source of real peace, joy, and comfort, but I could not experience it to the extent that I did while I was still under the paper wing of the undergraduate institution—I had to be taken out to the open to get a better view of reality.

So the fall semester ended, winter break came and went, and the spring term ensued. In time this term, too, passed and summer arrived, in the first part of which I took one course. Now summer is at an

end. During this time, along with my lesson on grace, I received a co-requisite lesson on faith. I think that one faith grows in strength and intensity is by being tempered, much in the way that steel is tempered. I could have lived life without any difficult situations and I suppose my faith still could have grown, but on the contrary, I learn the best when things are difficult. And that's exactly what happened. Faith keeps me from going to bits and assures me that God loves me, and that nothing, no matter how great or horrible a shock may be, should or will separate me from His love. Through faith I know that God is with me and is for me, and that one day will show His face to me. If He loves us to the point that He gave His only Son for us, why would He ever turn away from

us? With faith it is possible to fly above the turbulence. I knew all these things, and yet when I was in a state of shock I was tempted to doubt my safety and worry about the future. It's not easy to be put into a fiery furnace and be hammered into shape. To have my spiritual and particularly my emotional strength tried and taken to immeasurable limits made me think strange thoughts along the lines of: it would be better to have an open-heart surgery performed by a carpenter... using only a hammer and nails... with no anesthesia...right after running a marathon. But if that is how it is to be done, I have no choice but to endure with faith, for the Lord knows what is best and will give me what I need in order to draw me closer to Him.

All of which brings me up

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## EVERY ONE NEEDS PRAYER

**By Steven Kim**

One of my friends passed away last summer because his doctor had miscalculated his drug dosage. When I was at the funeral, the thoughts of “this is not right” ran through my head. Now could God have raised him up? Yes. Should I have prayed that he be raised up? Or when people ask me to pray against world hunger, should I keep it my priority to pray for this problem? I guess so.

In general there seems to be a restraining force that tugs at our hearts when we are prompted to pray. So what is the problem here? Lack of faith or trust? Lack of integrated prayer in our lives? Maybe it's the devil. I don't know. But I wonder if my friend would be alive today if I had prayed in faith that he would be raised. And I think about how God could have been greatly magnified by such a miracle. Maybe we just don't realize the power of prayer and the importance of it.

We can all agree that prayer is very important. In Ephesians 6:18 we are told to “pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints.” Why should we pray at all times? “For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms” (Ephesians 6:12). The devil is out to get us and will do everything possible to bring us down. Another reason why prayer is important is that God will grant what we ask of him. James 4:2 reads, “you do not have because you do not ask God.” Thus, the reason we lack anything is simple: we have not asked for it. Of course we can't just ask for anything. “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if



Students Praying at CCC Fall Retreat

we know that he hears us – whatever we ask – we know that we have what we asked of him” (1 John 5:13-15). God is not a Coke machine; what we ask for will be granted in the will of God. I believe that CCC is in the will of God, and the reason we lack anything in this ministry is because we do not ask. This is why Prayer Team was formed.

The Prayer Team exists for one purpose: to pray. The Prayer Team was formed so that even if no one else is praying, at least the few members in Prayer Team would be praying.

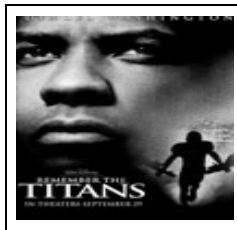
### REMEMBER THE TITANS – FOOTBALL FIASCO OR SURPRISING SUCCESS?

**By Gene Joo**

My feelings about watching Remember the Titans could only be characterized as mixed. The movie was produced by Jerry Bruckheimer, who boasts of such movies as Top Gun, Bad Boys (my favorite movie of all time), The Rock, and a myriad other blockbuster hits. Yet I was still hesitant as to whether or not such a producer could effectively create

a football movie, because of the fact that all of his previous works were adamantly action-oriented.

The movie possessed a combination of strengths that successfully accomplished exactly what it intended to do: make the audience feel good. The plot was formulaic. A Virginia high school integrates,



combining an all black school with an all white one. Racial tension is high and there is no love lost between the two coaches. The movie follows not just the physical integration of the schools, but also the emotional and spiritual integration of the two teams into the best high school football team in the state.

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### Staff Bio: Jongah Park KCCC

**1. When and where were you born?**

Seoul, July of 1969 day after US sent their space shuttle to moon.

**2. What is your college background? What did you major in?**

NYU, Elementary education

**3. How did you become involved as staff worker for CCC?**

I was involved as a student. I committed my life to full time ministry because CCC seemed like a natural course. I loved and was committed to the CCC ministry. My vision for my campus grew stronger and my decision to partake as staff worker was confirmed.

**4. What do you do to relax?**

I watch too much TV. :) Sleep, drink tea, pick up a good book, hang out with friends, visit the museum or park once, or B&N bookstore alone.

**5. What's the craziest thing you've ever done?**

I missed a connecting flight and got stuck in Moscow. I didn't speak a word of Russian but I decided to take public transportation to save money. I safely got to a city hotel but of course I got lost in between... heehee.

**6. Tell me one interesting fact about yourself or an interesting incident that you have come across.**

I'm very intuitive. I can sense things well before people even tell it to me. Fortunately, I can be logical and rational in those moments of intuition.

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that arise in CC in advance so that they can think through the issues before they are discussed in class.

Students in CC now, or who have recently taken CC, are needed to help decide the length, intensity, and timing of the class and to help create the curriculum. Please e-mail Greg Billings, gbillings@juno.com, if you are interested in helping in any or all of these ways. There is very little time commitment.

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The question now is whether or not I would recommend this movie to my fellow brothers and sisters at CCC. The answer would be that I would. There is little in this movie that would offend a Christian, and in fact many parallels can be drawn to apply to our walks, thus providing for a positive fellowship experience. Remember the Titans, although not the greatest movie in the world, is definitely one worth seeing.

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to today. As for the future, I will continue to pursue my goal and vision to love my neighbors as a physician. But that is only what I plan—where my actual footsteps land is determined by the Lord. And as my journey continues, times may get easier, or they may get harder still; but in either case I know that I will always be a part of His plan, which can only be good. The gospel, the truth of which testifies that this life is a transition to the life we are meant to live—a means to the real end.

But until then, I pray for strength and guidance, and wisdom and understanding, so that while I am still here, my walk with Him may be steadfast—until the day I when can walk with my hand in His. That is what's real.

So these are the significant highlights of my first five seasons out of college. If you're an alumnus, I'm sure you can relate to at least a bit of what I've been through. And if you're an undergraduate, let me just tell you that you have no idea just how God's plan will unfold. I think that His plan is exciting

and adventurous, but it can also be mysterious and confusing, and even seemingly unbearable at times; but I take heart, because with each passing day, with each passing season, I know I'm that much closer to home. I don't know how many more seasons it will take, but one thing I do know: it will all be well worth it in the end. *Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together (Ps. 34.3).*

## POWER THROUGH PRAYER

By Andrew Choi

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6

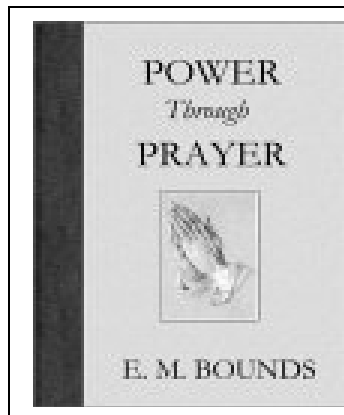
E.M. Bounds, a great and godly man, devoted the final nineteen years of his life, arising 4 A.M. every morning, to prayer. Claude Chilton, a close friend of Bounds, said of his books on prayer as "hidden treasures, wrought in the darkness of dawn and the heat of the noon and the anvil of experience, and beaten into wondrous form by the mighty stroke of the divine."

Filled with many hidden treasures, the reader will do well to dig hard and deep through *Power Through Prayer*, one of eight books on prayer by E.M. Bounds.

Through reading this book, I discovered the power to live a spirit-filled life through prayer. Not that I have by any means achieved it, but I have a better understanding of why God has used some Christians more than others. We all know of examples of great and godly men who have undeniably been

used by God to change history. What is their secret? What makes them so different than other ordinary Christians who have been redeemed and justified by the same blood and faith?

Here lies the secret: The very moment anyone puts their trust in Christ, the Holy Spirit comes and lives within the



heart of the believer. Sadly, most Christians don't realize the treasure that lies within their heart. The amazing fact of the matter is, we become the temple of God (1 Corinthians 3:16). God says "Heaven is my throne and earth is my footstool, where will my resting place be?" The answer is here - within our hearts.

But here is what most Christians don't understand: all

Christians have Holy Spirit within their hearts. However, not all Christians are Spirit-filled and that is the key. Indeed, very few Christians are living abundant lives constantly filled with the Spirit. That is the secret the few great men of God such as Luther, Edwards, Spurgeon, and indeed Bounds have learned.

Do you want to be used greatly by God? Do you want to know how to be Spirit-filled? E.M. Bounds unlocks the secret:

Bounds writes, "Unction [being filled with the Holy Spirit] is not an inalienable gift. It is a conditional gift, and its presence is perpetuated and increased by the same process by which it was at first secured; by unceasing prayer to God, by impassioned desires after God, by esteeming it, by seeking it with tireless ardor, by deeming all else loss and failure without it."

In other words, we grow as Christians the same way we become Christians. We become Christians through prayer. We look upon the Cross of Calvary, see the beauty of God, and put our faith into action by praying to God and accepting Christ into our hearts. The amazing truth is we grow as Christians in the exact same way - through prayer.